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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

**Mission Focus October &
November:** Tim & Trish Barrow &
Carri MacFarlane

**St. Mark's Group/event for
October & November:** Faith & Light
& Remembrance Service

29th October 2017

Trinity 20



We warmly welcome Mia da Conceicao; Alice & Evie Rowland; Phebe Oparaku; Millie Stevens; Jacob; Patricia & Armani, their Parents, family and friends, as they are baptised this morning.

10.30am: All-age friendly baptism service

Reading: Romans 6.1-11

6.30pm: Worship evening

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 31st Oct: 6.00-7.30pm **Technicolour Light Party!** Songs, games, crafts, food, stories, competitions - for children ages 6-12 years @ Gillingham Methodist Church Hall, Third Avenue. Email medway@familytrust.or.uk or Call 01634 281158 - Please see noticeboard.

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. For more info email www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/medway/

Weds 1st Nov: 9.00am **Holy Communion, Church**

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

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

Thurs 2nd Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank, Church**

7.30pm **CAP Release Course (4)**, Old Vicarage. Please call Mark Anderton for more information.

7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** at the Bollywood Buffet. Speak to Dammy Oyinloye for more information and to confirm attendance.

Fri 3rd Nov: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub** (for ages 7-11 years), Old Vicarage

Sat 4th Nov: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank, Church**

Sat 4th Nov: 9.00-11.30am **Women's Breakfast 'Shining like Stars'**. Speakers Sarah Mann and Major Brenda Sterling. Suggested donation £4.00 on the day. To book contact Julie Millest adandjamillest@btinternet.com or 07964044890. See notice on the noticeboard.

Sat 4th Nov: "Called Together" event @ **Rochester Cathedral** starting 1.00pm with Contemporary Worship from St. Mark's Church Music group, Gillingham. For more details of the afternoon please see the church notice board thank you.

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 know more about being in a mid-week group.

NEXT SUNDAY - 5th November

4th before Advent

10.30am: All-age Worship & Communion

6.30pm Prayer Stream

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

7.30pm-9.15pm: Landmark

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 7th Nov: 7.30pm-9.00pm **Just One 'Natural Evangelism Course'**. If you are interested in taking someone to the 'Just One' event next year, speak to Saju about this training session.

Fri 10th Nov: 8.00pm **Putting chairs & orders of service out in church ready for Remembrance Sunday - Please come and help!**

Sat 11th Nov: 9.00am-5.00pm **New Wine Ladies Day**. Cost: £30. Venue: Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW. Please see Amanda Maskell for more details.

Sat 11th Nov @ 1.00pm & Tues 14th Nov @ 7.00pm: For those interested in the exciting new **Reach at Gillingham Pier** project and led by Terry Whittaker. Each meeting is 2 hrs and children are welcome. Whether you are just curious, willing to pray for us or think that God may be calling you to this ministry then please come. **The venue to be confirmed...**

Sun 12th Nov: 10.30am **Remembrance Day Service** - Please note that there will not be a creche or refreshments due to space requirements. Thank you... **Help is required to**

transport all the chairs back to the Old Vicarage site and put the church back together!

Sat 25th Nov: 9am-12 noon. **Prayer Ministry Training**, Old Vicarage. A further session will be in January 2018, date to be confirmed. Please speak to Saju or Keith Sheepwash for more details.

Fri 1st Dec: 6.00pm-midnight **Prayer Vigil**. Come and join with Christians from other churches to pray for our community and world as we host this evening of prayer in church.

FAMILY NEWS

Please note that parking onsite at the church is only for people with a registered disability or for people leading a service or activity who have to bring things in with them. Thank you from the Churchwardens.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"I will praise You, LORD, among the nations; I will sing of You among the peoples. For great is Your love, higher than the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches the skies." (Psalm 108:3-4 NIV)

LORD thank you for loving for each one of us. Please help us to accept Your free gift of salvation and transform us to be more and more like You to love, serve and reflect Your loving grace into a hurt, fearful, lost world. Amen.

Continue to pray for the family, friends and people affected by the murder of **Kyle Yule**... **Ask the Lord** to be with everyone who has suffered violence, threat or intimidation and give wisdom to Medway Council, our MP Rehman Chrishti, Saju, Shane and others involved in individual cases, so that everyone can feel safe in our land... **Praise** that when we, **"cry to the LORD in our trouble [He will] save us from our distress."** (Psalm 107:19)

Pray for the **Rohingya people** who are fleeing persecution in Myanmar and arriving in Bangladesh in their thousands... for aid for both the **Rohingya** and for the people of Bangladesh who are trying to support them... **Praise** that the

LORD says, **"Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice."** (Psalm 112:5)

Ask the LORD to bless and encourage **Tim and Trish Barrow**, their children **Sacha, Ben Gabby** and **Michael**, this week... **Praise** for **Sacha and Kyle's** wedding last Weds 25th Oct.

Pray for the people that the LORD is encouraging to help **Terry and Jo Whittaker** at the **Reach at Gillingham Pier** project... for Terry as he meets with developers and others and speaks at the two meetings planned on 11th & 14th Nove.

Pray for protection, encouragement and fun for **Faith & Light** and **Faith & Light Juniors**... **Ask the LORD** to help **Karen and Trevor Dyer** and their team in their preparations for each session and especially for Christmas.

Pray for **Amanda and Jeff Maskell** as they settle in to our church family... for **Amanda** as she preaches, learns and studies... for **Jeff** as he commutes to work.

Pray for **Shane and Chris Cordle** as they settle into their new home and the various challenges they face in their working lives... **Praise** for how the LORD is using their gifts to help members of our community.

Pray for **Remembrance Service** especially all the planning for this important day... **Ask the LORD** to be close to Saju as he prepares his sermon that it will speak to everyone and transform lives.

Pray for our Mission Partner, **Carri MacFarlane** in India as she works with young girls in learning new skills to help their families' income.

Pray for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Lynda Smith**... for **Michael Stacey** for complete healing, so that he can get out every day... and many others known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch...

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 ~~~~**Pray** for Our Mission Partner For October & November: **Tim & Trish Barrow & Carri MacFarlane**... Please pray our St. Mark's Group/Event: **Faith & Light & Remembrance Service**.  
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**Bible readings for October/November 2017**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	126	2 Chronicles 33.1-13	John 15.1-11
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	132	2 Chronicles 34.1-18	John 15.12-17
Weds 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	15	Isaiah 35	Luke 9.18-27
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	143	2 Chronicles 35.1-19	John 16.1-15
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	144	2 Chronicles 35.20-36.10	John.16.16-22
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	147	2 Chronicles 36.11-end	John 16.23-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!**