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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus July: Katy
Barnwell

St. Mark's Group/events for
July: St. Mark's Preschool
9th July 2017

Mission to Seafarers Sunday

Trinity Sunday 4 / Seafarers' Sunday



Piracy, shipwreck, abandonment and separation from loved ones are just a few of the problems merchant seafarers face. Today the Mission to Seafarers – a CofE organisation founded in 1836 to provide support to the 1.3 million men and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat from 260 ports worldwide. This mission is entirely funded by voluntary donations. Speak to Ian Graves for more information.



10.30am: Holy Communion
'Carrying One Another's Burdens'
Reading: Galatians 6:1-10
6.30pm: Bible Teaching Stream
Other Services & Events:
11.00am Holy Communion St.
Mary's Island

3.00pm Charing House
5.00pm St Mark's House
7.30pm-9.15pm Landmark, POD

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 12th July: 9.00am Holy Communion in Church

9.45am Ladies Group, Old Vicarage
1.15pm Parents & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall
4.30pm St. Mark's Cricket Match against King's School @ Satis House, Boley Hill, Rochester ME1 1TE

Thurs 13th July: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

Fri 14th July: 6.15pm Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 15th July: 10.00am-12.00noon Foodbank, Church
1.30pm St. Mark's Cricket Match against the Nasir Mosque @ Holborough Anchorians Cricket Club, Holborough Park, Holborough, Kent ME6 5PJ

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.

NEXT SUNDAY - 16th July

Trinity Sunday 5



10.30am: Service of the Word
'Bear with One Another'

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

6.30pm: Everbody Welcome (3)

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

7.30pm-9.15pm Landmark Social

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 20th July: 7.00pm for 7.30pm Foodbank Prayer & Praise at St. Justus Church, The Fairway, Rochester, ME1 2LT

Fri 21st July: 1.00pm-4pm Let Loose concert, Gillingham High Street.

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

Tues 17th Oct: doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm-10.00pm The Wisdom House - Live, Care for the Family with speaker Rob Parsons @ The Vine, Boughton Lane, Maidstone ME15 9QF - early bird rate £4 until 29th Aug, standard ticket price £6.

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Ify, Ellie and big brother Noah Oparaku on the safe arrival of baby Phebe Nora born Tuesday 27th June.



Book your place at this year's Chequer Tree Camp now! For children currently in years 4,5, 6 and 7.

Week 1 Sunday 23rd July - Saturday 29th July @ www.ctc2017week1.eventbee.com

Week 2 Sunday 30th July - Saturday 5th August @ www.ctc2017week2.eventbee.com or phone 01403 710712 for more information and booking.

Gillingham Foodbank needs volunteers to help once or twice a month for two hours on a Saturday morning from 10am-12noon. Please speak to Paul Smith.



Early warning! The last MARKtime before the summer break will be on Sunday 30th July and returns on Sunday 10th September.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Your [Job] words have supported those who stumbled; you have strengthened faltering knees." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV UK Bible)

LORD please help each one of us to be more like Job in loving, supporting and caring for those in need, so that Your Church community continues to be a shining example of Your gracious love and salvation. Amen.

Bring to the LORD anyone you know of that needs support and encouragement right now...

Praise the LORD because, "You are the GOD who performs miracles; You display Your power among the peoples." (Psalm 77:14) **God cares Alleluia!**

Continue to pray for **Amanda and Jeff Maskell** and for **Shane and Chris Cordle** as they prepare to join St Mark's staff... **Praise** that Shane has received his work visa and is here!

Pray for all the staff, volunteers, children and families involved/connected to **St. Mark's Preschool** especially for wisdom in supporting each other through difficult situations, so that everyone feels loved, valued and cared for...

Praise for the many wonderful acts of loving kindness that this special St. Mark's community has shown over many years and a blessing it has been to St. Mark's Church and the wider community of the Medway Towns.

Pray for our Mission Partner, **Katy Barnwell** who is with the Hohumono team checking translations of the Gospel of Matthew and 1 Corinthians from Monday 3rd - Wednesday 12th July. Then working with the Mbembe teams checking chapters of Genesis between Thursday 13th - Friday 21st July. She will also be training new translation team members... **Ask the LORD** for protection for all involved... for encouragement... for all the resources that are needed... for Katy to hear what the LORD wants her to share as she teaches, encourages and strengthens the various team members in this important work.

Praise that **Lucy Day** is expected to make a full recovery from back surgery within couple of

months... **Pray** for Lucy's mother-in-law, **Jean**, in intensive care following bowel surgery and complications.

Praise for the safe arrival of baby Phebe Nora Oparaku... **Pray** that she will know the LORD as her personal saviour and be a blessing to Him and the wider church.

Continue to pray for **Medway Council** who are closing the Early Years Team from December. This will have a terrible impact on children, families, preschools, nurseries and their staff... **Praise** for the wonderful work that Medway Early Years Team has achieved over many years.

Continue to pray for the **Chatham Waterfront Project** which was announced recently in Church and for Terry & Jo Whittaker's commitment to lead a team... **Ask the LORD** to create/grow His team and to provide all the resources... for all the glory to go solely to Him.

Pray for protection for everyone involved... for all the resources and volunteers **Mayowa and team** will need as they organise another **LET LOOSE** concert on July 21st 2017... **Praise** that Gillingham High Street will hear, see and feel God's power and blessing through music, kindness and His people reflecting His love.

Pray for the family, friends and wider community after the recent shocking murder of **Molly McLaren** at the Dockside Outlet Centre.

Pray for **Ernie Mann**... for **Andrew Martin** (St Mary's Island Church) for recovery following surgery... for **Nev Piper** after an arthroscopy on his knee... for **Dr Mary Sanderson** (ex-St Mark's) following a stroke whilst on holiday in Switzerland... for **Rachel Littlewood**... for **Michael Stacey** now at home... for **Michelle Saunders' dad** undergoing radiotherapy... and others known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch...

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~>>> **Pray** for our Mission focus for July: **Katy Barnwell**... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group for July: **St. Mark's Preschool**... ~<<<~  
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Bible readings for July 2017

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 10 th	80	Job 33	Romans 14.13-end
Tues 11 th	89.1-18	Job 38	Romans 15.1-13
Weds 13 th	119.105-128	Job 39	Romans 15.14-21
Thurs 14 th	78.1-39	Job 40	Romans 15.22-end
Fri 15 th	92	Job 41	Romans 16.1-16
Sat 16 th	88	Job 42	Romans 16.17-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!**