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

*Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together*

Mission Focus November: **Carri Macfarlane**

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

20th November 2016

Christ the King, Sunday before Advent

10.30am: Service of the Word

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Reading: John 15:1-8

Theme: Purpose & Values: Pruning

Other Services: 11.00am **Morning Worship**, 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?

Please note: The church office will be closed on Wednesday, 23rd November.

Mon 21st Nov: 7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark** Fruitfulness on the Frontlines 6, (POD) New Vicarage
7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Weds 23rd Nov: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church
9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage
1.15pm-2.45pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

Weds 23rd Nov: 2.00pm-3.30pm **Celebrating Five Years of Medway Foodbank** at The Vines Church, The Terrace, Victoria Street, Rochester ME1 1XN. Everyone welcome.

6.30pm-8.30pm **Faith and Light**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 24th Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church



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

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

Sat 26th 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 27th November

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Service of the Word - Big Questions Panel Night hosted by Ruby Palfreyman and Rob Byles in Church.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

10th Dec: 10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

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 Christingles, 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.



FAMILY NEWS

Steve & Lynn Trebill and Margaret Green would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part, helped in anyway before, during and after last Sunday's Remembrance Service.

We would also like to thank everyone who came to the service itself, as this is a meeting point between our St. Mark's church community and the wider community of the Medway Towns before our wonderful God. We received many positive comments. Everyone's presence makes this a very special service.



Tesco's are holding their **Foodbank Collections** (Thursday's already covered) on Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd December at Gillingham and Strood.

We need volunteers to man the tables and give out shopping lists on the days concerned. Shifts are normally just 2 hours.

If you can help please let me know asap.

Thanks Paul Smith.





POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to uproot,"
Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 (NIV Bible)

LORD please help us to remember that only You have the keys to eternal life and everything is in Your hands even in the dark times when we don't see or feel it. Thank you that Your "perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18).

Pray for our world which is full of fear and controlled by hate... **Ask the LORD** to give you a person, situation or country to bring before Him this week...

Praise that we are God's people who, "live by faith, not by sight." (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Praise for the **Remembrance Day Service** last Friday (11th Nov) at Medway Campus and the approximate 180 staff and students who attended...

Pray for all those who felt God's power and His amazing love will continue to grow in understanding of our wonderful saviour... **Ask the LORD** to be close to & encourage Lynne Martin and her team as she works with students and staff at Medway Campus this week.

Praise for all the answers to prayer for the **Remembrance Service** last Sunday... **Ask the LORD** to continue to help all those touched by His powerful spirit to draw closer to Him... **Praise the LORD** for the privilege in sharing our church building and our faith to all those who attended.

Praise for all the answers to prayer for the **All Age Remembrance Gathering** in the Vicarage Hall last Sunday... **Pray** for all the children and young people in our church community this week.

Pray that **Medway Foodbank's 5th birthday celebration** this Wednesday (23rd) will glorify the LORD in every aspect of this important day.

Pray for Medway Council this week, as they continue to struggle to meet so many needs with limited resources... **Ask the LORD** to be close to every member of staff, especially those who have to make difficult decisions on our behalf.

Pray for all the families in Gillingham especially those who are struggling with debt, illness or family breakdowns.

Pray for the recent earthquakes in **New Zealand (South Island) and Italy**... **Ask the LORD** to bring necessary aid and a hope for the future especially when all they can see is rubble.

Oh LORD please help Mosul in Iraq and Aleppo in Syria because You are a "not a God of disorder but of peace." (1 Corinthians 14:33)

Pray for the church building project... that red-tape and bureaucracy will be hastened so that the work can begin.

Pray for our **PCC** who are meeting tomorrow (21st) that they will make decisions pleasing to God in peace, graciousness and harmony.

Praise for all the answers to prayer for the **Reflective Space at Brompton Academy** last week and for the invitation to do this again next year...

Pray for the possible **ALPHA** course and starting up a Student Union too.

Pray for the **Big Questions Panel Night** next Sunday evening (27th) in church.

Pray for our **future ministry of youth, children & families** here at St. Mark's & St. Mary's Island.

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

Continue to pray ... for **Anne Fordham**... for **Nev Piper** whose mum Jeanne Waters passed away recently... for **Don Miller**... 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 education, opportunities and 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	Psalms	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 21 st	96	Isaiah 40.1-11	Revelation 14.1-13
Tues 22 nd	97	Isaiah 40.12-26	Revelation 14.14-15.end
Weds 23 rd	112	Isaiah 40.27-41.7	Revelation 16.1-11
Thurs 24 th	125	Isaiah 41.8-20	Revelation 16.12-end
Fri 25 th	139	Isaiah 41.21-42.9	Revelation Ch.17
Sat 26 th	145	Isaiah 42.10-17	Revelation Ch.18

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!**