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St. Mark's Church, Gillingham
with St. Mary's Island Church

To please God. Teach his word.
Serve others and Connect people
with Jesus

Mission Focus July: **Katy Barnwell**

St. Mark's Group for July:
**Flower Arrangements
and Displays Team**

10th July 2016

Trinity 7 - Mission to Seafarers Sunday



Piracy, shipwreck, abandonment and separation from loved ones are just a few of the problems merchant seafarers face.

Today the Mission to Seafarers – a CofE organisation founded in 1836 provide support to the 1.3 million men and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat from 260 ports worldwide. This mission is entirely funded by voluntary donations. Speak to Ian Graves for more information.

10.30am: Holy Communion

6.30pm: Service of the Word

Theme: "The Frontline Cry"

Reading: Matthew 6:9-13

Other Services: 11.00am **Morning worship**, St. Mary's Island

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St. Mark's House

Prayer Ministry: *If you would like someone to pray with you or to share concerns with, then members of the prayer team are available in the small chapel at the front of church.*

Monday-Friday during term time 9.15am-12.15pm, St. Mark's Pre-school, Vicarage Hall - Children need to be registered first

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Mon 11th July: 7.30pm **Landmark**, PODS

Tues 12th July: 7.30pm an initial meeting of a **Depression Support Group** with a talk by Rev Lynda Cooke (lead chaplain @ Medway Maritime Hospital. Venue: Gillingham Baptist Church. Please contact Stephen on 01634 324275 or Tim on 01634 306770 for more information, thank you.

Weds 13th July: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

1.15pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 14th July: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 15th July: 6.00pm-8.00pm **Youth Music Jam**, 11-17 year olds, Brompton Academy, see notice board or speak to JT Mann or Saju.

6.15pm-7.30pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage/Hall

Sat 16th July: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

Next Sunday 17th July 2016:

10.00am-12noon **SOS Club** @ Fun Drum Soft Play Centre, Elm Court. Letters and consent forms will be given to the children today.

10.30am **Holy Communion** – Followed by family Picnic At Brompton Westbrook School grounds, Kings Bastion, Brompton, Gillingham ME7 5DQ after the morning's service. Plenty of car parking space, lifts can be arranged please contact the Church Office, thank you.

6.30pm **GYFC Celebration & Thanksgiving Service** – Please come and celebrate all that GYFC has achieved for God's glory for the young people of Gillingham over the past 18 years. There will be testimonies from some of those involved during this time.

Other Services: 11.00am **Morning Worship**, St. Mary's Island.

Small Groups meet in various locations at different times throughout the week – please speak to Gary or Chris Atkins if you would like to be in a mid-week group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 21st July: 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** – (venue to be confirmed) other bi-monthly dates are: 29th Sept & 24th Nov.

Fri 22nd July: 10.00am-12.00noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage – other dates are 12th Aug & 23rd Sept.

Sat 10th Sept: 10.30am-12noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

Sat 10th Sept: Ride & Stride - sponsored cycle or walking event by Friends of Kent Churches. See Richard or Jane Tolhurst if you wish to help, take part or sponsor someone.

FAMILY NEWS

Andy Flintoff, our Mission partner writes: Hello Friends and Family!

I just want to say a heartfelt thank you for your constant and generous support this year. You have supported me financially and in prayer for this past year and have contributed significantly to my life by enabling me to serve in the Mission Year program. I am very grateful to all of you.





Well done to Sarah Boast and Tom Howlett who have both just been awarded 1st Class honours degrees.

Early warning! The last MARKtime before the summer break will be on Sunday 24th July and then will return on Sunday 11th September.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and His strength, seek His face always." (Psalm 105:3-4 NIV Bible)

Thank you Lord, that when we look to You with all of our hearts You transform the situation into something marvellous in Your kingdom. Please help each one of us give the good and the bad in our lives to You, so that You can work in us, through us and for us. Amen.

Pray for the victims, their families and friends in the recent terrorist attack in **Dhaka, Bangladesh...** **Praise** that when we, "cry out to the LORD in [our] trouble, He brings us out of our distress." (Psalm 107:28)

Pray for all those affected by the **Chilcot Report** findings into the Iraq War... **Ask the LORD** to bring peace and reconciliation to this part of the world.

Continue to pray for **Brexit** and the resulting aftermath of the EU referendum... for all the political turmoil in the Tory and Labour parties, the UK and in Europe... **Ask the Lord** to bring stability, harmony and bring everyone together for the common good of all... **Praise** that, "The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." (Psalm 9:9)

Praise for **SPLAT! Olympics** yesterday and for all the fun, friendships and answers to prayer... **Pray** for everyone involved that they will continue their journey along God's righteous pathway for their lives.

Praise for the **Flower Arrangements and Displays Team** and all the skills they deploy to glorify God... **Pray** for any member that you know during this week.

Praise for the **Over-60s Afternoon Tea** last Sunday and the great blessing it was for all involved.

Pray for the **GYFC Celebration & Thanksgiving Service** next Sunday (17th July) and all the emotions that will come to the surface... **Praise** for all that the LORD has achieved through this organisation and for His plans to come.

Lucy Haslam, our Mission partner writes, "Praise God that He's kept me through this first year at Oak Hill"... **Pray** for safe travels... enough preparation time for mission trips and to be used by God to serve well there... for time to rest and process this year.

Praise for **Faith & Light** (Wednesday) and **Faith & Light Juniors** yesterday (Saturday) and for all the joy, love and friendship shown.

Pray for **The Mission to Seafarers** this week especially all the volunteers like Ian Graves and the people that they meet... **Ask the LORD** to "still the storm to a whisper... and guide them to their desired haven" (Psalm 107: 29-30) from whatever is troubling them.

Continue to pray for the **Church Picnic** on Sun 17th July... **Ask the LORD** for protection, fun, blessings and a greater sense of community.

Pray for protection for **Katy Barnwell**, our Mission partner and all the various teams that she is involved with especially as many of these team members face persecution, death threats and discouragement... **Praise** that God's Holy Word, the Bible has been translated into more and more languages.

Pray for **Angela Marlow...** for **Nev Piper's mum Jeanne** who is having her operation on Thurs 14th July... for **Ian Graves** recovering from recent surgery... for **Richard Tolhurst, Mike Young, Bill Keast...** for **Glyn Allen, Julie Hanning, Mo Chen, Rose Miller and Ruby Palfreyman...** and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission Partners for July: **Katy Barnwell**
 ... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group for July:
Flower Arrangements and Displays Team

Bible readings for July 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 11 th	1	1 Samuel 10.1-16	Luke 22.24-30
Tues 12 th	5	1 Samuel 10.17-end	Luke 22.31-38
Weds 13 th	119.1-32	1 Samuel Ch. 11	Luke 22.39-46
Thurs 14 th	15	1 Samuel Ch. 12	Luke 22.47-62
Fri 15 th	19	1 Samuel 13.5-18	Luke 22.63-end
Sat 16 th	23	1 Samuel 13.19-14.15	Luke 23.1-12

Except for the first Sunday of the month **during term time**, groups for children and young teenagers meet at the Old Vicarage & the Carer's Centre respectively, each Sunday morning. All our youth & children's workers are DBS checked for your child's protection and safety. **If you have young children** please feel free to take your children to the Creche area at the back of church, near the sound desk (ask if you can't see it). Children are important to us at St. Mark's and we want them to be happy. Please feel free to let them play quietly in the Creche; **we just ask that you stay with them and leave the area tidy!**