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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

16th July 2017

Trinity Sunday 5



10.30am: **SOS 'Summer Fun'** –
*parents please collect your
children from the Old Vicarage at
12.00noon.*

**Service of the Word 'Bear with
One Another'**

Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

6.30pm: **Everybody Welcome
(3)**

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

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark Social**

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**

Mon 17th July: 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old
Vicarage

Weds 19th July: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in
Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

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

Thurs 20th July: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**,
Church

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Prayer & Praise** at St. Justus Church, The
Fairway, Rochester, ME1 2LT

Fri 21st July: 1.00pm-4pm **Let Loose concert**,
Gillingham High Street. **Please come, support
and encourage everyone involved.**

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

Sat 22nd July: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**,
Church

*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 – 23rd July

Trinity Sunday 5

No SOS but Pathfinders meeting as usual

10.30am: **Holy
Communion** 'Submit
to One Another'

Reading: Ephesians
5:15-21



6.30pm: **No Evening Service**

Other Services/Events:

11.00am **Family Service** St. Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark Social**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sat 29th July: 1.00pm **Andrew and Sarah
Mann** would like to invite everyone to the
marriage ceremony of Rachel and Esgrid in
Church.

Weds 20th Sept: 7.00pm for 7.30pm **Foodbank
Prayer & Praise** at St. Mark's Church

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.

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



**"Bear with each other and forgive one
another if any of you has a grievance
against someone. Forgive as the LORD
forgave you. And over all these virtues
put on love, which binds them all together in
perfect unity." Colossians 3:13-14 (NIV UK Bible)**

**LORD please help us to support one another
in Your loving grace, so that everyone will
feel part of our church community and closer
to Your life changing love. Amen.**

Ask the LORD to show you how to support a
person/group or situation that needs prayerful
action... **Praise the LORD** because, "He will
rescue them from oppression and violence, for

precious is their blood in His sight." (Psalm 72:14)

God cares Alleluia!

Pray for **Amanda Maskell** who will start work on 4th September and her ordination will be on 30th September at Rochester Cathedral (tickets only)... for **Shane and Chris Cordle** as they prepare to join St Mark's staff soon... **Praise** for our LORD God who says, "Has not My hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" (Isaiah 66:2) is building His Church to His glory through His saving grace. **One people, one hope, one God!**

Pray for protection, encouragement and God's peace to all the staff, volunteers, children and families involved/connected to **St. Mark's Preschool** especially as this year comes to a close and planning is needed for the new preschool year ahead... **Praise** for God's wonderful blessings and answers to prayer as He supports this St. Mark's community, "with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; His love endures forever." (Psalm 136:12)

Pray for the **PCC** who are meeting tomorrow (17th July)... for wisdom, encouragement and Godly decisions.

Pray for our Mission Partner, **Katy Barnwell** who is working with the Mbembe teams checking chapters of Genesis between Thursday 13th – Friday 21st July. She will also be training new translation team members at this time. Then reviewing the Mbembe-Adun New Testament ready for reprinting between Saturday 22nd – Wednesday 26th July... **Praise** for all the hard work and the many Bibles being translated into various languages, so that all can praise the LORD in their own tongue!

Praise - Lucy Day says: "A massive thank-you to St Mark's for your prayers; my mother-in-law, **Jean**, has made a much speedier recovery than expected and is being discharged from hospital to home."

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.

Pray for unity in our government in light of the many problems that need answers for the benefit of all our people and especially for the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

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 Waters @ Gilligham Pier 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 **Mayowa and her team** as things start to come together in preparation for the **LET LOOSE** concert on July 21st 2017... **Praise** that God's love will be shared, His wonderful peace will be felt and His amazing, saving grace will shine out to all who need Him.

Continue to 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...

Pray for our Mission focus for July: **Katy Barnwell... Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group for July: **St. Mark's Preschool...**

Bible readings for July 2017

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 17 th	98	Ezekiel 1.1-14	2 Corinthians 1.1-14
Tues 18 th	106	Ezekiel 1.15-2.2	2 Corinthians 1.15-2.4
Weds 19 th	111	Ezekiel 2.3-3.11	2 Corinthians 2.5-end
Thurs 20 th	115	Ezekiel 3.12-end	2 Corinthians 3
Fri 21 st	139	Ezekiel 8	2 Corinthians 4
Sat 22 nd	30	1 Samuel 16.14-end	Luke 8.1-3

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!**