

150 years



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

22nd January 2017

Epiphany 3

10.30am: **Holy Communion**

Theme: "False Teaching in Pergamum"

Reading: Revelation 2: 12-17



6.30pm: **Holy Communion**
Christian Unity Week joint service
2017 with the theme of "Crossing
Barriers" here at St. Mark's Church.
Please see poster for more details.

Other Services & events: 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:

Mon 23rd Jan: 7.30pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage

Weds 25th Jan: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in
church

10.00am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

Thurs 26th Jan: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**,
Church

Fri 27th Jan: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old
Vicarage

Sat 28th Jan: 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 29th January

10.30am **Service of the Word** - followed after
the service by 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.

Join Me For Lunch



6.30pm: **Holy Communion**

Theme: "Ethics in Thyatira"

Reading: Revelation 2: 18-29

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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!



Alpha

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

Sat 11th Feb: 10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light**
Juniors, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 16th March: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Foodbank Prayer & Praise meeting at the
Salvation Army, Church Street, Chatham ME4 4BT

Mon 20th Feb: 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old
Vicarage.

Sun 26th Feb: 12.30pm **India 2018**
Fundraising event - *Auction of Gifts and
Talents*, in church.

FAMILY NEWS

The Salvation Army Church, Green Street,
Gillingham is holding a new Marriage Course
which started on Monday 16th 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 thank you.

Medway Winter Night Shelter is collecting
various food and cleaning items. Please see
the list and collecting boxes at the back of
church. The night shelter is currently full
each night...

Can you help the new Alpha Course
starting on Thursday 2nd Feb @
7.00pm by cooking a simple meal for
8-12 people, serve the meal and
wash up? This can be anything from
jacket potato with filling, Cottage Pie &
veg, Sausage & mash, Lasagne etc. plus a
sweet. Money can be reimbursed providing you
have receipts. Please speak to Lynda Smith after
the service..





India 2018 fundraising events will be occurring each month throughout 2017. The first one is an 'Auction of Gifts and Talents' on Sunday, 26th February 2017 after the morning service, so please be prepared to stay take part! Come and support some of these fundraising events. See the full list of events on the **India 2018 notice board**.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Religion that GOD our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27 (NIV Bible)

Thank you LORD, that You are, "known by Your acts of justice", whereas "the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands" (Psalm 9:16). Please help us to look to You and Your holy word and not follow the world's example. Amen.

Pray for the **Mike Campbell Foundation** in Zimbabwe, a country blessed with one of the best climates in the world, yet far too many go hungry and are in great need due to the mismanagement and greed of the government... *Ben Freeth, Executive Director writes, "Let us all humbly pray for our beloved country and seek God's will, and turn away from wickedness in allowing evil to flourish unchecked. When we all do that we will see the miracle happen! I am excited that it will – but only with each one of us playing our part!"...*

Praise for all that the LORD is doing in this fractured land through His people.

Pray for Syria, Yemen, The Gambia and any other country, situation or problem the LORD lays on your heart this week... **Praise** that the LORD hears, *"the desires of the afflicted... listens to their cry and encourages them."* (Psalm 10:17)

Continue to pray for **Alpha** and for each person that the LORD wants to be on this course... **Praise** for all the wonderful ways that the LORD blesses, encourages and enlightens every life that this course touches.

Pray for **Lynne Martin** as she begins an interim role as Medway Campus Chaplaincy... pray for the interviews on Feb 15th concerning this post... **Ask the LORD** to be with Lynne's sister-in-law, **Sarah**, who has pneumonia and pleurisy.

Praise for what the LORD has been saying to Saju on retreat in Poland last week and for all the answered prayers for him and his family... **Pray** for the next chapter in the life of our community at St. Mark's, ask the LORD to help us to echo what Ben Freeth is saying for his beloved Zimbabwe here in Gillingham and the Medway Towns.

Pray for the work of **Medway Winter Night Shelter** and especially now that the weather has turned so cold for the rough sleepers in the Medway Towns... **Ask the LORD** for His wisdom in solving the many causes of this problem... **Praise** that our God is big enough and nothing is impossible for Him (Luke 18:27).

Praise for the community of **Faith & Light** and **Faith & Light Juniors** and all that they can teach us in living for God and enjoying His wonderful presence.

Pray for **India 2018** and for all the work involved in making this happen... **Ask the LORD** to be in every action & decision, so that all the glory goes to Him.

Pray for those recovering from surgery or other treatment: for **Michael Stacey**... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Mo Chen**... **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**... for **David Howlett**... for **Mike Young** 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/event for January: **Alpha**

Bible readings for January 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 23 rd	108	Hosea 2.18-end of 3	1 Corinthians 9.15-end
Tues 24 th	36	Hosea 4.1-16	1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Weds 25 th	66	Ezekiel 3.22-end	Philippians 3.1-14
Thurs 26 th	47	Hosea 5.8-6.6	1 Corinthians 11.2-16
Fri 27 th	65	Hosea 6.7-7.2	1 Corinthians 11.17-end
Sat 28 th	68	Hosea 8	1 Corinthians 12.1-11

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!**