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

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Mission Focus November: **Carri Macfarlane**

St. Mark's Group for November:
Remembrance Day Service

13th November 2016

2nd Sunday before Advent

At this morning's Remembrance Day Service, we warmly welcome Deputy Mayor Cllr Gloria Opara and Escort Mr Richard Opara, Gillingham & Rainham MP Mr Rehman Chishti, Alderman Paul Harriott and his wife Cllr Dorte Gilry, Cllr Adam Price, Cllr Clive Johnson, Cllr Dan McDonald and Cllr Andy Stamp.

10.20am: All Age Remembrance Gathering for children's groups and families at the Vicarage Hall.

10.30am: Remembrance Day Service – Please note that there will not be a creche or Coffee served after this morning's service.

Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Revelation 19:11-16

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Reading: Luke 23:32-43

Theme: Remembrance

Other Services: 11.00am **Remembrance Sunday**, 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.

There will be a collection for The Royal British Legion and St. Mark's Church as you leave. Monies will be split two thirds to the Royal British Legion and one third to St. Mark's 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 14th Nov: 7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark Fruitfulness** on the Frontlines 6, (POD) New Vicarage

Weds 16th Nov: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church
9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage
1.15pm-2.45pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 17th Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 18th Nov: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 19th Nov: 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 20th November

10.30am **Service of the Word**

6.30pm **Holy Communion**

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Fri 25th Nov: 3.45pm-5.00pm **Christmas lights switch-on for Gillingham**, Smith Square, High Street, Gillingham.

Sun 27th Nov: 6.30pm **Panel Night** hosted by Ruby Palfreyman and Rob Byles in Church

Sun 4th Dec: 6.30pm-9.00pm **Carols @ the Canterbury Tales Pub**, 96 Canterbury Street, Gillingham ME7 5TS

Fri 9th Dec: 10.00am **Lydia Prayers**, Old Vicarage

Sun 11th Dec: 6.30pm-9.00pm **Carols @ the Dog & Bone Pub**, 19 Jeffery Street, Gillingham ME7 1DE

Sat 17th Dec: 4.00pm **SPLAT! Christmas** with Christingle, fun, games and refreshments.

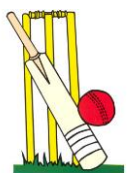
Sun 18th Dec: 3.00pm **"An Empty Chair for Christmas"** – for anyone missing a loved one at Christmas

6.30pm **Christmas Carol Service** – with contemporary carols and candles

Mon 19th Dec: 10.30am **Coffee Shop Christmas Service** – an informal Christmas celebration in Church

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. *You never know there might be a cricket match involved!*



FAMILY NEWS

Will all those who are able to help with returning the chairs back to the Old Vicarage site please meet up at the back of the church after the service. Thank you.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"They will be My people," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "On the day when I act in judgement, they will be My own special treasure. I will spare them as a father spares an obedient child. Then you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve GOD and those who do not." Malachi 3:17-18 New Living Translation (NLT)

LORD Jesus, thank you that You are, "a compassionate and gracious GOD, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness." (Psalm 86:15) Please help us to seek You at all times in these days of uncertainty. Amen.

Pray for the aftermath of the **USA Elections** and for Donald Trump their new President elect... **Ask the LORD** to bring unity, justice, mercy and forgiveness to many shattered relationships in the USA... to *"maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed and rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked"* (Psalm 82:3-4) in the USA and abroad.

Praise for the **Remembrance Day Service** last Friday (11th Nov) at Medway Campus and for all the answers to prayer and healing that the LORD achieved through this important service.

Pray for all our guests who are sharing today's **Remembrance Service** with us today... **Ask the LORD** to be close to all those who are hurting for whatever reason or find this particular service difficult... **Praise** that where the LORD is there is healing, love and grace... **Give thanks** for all the sacrifices that our armed forces give in times of war and peace.

Pray for fun, safety and joy at the **All Age Remembrance Gathering** today at 10.20am in the Vicarage Hall.

Continue to pray for God's blessing on every person working for **Medway Foodbank**... **Ask the LORD** to raise more volunteers to help with this vital work... **Give thanks and praise** 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 for the name of street, business or organisation in Gillingham to pray and seek His blessings for this week.

Pray for the recent **Croydon tram derailment** in South London, where seven people have died and at least fifty are injured... **Remember** the victims, their families and friends plus all the emergency service staff affected.

Pray for fairness and justice concerning the way housing and other benefits are dealt with, as this can adversely affect the weak and vulnerable in our society... **Praise** for the recent court judgements in favour of clients who were represented by a legal team from Child Poverty Action Group.

Continue to pray for **Mosul** in **Iraq** which the Iraqi army and their Kurdish allies are fighting to retake from IS... for **Syria** and any other place of conflict that the LORD brings to mind.

Pray for those undergoing surgery or other treatment: for **Mo Chen**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Mike Young** ... for **David Howlett**... **Pray** for all those affected especially their family and friends.

Pray for **Don Miller** who is being treated for stress, and recently started a new job... **Ask the LORD** to continue to be close to Don and to help him cope with this situation.

Continue to pray for **Steve & Kathy Burtrand**... for **Zipporah Muthalaly**... for **Cathy Hall** and **Anne Fordham**... for **Nev Piper** whose mum Jeanne Waters passed away recently... 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 November: **Carri Macfarlane** and for the protection of the young girls she teaches in India... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group November: **Remembrance Day Services**

Bible readings for November 2016

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 14 th	47	Daniel 8.1-14	Revelation Ch.10
Tues 15 th	52	Daniel 8.15-end	Revelation 11.1-14
Weds 16 th	56	Daniel 9.1-19	Revelation 11.15-end
Thurs 17 th	62	Daniel 9.20-end	Revelation Ch.12
Fri 18 th	63	Daniel 10.1-11.1	Revelation 13.1-10
Sat 19 th	78.1-39	Daniel Ch.12	Revelation 13.11-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!**