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# MARKtime

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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus January: **Medway  
Night Shelter**

St. Mark's Group/events for January:  
**Alpha**

**8th January 2017**

## Epiphany 1

**10.30am: Holy Communion – Commissioning  
& celebration of the Faith & Light Team  
SOS & Pathfinders Restart today**

**6.30pm: Service of the Word**

Theme: "Love in Ephesus"

Reading: Revelation 2: 1-7

Other Services & events: 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 9th Jan:** 7.30pm **Landmark** restarts, Old  
Vicarage



**Mon 9th Jan:** 8.00pm **India  
2018 Meeting** in Church. This is  
an open meeting for everyone  
who would like to know more -  
those who would like to support  
in prayer or financially, as well as  
those contemplating going -  
speak to Saju if at all interested.

**Weds 11th Jan:** 9.00am **Holy Communion** in  
church

10.00am **Ladies Group** restarts, Old Vicarage

1.15pm **Parents & Toddlers** restarts, Vicarage  
Hall

**Thurs 12th Jan:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**,  
Church

**Fri 13th Jan:** 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**,  
Old Vicarage

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

**Sat 14th Jan:** 10.00am-12.00noon **Faith & Light  
Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**

**Small/Home 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 15th January

10.30am **Service of the Word**

6.30pm **Holy Communion**

Theme: "Persecuted in Smyrna"

Reading: Revelation 2: 8-11

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 16th Jan:** 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old  
Vicarage. *The next meeting will be on Mon 20th  
Feb.*

**Wed 18th Jan:** 7.00pm for 7.30pm start -  
**Foodbank Prayer & Praise**, City Cornerstone  
Church, Jasper Ave, Rochester, ME1 2LD. Please  
come, everyone very welcome.



**Sun 29th Jan:** After  
the morning Service  
a **Welcome Lunch**  
for those who were  
new to St. Mark's in  
the last year or so –  
please speak to

Lynne Martin or Pauline Jackson if you would like  
to come.

**Thurs 2nd Feb:** 7.00pm-9.30pm **Alpha  
introduction with supper included.**

Do you want to find out more about what  
we believe? Do you want a personal  
relationship with Jesus? Explore the meaning of  
life through **ALPHA!** Each session of this ten-  
week course includes food, a short talk and good  
conversation. Think about who **YOU** could invite!

Speak to Keith Sheepwash, Richard or Jane  
Tolhurst for more details or fill out a registration  
form.

**Fri 3rd Feb:** 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**,  
Old Vicarage



## FAMILY NEWS

Thank You



for your Kindness

Mike & Denise Young want  
to thank everyone for their  
prayers and kindness  
during Mike's radiotherapy  
treatment which went well  
with few side effects.

Jane Bannar-Martin and  
family want to thank all  
those who have been praying for her daughter-in-  
law Jen following her serious stroke last year. Jen  
has made a remarkable recovery and has been  
offered a new part-time job as a teaching  
assistant despite on-going problems with one arm  
and hand.

**The Salvation Army Church, Green Street, Gillingham is holding a new Marriage Course starting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January between 6.45pm-9.15pm. The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage, whether married for one year or forty years! See information on the course on the Community Events notice board at the side of church, or to book, or for more information please contact Julie & Andy Millest on 01634 579004 or [adandjamillest@btinternet.com](mailto:adandjamillest@btinternet.com) thank you.**



**POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**"Let us thank the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was through His loving-kindness that we were born again to a new life and have a hope that never dies. This hope is ours because Jesus was raised from the dead. We will receive the great things we have been promised. They are being kept safe in heaven for us. They are pure and will not pass away. They will never be lost."** 1 Peter 1:3-4 (NLV Bible)

**LORD thank you for Your loving-kindness that sustains through life's ups and downs. Please help us to trust totally in You and not in things, titles or what we think we know. Only then will we really know Your peace, joy and blessings. Amen.**

**Praise the LORD for Alpha and all the blessings that He has already showered on our church community... Pray for the leaders, the resources and the people God wants to attend... Ask the LORD to help you to pray for a person who the LORD wants to be on this course and be blessed by Him.**

**Pray for our church community, especially anyone you know is suffering for whatever reason... Ask the LORD to show His loving mercy, strength and kindness to all involved.**

**Pray** for Saju as he goes on retreat in Poland on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January for a week... **pray** for Katy and the children while he's away.

**Pray** for the **Medway Night Shelter** and all the rough sleepers in the Medway Towns... **Ask the LORD** to bring healing, encouragement and hope to all those who seek help through the Night Shelter scheme... **Praise** that our mighty God, "is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

**Ask the LORD** to remind you of answers to prayer and blessings you have received and give Him the glory for He is good.

**Pray** for the **Faith and Light Team** who are being commissioned and celebrated today... **Praise** for all that the LORD has achieved through this special group and for the many blessings that this wonderful community is to St. Mark's and the wider church.

**Pray** for the forthcoming **PCC Meetings** and ask the LORD to guide, encourage and strengthen everyone involved through His priceless love.

**Pray** for the **India 2018 Meeting** tomorrow.

**Ask the LORD** to give you a St. Mark's group or individual to pray for this week.

**Pray** for those recovering from surgery or other treatment: for **Michael Stacey** ... for **Steve Burtrand** home from hospital ... for **Mo Chen**... 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**... for **Don Miller**... for **Richard & Jane Tolhurst**... for **Keith Sheepwash** and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

**Pray** for our Mission focus January: **Medway Night Shelter** ... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group/events January: **Alpha**

**Bible readings for January 2017**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	2	Amos 1	1 Corinthians 1.1-17
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	9	Amos 2	1 Corinthians 1.18-end
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	20	Amos 3	1 Corinthians 2
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	21	Amos 4	1 Corinthians 3
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	67	Amos 5.1-17	1 Corinthians 4
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	33	Amos 5.18-end	1 Corinthians 5

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!**