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

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Mission Focus October: Tim &
Trish Barrow

St. Mark's Group/event for
October: Faith & Light

1st October 2017



Feeding the Community

Trinity 16

Harvest – collecting for Medway Foodbank in this morning's service.

10.30am: All Age Service – 'Worship and Singing'

6.30pm: Prayer Stream

Other Services & Events:
11.00am Morning Worship,

St. Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm Landmark

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.

Tues 3rd Oct: The Church Office will be closed for staff training

Weds 4th Oct: 9.00am Holy Communion, Church

9.45am Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

6.30pm-8.30pm Faith & Light, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 5th Oct: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

Fri 6th Oct: 6.15pm Kidz Klub (for ages 7-11 years), Old Vicarage

Sat 7th Oct: 9.30am-1pm Launch of the 'Just One' Event with J John, at Kingsway International Christian Centre (KICC), Buckmore Park, Chatham ME5 9QG

10.00am-12.00noon Foodbank, Church

NEXT SUNDAY – 8th October:

Trinity 17

10.30am: Holy Communion – 'Worship and Intercessions'

6.30pm: Bible Teaching Stream

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

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St Mark's House

7.30pm-9.15pm: Landmark

Small Groups/Home Groups meet in various locations at different times throughout the week – please contact Pauline in the Church Office if you would like to be in a mid-week group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 12th Oct: 7.30pm CAP Release Course, 8-weekly sessions for people who want to get control of their drinking, drug taking, gambling, smoking or other controlling habits and addictions. Old Vicarage. Call Mark Anderton for more information or church office.

Fri 13th Oct: start 6pm Prayer Vigil @ King's Church...Please note will finish either 12 midnight or 6am the following morning (half or full night of prayer). For more information please contact individual host church, thank you.

Sat 14th Oct: 10.30am-12.00noon Faith & Light Juniors, Vicarage Hall

Mon 16th Oct: 7.45pm PCC / Task Groups

Tues 17th Oct: 6.45pm The Wisdom House – Live, an evening with bestselling author, Rob Parsons OBE (Care for the Family) @ The Vine, Boughton Lane, Maidstone ME15 9QF – tickets £6 www.careforthefamily.org.uk/wisdomhouselive

Tues 17th Oct: 7.30pm 'Home for Good' information evening @ St Mark's to raise awareness of the need for foster and adoptive parents and how the Church can welcome them. See www.homeforgood.org.uk

Sat 21st Oct: India 2018 Fundraiser – Bollywood Experience has been postponed. New date and details to follow.



Tues 31st Oct: 7.30pm-9.00pm Saints Alive 2017 – Breaking the Chain at Rochester Cathedral with guest speaker Cllr Gloria Opara, Deputy Mayor of Medway. Doors open 6.45pm. www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/medway/



Thurs 2nd Nov: 7.30pm Men's Curry Night at the Bollywood Buffet. Speak to Dammy Oyinyoye for more information and to confirm attendance.

FAMILY NEWS

Our Parent & Toddler Group meet on Wednesday afternoons, 1.15pm-2.45pm in the Vicarage Hall and provide a much-needed resource in the community. They will be short-staffed on 11th October (other dates are covered, thank you). Can you fill the gap to ensure we don't have to close? Please speak to Sheelagh Graves or Shane Cordle.





POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Sing to Him [the LORD], praise Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His Holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice." Psalm 105:2-3 (NIV Bible)

Thank you LORD for saving us, Your people. Please help us LORD to tell of Your "wonderful acts" of love and blessings that You shower us with to our families, friends and neighbours. In this way Your holy name is glorified, Your saving light shines in the darkness and the community comes to know more about You for Your Glory's sake Amen.

Continue to pray for the aftermath of recent hurricanes, especially around the Caribbean where clean water, food and fuel are a particular issue.

Continue to pray for the **Rohingya Muslims** who are fleeing to Bangladesh due to extreme violence and persecution... **Ask the LORD** to transform the heart of the people in power their homeland of Myanmar, so they can go home in peace.

Pray for the aftermath of the **Mexico earthquakes**; the lives lost, homes and businesses toppled/destroyed and the people in great need, shock and grief.

Praise for **Amanda Maskell's** Ordination yesterday (30th September) and for all the answers to prayer... **Pray** for the LORD's blessings, protection and encouragement as Amanda seeks to do His will in the coming years.

Pray for the **Medway Foodbank** collection that is donated today will reach all the people in our community in need... **Ask the LORD** to show you simply solutions of how you can help with this.

Continue to pray for **The Family Trust's** work at the start of this new school year, especially the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money: Kids Courses for Years 5 & 6 - teaching how people earn money, what families spend their money on, how to create a budget, the importance of saving (and giving) and the impact of debt on families, which Mike Haslam is delivering... **Praise** for the overwhelming response from schools wanting this

course... **Ask the LORD** for more volunteers and resources to cope with this important work.

Ask the LORD to show you how you can support **Tim & Trish Barrow** in prayer this week... **Praise** for all that they do for the LORD.

Pray for the North Korean people, many of whom are starving and the escalating war of words between their leader, Kim Jong-un and President Donald Trump of the USA.

Praise for **The Mike Campbell Foundation** who are working in Zimbabwe where there is state sponsored corruption, murder and intimidation reminiscent of ancient Rome... **Pray** for protection, keeping close to the LORD in very difficult circumstances and His joy.

Praise for a brilliant AGM at **St. Mark's Preschool** last week and for all the answers to prayer... **Continue to pray** for all the young children as they settle in and get to know the leaders and each other.

Praise for **Faith & Light** and the way the LORD shines His love through all the members of this special group... **Pray** that everyone will feel save, settle and enjoy their time together.

Pray for all those who are starting/settling in to new roles, schools, universities or jobs.

Praise that **Shanty Babwah** is feeling much better... **Continue to pray** for full healing.

Pray for **Margaret Howlett** who has had a mild stroke (doing very well at home)...for **Lynda Smith** that her eye problems will be sorted out very soon and that she has no side-effects to the medication... **Rachael Savage & the family**... for **Andrew Martin** (St Mary's Island Church) recovering from surgery... for **Rachel Littlewood**... for **Michael Stacey** for complete healing from his last surgery... and many others knowing to us who need God's comfort and healing touch...

Pray for Our Mission Partner For October: Tim & Trish Barrow... Please pray our St. Mark's Group: Faith & Light.

Bible readings for October 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 2 nd	44	2 Chronicles 2.1-16	Mark 12.28-34
Tues 3 rd	48	2 Chronicles 3	Mark 12.35-end
Weds 4 th	119.57-80	2 Chronicles 5	Mark 13.1-13
Thurs 5 th	57	2 Chronicles 6.1-21	Mark 13.14-23
Fri 6 th	51	2 Chronicles 6.22-end	Acts 13.24-31
Sat 7 th	68	2 Chronicles 7	Mark 13.32-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!**