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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 September: **Word  
on the Street**

St. Mark's Group for September:  
**Foodbank**

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2016**



**We welcome Machel Jagan Babwah who is being baptised, his parents Nicky & Katie, their family and friends to today's service.**

## Trinity 16

10.20am: **SOS Club**, Old Vicarage

10.30am: **Pathfinders**, Carers' Centre

**Services: - 10.30am: Holy Communion**

**6.30pm: Service of the Word**

Theme: Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (2) – Modelling Godly Character

Reading: Galatians 5:13-28

**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 12<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark United, Welcome Back Social** (for ages 13-18), Old Vicarage

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

1.15pm-2.45pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

7.00pm-9.00pm **Faith & Light**, Vicarage Hall

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 2.30pm **Dementia Friendly Service @ St. Matthew's Church** – please see poster at the back of church for more details, thank you

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

## **Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2016:**

10.30am **Service of the Word**

6.30pm **Holy Communion**

**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**

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 7.45pm start **PCC**, Old Vicarage

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept:** 10.00am-12.00noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 6.45pm-9.15pm **The Marriage Course** (7 sessions in total, but these sessions are not intended to be a 'marriage prep' course) @ The Salvation Army, Green Street, Gillingham ME7 1XA. Please see the poster on the Community Events noticeboard for full details or contact Julie & Andy Millest.

**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 7.30pm **'One for All' Spring Harvest event** @ St Mark's Church, celebrating and strengthening the unity of God's Church. Tickets £5 in advance from the Church Office or online, or £7 on the door.

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** – Shipa Tandoori, Canterbury Street, and the next bi-monthly date is 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.



**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** 10.30am service

**Harvest collection for Medway Foodbank.** Please pick up a 'Harvest shopping list' from the Welcome Table of very low stock level items. Also on this list are items NOT required due to very high stock levels – soup, baked beans, pasta, rice, rice pudding, tinned meat and tea.

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 10.30am-12noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 9.00am **Small Group Leaders Meeting**, Vicarage Hall



**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct: SPLAT! Harvest.** We will be looking for the usual helpers on the day – bakers, chatters, servers and crafters! Please speak to Jo Whittaker if you can help in any way.

**Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 6.30pm-8.30pm **Celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mike Campbell Foundation** at the Royal Geographical Society, London, England. Speakers are Ben Freeth and two very courageous black Zimbabweans. Tickets are £20 each or £15 for groups of 10 people. Please see notice on the Community Events noticeboard at the back of church for more details, thank you.

## FAMILY NEWS

### CRE SOUTH-EAST

The Christian Resource Exhibition is coming to Kent Event Centre (Detling) on Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Oct & Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. For more info see [www.creonline.co.uk](http://www.creonline.co.uk).

Please speak to Lynne Martin ASAP if you are interested in attending on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. Tickets booked in advance £4.



### POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

*"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things." Philippians 4:8 (New International Version UK)*

*Please help us Lord to focus on You especially when life is hard going and difficult to understand. Thank you for all the opportunities You give us each day to praise Your Holy Name. Amen.*

**Pray** for **Foodbank** this week, especially for all the people that the teams come into contact with... **Ask the Lord** to equip each team member to meet the needs of each individual in His loving grace... **Praise** that **Foodbank** is making a difference to so many lives.

**Continue to pray** for the Mission Action Plan (MAP) team as they meet again on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**Pray** for **our government** to have wisdom when it is making policy decisions that adversely affect the poor, disadvantaged and vulnerable in our society... **Ask the Lord** to melt hearts and bring justice to all those on housing benefits especially victims and their families who have suffered domestic abuse and are staying in refuges. Many of these refuges face being closed down due to threatened government cuts in housing benefit. For the victims concerned these refuges are a vital lifeline in rebuilding their lives... **Praise** that, *"The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love."* (Psalm 33:5)

**Pray** for our Mission Partner for September, **The Word on the Street** especially here in Gillingham at

their Community House on The Vineries Estate called the **Activity Loft**... **Ask the Lord** to bless the parent & toddler group, the after school clubs, youth club and the homework club this week... Ask Him to give you a particular group to pray for this week... **Praise** for all the lives touched by Jesus and the transformations that He is achieving through the staff and volunteers.

**Pray** for the **new intake of university students** at the Medway Campus... for Orientation days, Freshers events, and the regular activities such as World Café and TABLEtalk... **Ask the Lord** to bless **Lynne Martin** and give her his love, strength and wisdom for the term ahead... **Praise** for all those students who have already made new friends and remember those who are struggling.

**Pray** for all those who are starting new preschools/nurseries, schools, colleges, universities and apprenticeships plus all those who are returning after the summer break.

**Praise** for the annual **Ride & Stride** event yesterday (10<sup>th</sup>) and for all the contacts, friendships and fellowships made.

**Pray** for all the St. Mark's groups that are restarting this week.

**Praise** for the Sunday services through the summer break and give thanks for all the hard work that went into each service... **Praise** for the many ways that the Lord spoke to us through these services... **Pray** for the new **Fruitfulness on the Frontline services** to come... **Ask the Lord** to continue to transform us into "new creations" (2 Corinthians 5:17) for His glory.

**Continue to pray** for **Rose Miller's family** & friends especially **Don & Dan** at this sad time.

**Pray** for **Emma Bailey** now home from hospital... for **Wendy Haslam**... for **Samson Bhatti's sister Talitha**... for **Nev Piper** and his **mum Jeanne** ... for **Angela Marlow**... for **Richard and Jane Tolhurst, Mike Young**... for **Glyn Allen, Julie Hanning, Mo Chen** and **Ruby Palfreyman**... and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

**Pray** for our Mission Partner for September: **Word on the Street** ... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group for September: **Foodbank**

### Bible readings for September 2016

<b>Day</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	44	1 Kings 12.25-13.10	Acts 19.8-20
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	48	1 Kings 13.11-end	Acts 19.21-end
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	2	Genesis 3.1-15	John 12.27-36a
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	57	1 Kings 18.1-20	Acts 20.17-end
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	51	1 Kings 18.21-end	Acts 21.1-16
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	68	1 Kings Ch.19	Acts 21.17-36

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!**