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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 & November:
**Tim & Tricia Barrow & Carri
Macfarlane**

St. Mark's Groups for October &
November: **SPLAT! Saturdays &
Remembrance Day Service**

30th October 2016

We welcome James Boston, his family and friends to this celebration of his faith through baptism.

4th Sunday before Advent

10.30am: All Age Friendly, including baptism.

Theme: What is Church?

Reading: Ephesians 2: 14-22

6.30pm: Testimony Night, with Holy Communion – *Please come along, listen to stories and be encouraged in what the LORD is doing through us His people.*

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

12noon **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.

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 31st Oct: 7.30pm–9.15pm **Landmark Bake off!** Old Vicarage

Weds 2nd Nov: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church
9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

Thurs 3rd Nov: 1.00pm–3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

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

6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7–11, Old Vicarage

Sat 5th Nov: 10.00am–12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

7.00pm onwards **Bobfire Night Display**, Great Lines Heritage Park, Gillingham

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 6th November

10.30am All Age Service

6.30pm Holy Communion

Other Services: 11.00am **Holy Communion** St. Mary's Island.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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...*

10.20am 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

Weds 23rd 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 or need a lift.*

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.

HELP !



FAMILY NEWS

Can you help collating the Remembrance Orders of Service on Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th November @ 11am? If so please contact Pauline @ the Church Office. Many thanks.

"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, 7th 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 speak to Pauline Jackson or contact her in the church office or by email admin@stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk and she will add you to the list.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"HE (The LORD) sent the ark of HIS might into captivity, His splendour into the hands of the enemy." Psalm 78:61 (NIV)

LORD thank you that You sent Jesus – the ark of Your might into our world to save, redeem and restore all our broken places. Encourage us to follow You in Your strength into the many broken places of Gillingham and the Medway Towns.

Pray for Gillingham High Street and for its "peace and prosperity" (Jeremiah 29:7)... for the beggars... the gambling shops, especially remembering those who are addicted to gambling in its many forms and the families broken through this... the charity shops and the many take-aways... the banks, especially thinking of those in debt... the social housing and rented sector, especially thinking of those who are having trouble paying high rents... the many people who work in all the various shops and businesses...

Praise that our mighty GOD says, "In the time of my favour I will answer you, and in the day of salvation I will help you... to restore the land and to reassign its desolate inheritances, to say to the captives, 'Come out', and to those in darkness 'Be Free!'" (Isaiah 49:8,9a)

Continue to pray for our Mission Partners, **Tim and Tricia Barrow and their family** 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.

Pray for all the families that were part of the **SPLAT! Harvest Celebration** and ask the LORD to prepare the way ahead for other SPLAT! Events in the future especially Christmas SPLAT! ... **Praise**, "For great is HIS love towards us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever." (Psalm 117:2)

Ask the LORD to equip the volunteers with HIS loving mercy and to bring peace and healing concerning the many difficult situations they come across week by week at **Medway Foodbank**... **Pray** for more volunteers to come forward... **Give thanks** for the upcoming 5th 'birthday' celebrations and all the wonderful work they have achieved through the

LORD... **Pray** for a time when Foodbank is no longer needed in our society.

Ask the LORD to be with everyone in the **central region of Italy** which has experienced several strong earthquakes recently.

Pray for what remains of the **Calais Jungle Camp**, especially the 200 unaccompanied and vulnerable children without beds, children who do not know what their future holds.

Praise for the **Welcome Meal for Chinese Students** last Sunday at the Vicarage Hall and all the answers to prayer and new relationships made.

Praise for the **Service of Remembering** that happened last Thurs 27th Oct at Medway Campus and the answers to prayer especially God's healing.

Pray for **James Boston** who is being baptised today... **Ask the LORD** to bless, equip and strengthen James' faith in HIM.

Pray for the **Remembrance Day Service** on Sunday 13th November in church and the **All Age gathering** in the hall... **Ask the LORD** to be close to everyone concerned especially those who are hurting in whatever way and will feel HIS healing touch on their lives.

Continue to 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 tomorrow... for **David Howlett**... **Pray** for all those affected especially their family and friends.

Pray for **Zipporah Muthalay** following her recent ear operation at Maidstone Hospital.

Pray for **Steve Burtrand** being transferred to St. Thomas' Hospital for triple by-pass surgery following a recent heart attack... Please remember his wife Kath and all their family too.

Continue to pray for **Don & Dan Miller**... for **Cathy Hall** and **Anne Fordham**... 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 Partners for October and November: **Tim & Tricia & Carri Macfarlane** ... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Groups for October & November: **SPLAT! Saturdays & Remembrance Day Service**

Bible readings for October/November 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 31 st	2	Daniel Ch.1	Revelation Ch.1
Tues 1 st Nov	5	Daniel 2.1-24	Revelation 2.1-11
Weds 2 nd	9	Daniel 2.25-end	Revelation 2.12-end
Thurs 3 rd	15	Daniel 3.1-18	Revelation 3.1-13
Fri 4 th	16	Daniel 3.19-end	Revelation 3.14-end
Sat 5 th	18.31-end	Daniel 4.1-18	Revelation Ch.4

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!**