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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 September & October:
**Word on the Street & Tim &
Tricia Barrow**

St. Mark's Groups for September &
October: **Foodbank & SPLAT!
Harvest**

25th September 2016

Trinity 18

Services: - 10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (4) -
'Ministering Grace & Love'

Reading: Luke 10:25-37

6.30pm: Worship Night - hosts JT & Katie B in church

Other Services: 11.00am **Family Service**, 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 26th 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.

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark** United, **Fruitfulness on the Frontlines 2** (for ages 13-18), PODS, New Vicarage

Tues 27th 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.

Weds 28th Sept: 9.00am **Holy Communion** Church
9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage
1.15pm-2.45pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall
6.30pm-8.30pm **Faith & Light**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 29th Sept: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church
7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** - Shipa Tandoori, Canterbury Street, next bi-monthly date is 24th Nov.

Fri 30th Sept: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 1st Oct: 9.00am-12noon **Garden House Work Party** (refreshments provided!). **Team 1: house cleaning (NOT a deep clean); Team 2: garden tidying/cutting down - please bring your own garden tools. Come for 1 hour or more... please.**
10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church



welcome.

10.00am **Harvest flowers & church decorating** - everyone welcome to come and help. **Some** fresh garden produce

7.00pm **Quiz Night at Gillingham Baptist Church** - *Would anyone like to organise a St Mark's team? Please see poster on the Community Events Board for full details.*

Next Sunday 2nd October 2016:

10.30am **Harvest All Age Service - collection for Medway Foodbank.** See attached list.

6.30pm **Holy Communion**, Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (5) 'Moulding Culture'

Other Services: 11.00am **Holy Communion**, 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

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

Sat 8th Oct: 7.00pm-10.00pm **Coping With Dyslexia Event** run by Jonica Thomas (from St. Mary's Island Church). Venue: 'Café @ 172', 172 High Street, Rochester ME1 1EX. See Community Events noticeboard for more details.

Sat 15th Oct: 9.00am **Small Group Leaders Meeting**, Vicarage Hall

Sat 15th Oct: 4.00pm-6.00pm (note new extended time!) for all the family. **SPLAT! Harvest: Feeding the 5,000.**

Can you help by: baking cakes; or jelly-making; or helping with prepared crafts; or serving refreshments; or sponsoring either a packed tea for a child/family to share on the day or an activity. Please speak to Jo Whittaker or Katy Muthalaly if you can help.



Thurs 27th Oct: 7.30pm-9.00pm **Prayer Evening in Church - put this date in your diary and be part of building up the future of our church family and our outreach in to our community.**

FAMILY NEWS

Building works update:

Roofing Work - By now you may have noticed scaffolding around the church. This is to enable roofing repairs to be carried out following the storm damage last March, and also significant wear and tear to the roof that has occurred over a number of years.

Accessible Toilet Project - A significant hurdle has now been overcome with the Diocesan Advisory Committee accepting our plans, subject to some minor changes. Once the final

drawings have been submitted we can go out to tender for contractors to undertake the building work. We hope that this process will start within the next month. Our realistic projection at this stage is that work will commence soon after Christmas and be completed around the end of April/early May 2017.

CRE SOUTH-EAST: The Christian Resource Exhibition is coming to Kent Event Centre (Detling) on Weds 12th Oct & Thurs 13th Oct. For more info see www.creonline.co.uk. Please speak to Lynne Martin ASAP if you are interested in attending on Thurs 13th Oct. Tickets booked in advance £4.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head." Obadiah vs.15 (NIV)

Oh LORD, help us to show Your grace in action and to remember to pray for all governments around the world, so that they too will show mercy, compassion and love to all people. Amen.

Pray for Syria where children are committing suicide because of the stress and hopelessness of the situation... where aid convoys are targeted and much needed food, medical supplies and clothes are destroyed with many lives lost... where peace itself is held hostage by mighty powers playing evil games with innocent lives... **Praise** for all who are doing, "what the LORD Almighty says: Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another." (Zechariah 7:9)

Pray for Foodbank especially their project leader **Ian Childs** for inspiration and guidance in moving forward... **Ask the LORD** to bless all the different Foodbanks in Medway and give wisdom, protection and His grace to deal with the many issues and problems they are confronted with... **Praise** that **Foodbank** is being God's light in the darkness (Matthew 5:14-16).

Pray for our Mission Partner, The Word on the Street for continued funding from different

organisations... for funding bids that are currently being considered and wisdom for writing further applications... **Ask the LORD** to guide the planning for the October half-term and wisdom to support young people who have recently become parents... **Praise** for the many lives that have been enriched by coming in contact with **The Word on the Street...** and for **Ruby Palfreyman** as she seeks God's will for the next stage in her life.

Praise for the PCC meeting last Monday... **Pray** that all decisions will be "fruitful" for God and that HIS hand will be in everything.

Pray for all university students who may be feeling homesick at the moment and for young people changing schools.

Pray for **Nev Piper** and all those who are seeking employment at the moment.

Pray that everyone is open to receiving God's blessings through the **Fruitfulness on the Frontline services...** **Praise** that the LORD our God "will build His church and the gates of hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18)

Praise that our Mission Partner, **Katy Barnwell** and all that the LORD is accomplishing through the teams of translators that she works with... **Pray** that all teams work in harmony and learn to trust each other... for protection, encouragement and their family's needs.

Pray for Keith Sheepwash as he undergoes a procedure on Friday, 30th September and for a further appointment in October.

Continue to pray for Don & Dan Miller... for **Nev Piper** who damaged his knee recently... for **Wendy Haslam...** for **Samson Bhatti's sister Talitha...** for **Cathy Hall** who is suffering with leg ulcers... for **Angela Marlow, Richard & Jane Tolhurst, Mike Young, Mo Chen** and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

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 >>> **Pray for our Mission Partner for September & October: Word on the Street & Tim & Tricia Barrow... Please pray for our St. Mark's Groups for September & October: Foodbank & SPLAT! Harvest** <<<  
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Bible readings for September/October 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 26 th	80	2 Kings Ch. 5	Acts 26.1-23
Tues 27 th	89	2 Kings 6.1-23	Acts 26.24-end
Weds 28 th	119.105-128	2 Kings 9.1-16	Acts 27.1-26
Thurs 29 th	34	Daniel 12.1-4	Acts 12.1-11
Fri 30 th	88	2 Kings 12.1-19	Acts 28.1-16
Sat 1 st Oct	97	2 Kings 17.1-37	Acts 28.17-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!**