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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 October: **Tim & Tricia Barrow**

St. Mark's Groups for October:
SPLAT! Harvest

2nd October 2016

Trinity 19

Services: - 10.30am: Harvest All Age Service – including a collection for Medway Foodbank – led by SOS Club ☺

6.30pm: Holy Communion -Theme: Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (5) – 'Moulding Culture'
Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Other Services: 11.00am **Holy Communion**, 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 3rd Oct: 7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark**, 'Party like it's 2004' (for ages 13-18), Old Vicarage

Tues 4th Oct: 10.00am **Missions Link Task Group (MLTG)** meeting, Old Vicarage

Weds 5th Oct: 9.00am **Holy Communion** Church
9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage
1.15pm-2.45pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

2.00pm **Royal British Legion 'Laying up of Women's Section Standard'** service, in Church

Thurs 6th Oct: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 7th Oct: 10.30am **Lydia** prayers, Old Vicarage
6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 8th Oct: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church
10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

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.

Next Sunday 9th October 2016:

10.30am **Holy Communion** Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (6) 'Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice'

6.30pm **Service of the Word**

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

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

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



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.

Sun 23rd Oct: 6.30pm **This evening service will be a Prayer evening. We believe God is calling us to a greater level of prayer and encourage you to join us to place prayer as a higher priority.**

Thurs 27th Oct: 7.30pm-9.00pm **Prayer Evening in Church** – focusing on the future of our various Children, Families and Youth Ministries.

Put these dates in your diary and be part of building up the future of our church family and our outreach in to our community.

FAMILY NEWS



As people who believe in the power of prayer, on a weekly basis we produce a 'Prayer and Praise' email – please do sign up for this - Give Lynne Martin your email address or contact details if you wish to contribute to or receive the weekly email Lynne's email is thursdayschild59@yahoo.co.uk. We can put in only what we know about!



ARE YOU A BIT HANDY? We need people who can turn their hand to a bit of 'make do and mending'. We are not necessarily looking for high levels of expertise, but there are always small repair jobs needing to be done in our various buildings and, while we have two or three very committed folk we can rely on, we would ideally want to find half a dozen more.

If you fit this bill, please contact Pauline Jackson via email admin@stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk and we will add you to our 'emergencies list'. Then, when we have a minor issue which needs resolving, Pauline will send an email to all concerned; if you are able to answer the call, you can respond to her and she will let everyone know. We will, of course, reimburse you for any materials purchased in order to carry out repairs. Many thanks. *Deano Standing, Church Warden.*

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.

David Norton is still collecting used postage stamps in aid of the Leprosy Mission.



 Thank you so much to all who have been collecting toothpaste tubes and ring pulls for the Purple Community Fund (formerly the Philippine Community Fund) over the past couple of years. They no longer need toothpaste tubes, but are still collecting ring pulls (drinks cans only) – so keep 'em coming!!

we may share with others. Forgive us for the things that dull our reactions so that we can read stories of hardship and poverty without feeling moved, provoked or anything much at all. In the knowledge that in Jesus our sins are forgiven inspire us with your kind and generous love to build a world where all have enough. Amen.

We pray for those who have not been able to gather the harvest because of poor weather, for those who bear the brunt of a changing climate, where rains have become unreliable and the harvest unpredictable.

Pray for Tim and Trish Barrow and family, one of our Mission Partners, during their trip to the USA 4th-28th October, as they visit supporting churches in light of their new ministry direction.

Pray for Syria... Father, we ask your blessing on those who have fled into refugee camps, private homes, churches and communities... may they find the refuge they seek. We pray for those offering welcome to relatives, friends or strangers... We ask for your wisdom for those working in camps and among displaced people wherever they are... through their care may your gifts of patience, freedom and hope be shared with all... we pray in the name of our Lord who is our hope, Jesus Christ.

Pray for... all university students who may be feeling homesick... beginning to suffer culture shock... school students as they transition to new schools.

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

Praise for **Keith Sheepwash's** procedure last Friday... continue to **pray** as he undergoes day surgery on Thursday, 13th October.

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

Pray for our Mission Partner for October: **Tim & Tricia Barrow...** **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Groups for October: **SPLAT! Harvest**



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Now the Lord God had planted a garden... and there he put the man he had formed. And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground – trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food... (Gen 2:8-9a); God saw all that he had made and it was very good". (Gen 1:31a).

Thank you Lord at this Harvest time for all your provisions. Thank you for all that we have that

Bible readings for October 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 3 rd	98	2 Kings 17.24-end	Phil 1.1-11
Tues 4 th	106	2 Kings 18.1-12	Phil 1.12-end
Weds 5 th	111	2 Kings 18.13-end	Phil 2.1-13
Thurs 6 th	115	2 Kings 19.1-19	Phil 2.14-end
Fri 7 th	139	2 Kings 19.20-36	Phil 3.1-4.1
Sat 8 th	121	2 Kings Ch 20	Phil 4.2-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!**