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MARKtime

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**

17th July 2016

Trinity 8

10.00am-12noon: SOS Club @ Fun Drum Soft Play Centre, Elm Court.



10.30am: Holy Communion - Followed by family picnic at Brompton Westbrook School Grounds, Kings Bastion, Brompton, Gillingham ME7 5DQ after this morning's service.

Theme: "The Frontline Commitment"

Reading: Acts 4: 23-31

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

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 18th July: 7.30pm Landmark, End of term extravaganza!

7.30pm for 7.45pm start PCC, Old Vicarage

Weds 20th July: 9.00am Holy Communion in Church

9.30am Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm Parents & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

7.00pm-9.00pm Faith & Light, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 21st July: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

7.30pm Men's Curry Night - Shipa Tandoori, Canterbury Street, 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 23rd July: 10.00am-12.00noon Foodbank, Church

Next Sunday 24th July 2016:

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Service of the Word

Other Services: 11.00am Family Service, 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

Weds 27th July: 7.30pm Special Prayer for the Nation and the Neighbourhood @ St. Justus Church, The Fairway, Rochester ME1 2LT - The Deputy Mayor Cllr Gloria Opara has requested that Churches Together in Medway come together again to pray for the nation and our neighbourhood at this critical time of upheaval. Please come along and support, thank you.

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.



Tues 27th Sept: 7.30pm 'One for All' Spring Harvest event @ St Mark's Church, celebrating and strengthening the unity of God's Church. More details later.

FAMILY NEWS

Julie Hanning would like to thank the Lord for all the help, prayers and kindness shown by St. Mark's and the wider community during her recent cancer treatment. She would not have coped without God's wonderful provision!



Thank You!

Ian and Sheelagh Graves would like to thank all those who have shown love and concern for them and their family over the past difficult months. Ian is making good progress following his surgery and his lesion has not grown in two years. Sheelagh is now cancer-free and will be monitored regularly at the QVH, East Grinstead. Thank you for every prayer said for us. We are truly grateful for everything God has done in our lives.

*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.

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

"The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8 NIV Bible)

Please LORD help us to be more like You in our daily lives, so that Your "abounding" love reaches out to our family, friends and wider community. Thank you that You have already equipped us for the roles that You have already prepared for each one of us to do, whatever our circumstances. Amen.

Pray for the victims, their families and friends in the recent train crash near **Bari, Southern Italy**... for the police shootings in **Dallas** with mounting racial tension across the **USA**... for any situation you know of... **Praise** that the LORD listens when we cry out in pain, "Hear my cry O God, listen to my prayer." (Psalm 61:1)

Pray for our new **Prime Minister, Theresa May** and the many problems that affect our country from **Brexit, Chilcot Report, the Economy and racial tensions** in an increasing polarised nation with political tensions and gross unfairness... **Praise** that when we, "Trust in Him at all times" and "pour out [our] hearts to Him" because "God is our refuge." (Psalm 62:8)

Pray for all the families who have recently had their children baptised... **Ask the LORD** to be close to each family and help them to come to know Him better.

Praise for the **Flower Arrangements and Displays Team** and the way they brighten our church life each week.

Pray for fun and safety for **SOS Club** at the Fun Drum Soft Play Centre today.

Pray for the **GYFC Celebration & Thanksgiving Service** this evening (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.

Pray for **Mike Haslam, of The Family Trust** and all **The Family Trust family**, 'as many have been faced with difficult situations in their home environments... for the new venue for **Chequer Tree Camp** and be able to manage any unforeseen difficulties... that God would open up new opportunities for **The Family Trust** in schools... **Praise** for God's provision in all circumstances... for the many schools that have appreciated our work and are booking us next year... for all those who support us as associates, volunteers, prayer and finance'.

Continue to 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.

Pray for **Samson Bhatti's sister** who has been admitted to ITU with acute kidney disease... **Ask** for wisdom for those who are responsible for her medical care and her complete healing.

Continue to pray for the **Church Picnic** this afternoon... **Ask the LORD** for protection, fun, blessings and a greater sense of community.

Pray for **Katy Barnwell**, our Mission partner and ask for God's blessing as she encourages all her teams, many of which are in difficult circumstances... **Praise** that God's Holy Word, the Bible, has been translated into more and more languages.

Pray for **David Norton** undergoing heart surgery at St Thomas's this Wednesday... for **Nev Piper's mum Jeanne** who is recovering from surgery... for **Angela Marlow**... 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 18 th	30	1 Samuel 14.24-46	Luke 23.13-25
Tues 19 th	36	1 Samuel 15.1-23	Luke 23.26-43
Weds 20 th	34	1 Samuel Ch. 16	Luke 23.44-56a
Thurs 21 st	37	1 Samuel 17.1-30	Luke 23.56b-24.12
Fri 22 nd	32	1 Samuel 16.14-end	Luke 8.1-3
Sat 23 rd	42	1 Samuel 17.55-18.16	Luke 24.36-end

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!**