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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 October: **Tim & Tricia Barrow**

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

9th October 2016

Trinity 20

Services: - 10.30am: Holy Communion

6.30pm: Service of the Word -Theme: Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (6) - 'Mouthpiece for Truth and Justice'

Reading: 2 Samuel 12:1-13

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 10th Oct: 7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark**, Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (3) 'Making Good Work' (for ages 13-18), Old Vicarage

Weds 12th Oct: 9.00am **Holy Communion** Church
9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage
1.15pm-2.45pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall
7.00pm-9.00pm **Faith and Light**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 13th Oct: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 14th Oct: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 15th Oct: 9.00am **Small Group Leaders Meeting**, Vicarage Hall
10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

Sat 15th Oct: 4.00pm-6.00pm (note new extended time!) **SPLAT! Harvest: Feeding the 5,000** for all the family. **It's not too late to offer 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, Katy Muthalaly or Martha Prankard if you can help.

Next Sunday 16th October 2016:

10.30am **Service of the Word** Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (7) 'Messenger of the Gospel'

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 17th Oct: 7.45pm **PCC meeting**, short meeting followed by Task Groups, Old Vicarage

Are we the praying church we should be?

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 everyone 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.

Weds 26th Oct: 6.30pm-8.30pm **Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the Mike Campbell Foundation** at the Royal Geographical Society, London, England. Tickets are £20 each or £15 for groups of 10 people. *Please see notice on the Community Events noticeboard for more details.*

Thurs 24th Nov: 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night - Shipa Tandoori**, Canterbury Street

FAMILY NEWS



COULD YOU BE A MAINTENANCE FAIRY??

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.*

Did you know that you can view MARKtime on the Church website:

<http://www.stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk/>
featuring the current and the previous week?



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.

Old Vicarage site boundary wall – after many years of 'leaning' this has now started to collapse. We are actively seeking the best way forward for suitable repairs or rebuilding.

CRE SOUTH-EAST: The Christian Resource Exhibition is coming to Kent Event Centre (Detling). 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!!

remember the mercy revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We pray to the God of compassion, who hears the cries of all who are in trouble or distress; accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by Hurricane Matthew... strengthen them in their hour of need... grant them perseverance and courage to face the future and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives... in Jesus' name. Amen.

Continue to pray for **Tim and Trish Barrow** and family, one of our Mission Partners... **pray** for Tim in his new post as SIM (Serving In Mission) UK ENGAGE co-ordinator... for Trish as she assists the SIM Child Protection officer but is considering other pursuits... for **Tim, Tricia, Sacha and Gabby** as they continue to transition and adjust to life in the UK after 25 years in Africa... **pray** for **Michael** and **Ben** in other parts of the world.

Pray for Syria and other war torn countries for God's peace, justice and compassion on everyone involved... **Praise** that, "The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion." (Psalm 116:5).

Praise for the **Student Welcome Meal**... although there were a number of no-shows, those that did attend all had a great time... **praise and thanks** for those at St Mary's Island Church who host this annual student event.

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

Pray for those undergoing surgery or other new treatment: **Mo Chen** 6th October... **Keith Sheepwash** 13th October... **Mike Young** 31st October... **David Howlett** awaiting dates... **pray** for these folk and their families through these disruptions to their daily lives... **pray** for good outcomes.

Continue to pray for **Don & Dan Miller** for **Cathy Hall and Anne Fordham** who are both suffering with leg ulcers... for **Richard & Jane Tolhurst**, 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! Saturdays**



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow". (Isaiah: 1.17).

Living God, deliver us from a world without justice and a future without mercy; in your mercy establish justice, and in your justice

Bible readings for October 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 10 th	126	2 Kings 21.1-18	1 Tim 1.1-17
Tues 11 th	132	2 Kings 22.1-23.3	1 Tim 1.18-end
Weds 12 th	119.153-end	2 Kings 23.4-25	1 Tim Ch. 3
Thurs 13 th	143	2 Kings 23.36-24.17	1 Tim Ch. 4
Fri 14 th	144	2 Kings 24.18-25.12	1 Tim 5.1-16
Sat 15 th	147	2 Kings 25.22-end	1 Tim 5.17-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!**