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St. Mark's Church, Gillingham
with St. Mary's Island Church

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus October: **Tim & Tricia Barrow**

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

23rd October 2016

Trinity 22

10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (8) 'The Journey On'

Readings: 2 Kings 6:15-17; Matthew 28:16-20



6.30pm: Prayer Service – Please come and seek the Lord's wisdom for our church, our community and our world.

Other Services: 11.00am **All Age 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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Note: there will be NO Pre-School, Landmark, Ladies Group, Parents & Toddlers or Kidz Klub meeting this week, due to the half-term break.

Weds 26th Oct: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church
6.30pm-8.30pm **Faith and Light**, Vicarage Hall
6.30pm-8.30pm **5th Anniversary Celebrations of the Mike Campbell Foundation**, the Royal Geographical Society, London, England. Tickets £20 each or £15 for groups of 10 people. Full details are on the Community Events noticeboard.

Thurs 27th Oct: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Thurs 27th Oct: 7.30pm-9.00pm **Prayer Evening in Church** – Come and be part of building up the future of our various Youth, Children and Families Ministries. Your prayers will make a difference!



Sat 29th Oct: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

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.

NEXT SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER

10.30am All Age Friendly, including baptism

6.30pm Testimony Night, with Holy Communion

Other Services: 11.00am **Morning Worship** St. Mary's Island.

12 noon **Word on the Street's Annual Presentation**, Gillingham Baptist Church. Come and see what they've been doing over the past year and hear stories from staff and young people from the project. All welcome (lunch provided).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 4th Nov: 10.00am **Lydia** prayers, Old Vicarage – the next meeting will be Fri 9th Dec 2016

Sat 12th Nov: 10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

7.30pm **Putting chairs & orders of service out in church ready for Remembrance Sunday** – Please come and help!

Sun 13th Nov:

10.30am Remembrance Day Service in Church. Volunteers needed to help with transporting chairs etc. Please speak to Jo or Pauline if you can help...

10.30am All Age Gathering for children's groups and families at the Vicarage Hall

6.30pm Holy Communion

Mon 21st Nov: 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Thurs 24th Nov: 2.00pm-3.30pm **Celebrating Five Years of Medway Foodbank** at The Vines Church, The Terrace, Victoria Street, Rochester ME1 1XN. Please speak to Pauline in the church office if you would like to attend.

7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** – Shipa Tandoori, Canterbury Street

Mon 9th Jan 2017: 8.00-9.00pm **India 2018 Meeting** in Church.

This is an open meeting for anyone who wishes to explore further this opportunity to serve the Lord. More information to follow.... but speak to Saju if interested.

FAMILY NEWS

"A big **THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Ride 'n' Stride event in September and all you lovely sponsors! We made £323 of which £161.50 comes back to St. Mark's. Well done and thank you everyone." Richard Tolhurst



The Mission to Seafarers are making up Christmas parcels for seafarers who visit the Medway Ports and would value donations of male toiletries i.e. shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving & shower gels etc. Ian Graves will be collecting any donations on **Sunday, 13th November**, so why not add an extra item or two to your weekly shopping list!

COULD YOU BE A MAINTENANCE FAIRY?? There are always small repair jobs that need doing around our various buildings – high levels of expertise not needed but could you help out in any way?! If so, please contact Pauline Jackson via email admin@stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk





POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"I will tell everyone about Your righteousness. All day long I will proclaim Your saving power, though I am not skilled with words. I will praise Your mighty deeds, O Sovereign LORD. I will tell everyone that You alone are just."

Psalm 71:15-16 (New Living Translation NLT)

Thank you LORD, that You will give us the words to speak and are with us even though we might not feel "skilled" in this area. Please teach us to live lives that reflect Your glory, whether in small ways or big, for Your Kingdom's sake. Amen.

Pray for our Mission Partners, **Tim and Tricia** as the LORD continues to build on their new ministry direction... **Ask the LORD** to give them His peace, encouragement and healing as He does "new things" (Isaiah 43:19) in their lives.

Continue to pray for their family: for **Gabby**, as she travels to the USA and explores her further educational options... for **Michael** and **Ben** in other parts of the world... **Praise** that **Sacha** has a full time teaching post in an East London primary school. **Ask the LORD** to be with them all as they adjust to this new season in their lives.

Ask the LORD to bless all the families that were part of the **SPLAT! Harvest Celebration** and seek His will on how to continue to keep in contact with this community... **Praise** that the "LORD is good and His love endures for ever; His faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100:5)

Praise for the work of the **Mike Campbell Foundation** in Zimbabwe, which is transforming lives through education, trade and fighting government corruption... **Pray** for protection, encouragement and blessings on their 5th anniversary celebration in London this week and that the LORD will continue to meet all financial needs and resources so that this work can continue.

Pray for God's wisdom, protection and strength for the staff and volunteers at **Medway Foodbank** as they deal with vulnerable people who are hurting...

Give thanks for the upcoming 5th 'birthday' celebrations and the love and hope that is conveyed to all whom they come into contact with.

Praise for the **PCC meeting** last week and all the LORD's answers to prayer.

Continue to pray for fair and just **Brexit negotiations** which will affect everyone in this country and beyond.

Pray for the **Welcome Meal for Chinese Students** this afternoon (Sun 16th) at the Vicarage Hall... **Praise** for this joint venture between the Chinese Methodist Church and the Chaplaincy at University of Greenwich... **Ask the LORD** to bless the chaplaincy staff and volunteers and to continue to mould them into a close loving team filled with His, "treasure [in] clay jars of all-surpassing power." (2 Corinthians 4:7)

Pray for **Lynne Martin** as she leads a **Service of Remembering** on Thurs 27th Oct at Medway Campus - an annual time of remembering staff, students and loved ones who have passed away during the year.

Pray for **Mosul** in **Iraq** which the Iraqi army and their Kurdish allies are fighting to retake from IS.... **Ask the LORD** to protect the many innocent lives, some of which are being used as human shields... to bring aid to many who are in need... to help those who have health problems and most of all bring peace to this shattered region.

Pray for those undergoing surgery or other new treatment: for **Mo Chen**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Mike Young** starting radiotherapy on 31st October... for **David Howlett**... **Pray** for all those affected especially their family and friends.

Continue to pray for **Don & Dan Miller**... for **Cathy Hall** and **Anne Fordham** who are both suffering with leg ulcers... for **Nev Piper**... for **John Townsend**... 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** ... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Groups for October: **SPLAT! Saturdays**

Bible readings for October 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 24 th	30	Leviticus 19.1-18, 30-end	2 Timothy 4.1-8
Tues 25 th	36	Leviticus 23.1-22	2 Timothy 4.9-end
Weds 26 th	34	Leviticus 23.23-end	Titus Ch.1
Thurs 27 th	37	Leviticus 24.1-9	Titus Ch.2
Fri 28 th	116	Isaiah 45.18-end	Luke 6.12-16
Sat 29 th	42	Numbers 6.1-5, 21-end	Philemon

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!**