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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus April: All
Mission Partners

St. Mark's Group/events for
April: Easter Services

2nd – 9th April 2017

5th Sunday of Lent



10.30am: All Age
Communion

Theme: Lent series (8)
"God's Fruitful Word"

Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

6.30pm: **Holy Communion**

Lent series (9) "God's
Inspired Word"

2 Timothy 3:10-4:8

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

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK AND NEXT

**PLEASE NOTE: The Church office will be
closed on Tuesday 4th April and will re-open
at 10.00am on Monday 10th April due to
annual leave.**

Weds 5th April: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in
Church – **also on 12th April**

Thurs 6th April: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**,
Church – **also on 13th April**

7.00pm-9.30pm **Alpha** with supper included, Old
Vicarage – **also on 13th April**

Sat 8th April: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank** –
also on 15th April

10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**,
Vicarage Hall

SUNDAY 9th April

Palm Sunday

10.30am: **Service of the Word**

Theme: Lent series (10) "God's Word
Proclaimed"

Reading: Mark 11:1-11

6.30pm: **Holy Communion**

Theme: Lent series (11) "God's Word
Understood"

Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Other Services/Events: 11.00am
Baptism Service St. Mary's Island.

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St Mark's House



Small Groups/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.

Holy Week

Mon 10th April: 10.30am **Coffee Shop Easter
Service** in Church

Tues 11th April: 7.30pm-8.30pm **Holy Week
Meditation** in Church

Weds 12th April: 6.30pm-8.30pm **Faith and
Light**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 13th April: 7.30pm-8.30pm **Maundy
Thursday Meditation and Foot Washing**

Communion Service in Church – *Please
feel free to participate and bring your
own towels, but you are welcome to
simply observe, pray, meditate and share
communion instead.*

Fri 14th April: 10.30am-11.15am **Good
Friday meditation** in Church

11.30am **Walk of Witness** from Gillingham
Library to Smith Square



Sun 16th April: 6.00am
Sunrise Service, St. Mary's
Island Church

10.30am **Easter Sunday
Communion** in St. Mark's
Church

11.00am **Easter Family
Communion**, St. Mary's Island

6.30pm **No Evening Service at**

St. Mark's Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 22nd April: **India 2018 Fundraising
Games Event** in the Vicarage Hall. 10.00am-
2.00pm Family Fun! 6.00pm-9.30pm Games
Galore! See poster on notice-board.

Mon 15th May: 7.30pm 'Changing Our World –
One Prayer at a Time'. An inclusive prayer
event arranged by Simon Burton-Jones &
Rochester Diocese World Mission Forum, at St
Matthew's Church, Wigmore ME8 0NX; see poster.

Sun 21st May: 6.30pm-8.00pm start of
Everybody Welcome Course more details to
follow.

Thurs 25th May – Sun 4th June: **Thy Kingdom
Come Prayer Meetings** happening at various
locations around Gillingham, Rainham and
Bredhurst. See poster on notice board.

FAMILY NEWS

tearfund Thank you to everyone for
the magnificent sum of
£2,284.00 (excluding gift aid) raised on
Tearfund Sunday. Start filling your collection
boxes for next year!

Sun 23rd April: 10.30am **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** in Church as part of our worship.

We need to nominate and elect 3 Deanery Synod and 4 PCC members and choose 2 Churchwardens – please think and pray for wisdom as to who might fill these vacancies. Nomination forms available at the back of church. Proposers and seconders must be on the electoral roll.

Job vacancy: Administrator, 12 hrs per week, Salvation Army, Gillingham. See notice board or speak to Pauline.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your saving help always say, "The LORD is great!" Psalm 40:16 (NIV 1979, 1984, 2011)

LORD, thank you that when we put You first everything else falls in line. Please help us hear Your voice, experience Your presence and delight in You always. Amen.

Pray for Brexit and all that this means to ourselves, our community, our nation, Europe and the wider world.

Ask the LORD to give you a person, situation or country to pray for this week especially where there is suffering... **Praise** that we can say, *"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in GOD, for I will yet praise Him, my saviour and my GOD."* (Psalm 42:5) and *"Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."* (1 Peter 5:7)

Continue to pray for discernment in the appointment of the **'Head of Youth, Children & Families'** and the second interview of one candidate today (2nd April)... that all those on the **ALPHA Course** will be inspired, understand

GOD'S saving love individually, and be able to say, "The LORD is great!"

Pray for the **APCM** on Sunday 23rd April... for the **PCC** and all the decisions made on our behalf... **Thank the LORD** for all the hard work each PCC member undertakes... for all the reports that will be needed from all areas of our church life together at the APCM... for all the staff whether paid, or voluntary without which our church community could not function or flourish.

Pray that the **re-shaping of our evening services** will glorify Jesus, bless our community and open our hearts to learn how to be "church" in the 21st century.

Pray for our Mission Partners **Tim & Trish Barrow and their family**... **Ask the LORD** to bring healing, protection and shower them with blessings... **Praise** for all that they have as a family and individually achieved through the Holy Spirit for GOD'S glory.

Pray for **Gary & Chris Atkins and family** following the death of Gary's father on Tuesday evening.

Pray for **Tina Piper** who recently had teeth removed under general anaesthetic... for **Rob Byles**... for **Samuel Wilkins**... for **Ian Recardo's father Harry**... for **Michael Stacey**... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Mo Chen**... for **Michelle Saunders' dad**... for **Nev Piper**... for **Don Miller**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... and for others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission focus for April: **All Mission Partners... Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group/events for April: **Easter Services ...**

Bible readings for April 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 3 rd	73	Jeremiah 21.1-10	John 11.28-44
Tues 4 th	35	Jeremiah 22.1-5, 13-19	John 11.45-end
Weds 5 th	55	Jeremiah 22.20-23.8	John 12.1-11
Thurs 6 th	40	Jeremiah 23.9-32	John 12.12-19
Fri 7 th	22	Jeremiah 24	John 12.20-36a
Sat 8 th	23	Jeremiah 25.1-14	John 12.36b-end

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Mon 10 th	41	Lamentations 1.1-12a	Luke 22.1-23
Tues 11 th	27	Lamentations 3.1-18	Luke 22.[24-38] 39-53
Weds 12 th	102	Jeremiah 11.18-20	Luke 22.54-end
Thurs 13 th	42	Leviticus 16.2-24	Luke 23.1-25
Fri 14 th	69	Genesis 22.1-18	Hebrews 10.1-10
Sat 15 th	142	Hosea 6.1-6	John 2.18-22

Except for the first Sunday of the month **during term time**, groups for children and young teenagers meet at the Old Vicarage, 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!**