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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

23rd April 2017

2nd Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Service of the Word – including our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** during this morning's service in Church as part of our worship.

Theme: Purpose

Reading: Romans 12:1-13

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Other Services & Events:

11.00am Family Service 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.*

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday–Friday during term time 9.15am–12.15pm, **St. Mark's Pre-school**, Vicarage Hall – Children need to be registered first

Weds 26th April: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

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

10.00am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

6.30pm–8.30pm **Faith & Light**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 27th April: 1.00pm–3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 28th April: 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

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

8.00pm **Table-Tennis Club** – All St Mark's over-18's welcome, Vicarage Hall

Sat 29th April: 10.00am–12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

SUNDAY 30th April

Easter 3

10.30am: Service of the Word including baptisms

6.30pm: Worship Evening

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

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

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meetings



Thurs 25th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm St. Peter's Church, Bredhurst ME7 3JZ

Fri 26th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm St. Thomas' Church, Rainham ME8 7RH

Sat 27th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm Holy Trinity Church, Twydall ME8 6JU

Sun 28th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm St. Mary Magdalene Church, Gillingham ME7 1SS

Mon 29th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm Gillingham Methodist Church, ME7 2LU

Tues 30th May: 7.30pm–8.30pm Salem Church of the Nazarene, ME7 4LH

Weds 31st May: 7.30pm–8.30pm Gillingham URC Church, ME7 4PU

Thurs 1st June: 7.30pm–8.30pm Kings Church, Gillingham, ME7 1LD

Fri 2nd June: 7.30pm–8.30pm Gillingham Salvation Army, ME7 1XA

Sat 3rd June: 7.30pm–8.30pm Gillingham Baptist Church, Green, ME7 5TJ

Sun 4th June: 6.30pm **United Pentecost Service**, St Mark's Church, Gillingham ME7 5TP



FAMILY NEWS



We are thrilled to announce that Shane Cordle has been appointed as our new Head of Youth, Children & Families – Shane is from America and Chris, his wife, is originally from Hoo St. Werburgh. They have been married 8 years and have 6 grown-up children. Please pray for them and their family as they prepare to move to Medway.



India 2018 fundraiser – Katy and Saju are running the Belfast Marathon on Monday, 1st May. Please support them prayerfully and/or financially – sponsorship are forms will at the back of church and in the church office for

the next few weeks.



David Norton is still collecting used postage stamps in aid of the Leprosy Mission.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"My prayer is not for them [his disciples] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17.20-21 (NIV)

Father, thank you for showing us the unity and love between Jesus and you, his Father and our Father. Help us to share Jesus' life with You. Thank you for telling us that without unity we cannot fully share the Gospel in the world. Amen.

Katy Barnwell, our Mission Partner with Wycliffe Bible Translators, based in Nigeria, is a faithful communicator. She asks us to... **'Pray that a way to reconciliation between the Seed Company and the Nigeria Bible Translation Trust (two major organisations involved in Bible translation in Nigeria)... Pray that the Lord will give leaders of both organisations wisdom and patience to find ways to put past wrongs right and to heal broken relationships, enabling the Lord's people to work together with love for each other, in a way that honours Him'.**



Praise for India 2018 fundraising event GAMES GALORE! yesterday (Saturday)... **praise** for all those who came, for fun and laughter and friendships... **give thanks** for the money raised and for Lucy and her team.

Pray for the new PCC members, church wardens and the Deanery Synod members following our APCM today... **pray** that they are committed and involved in the life of our church... be willing to learn, share ideas, experience and gifts... be caring and able to listen to another's point of view.

Pray for all those involved in the coming General Election... **pray** for a sense of peace and unity at a time of potential discord.

Praise for **Shane Cordle** who has been appointed as our new **'Head of Youth, Children & Families'** and his wife Chris joining our church community... **Ask the LORD** to prepare Shane for the work ahead and keep him safe in every environment he finds himself in... ask for protection for Chris, his wife who will be working as a district nurse... **pray** for family who will be left behind in Ohio.

Continue to 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 the **Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Meetings** from Thursday 25th May to Sunday 4th June... **Ask the LORD** to show us what He wants us to bring before Him... to create His united Church in our world... to bring healing and forgiveness to all communities... to protect, encourage and help each individual to grow in Him... to give everyone a new sense of His peace and joy, so that we can radiate His message of love to a hurting world.

Pray for **Rachel Littlewood** currently confined to bed... **pray** especially for her appointment at the Alexandra Hospital nex week.

Pray for **Michael Stacey** in Medway hospital for surgery on his leg... for **Gary & Chris Atkins and family** following the recent death of Gary's father and having to relocate his Mum... for **Saju's Mum** who has had a fall which required stitches in her face... for **Lucy Day**... for **Nev and Tina Piper** both awaiting dates for surgery... for **Luke Prankard**... for **Lynda Smith**... for **Rob Byles**... for **Ian Recardo's father Harry**... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Mo Chen**... for **Michelle Saunders' dad**... for **Don Miller**... and for others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

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**Pray** for our Mission focus for April: **All Mission Partners... Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group/events for April: **Easter Services ...**  
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Bible readings for April 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 24 th	5	Joshua 1:1-9	Ephesians 6:10-20
Tues 25 th	37:23-end	Isaiah 62:6-10	Acts 12:25-13:13
Weds 26 th	30	Deuteronomy 3:18-end	John 20:19-end
Thurs 27 th	28	Deuteronomy 4:1-14	John 21:1-14
Fri 28 th	61	Deuteronomy 4:32-40	John 21:15-19
Sat 29 th	84	Deuteronomy 4:1-14	John 21:20-end

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!**