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

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Mission Focus November: Carri
MacFarlane

St. Mark's Group/event for
November: Remembrance Service

5th November 2017

4th before Advent



10.30am: All-age Worship & Communion

Reading: Luke 22:1-20

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 7th Nov: 7.30pm-9.00pm **Just One 'Natural Evangelism Course'**. This is for everyone to discover how share their faith prior to the 'Just One' event next year, speak to Saju about this training session. (See noticeboard for other local dates & venues).

Weds 8th Nov: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

Thurs 9th Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

7.30pm **CAP Release Course (5)**, Old Vicarage. Please call Mark Anderton for more information 07963 099587.

Fri 10th Nov: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub** (for ages 7-11 years), Old Vicarage

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. Please see Amanda Maskell for more details.

10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

Sat 11th Nov @ 1.00pm & Tues 14th Nov @ 7.00pm: For those interested in the exciting new **Reach at Gillingham Pier** project; each meeting is led by Terry, Saju and Ann Richardson, Area Dean, and lasting not more than 2 hours. Children are welcome. Both meetings to be at **St Mary's Island School**.

3.00pm-5.00pm **"Bring & Share Meal"** with the **Eritrean Church**, Old Vicarage - **All are invited, bring some food from around the world and be ready to taste something different!**

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 - 12th November

3rd before Advent

10.30am: **Remembrance Service**

6.30pm: **Prayer 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**

8.00pm-10.00pm: **'The Gathering'** Young Adults Group, New Vicarage - Please speak to Saju or Amanda if you want to know more!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 12th Nov: 10.30am **Remembrance Day Service** - Please note that there will not be a creche or refreshments... **Help is required to transport all the chairs back to the Old Vicarage site and put the church back together!**

Thurs 16th Nov: 7.00pm for 7.30pm **Foodbank Prayer & Praise** @ CEO Ordnance Street, Chatham

Fri 24th Nov: 7.30 for prompt 8.00pm start. **Quiz Night** as part of the India 2018 fundraising. Teams of six, £5.00 per person. Register your team with the church office to have an evening of fun!

Sat 25th Nov: 9.00am-11.30am **Homegroup Leaders' Breakfast**, Old Vicarage.

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

The Rev Canon Brian Senior and his wife Karen are leading a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 29th Oct - 9th Nov 2018 and have some spaces available for anyone who is interested. Please see the Welcome Table for more information, thank you.



Yes, it's that time of year again! ☺

The Mission to Seafarers would like to make up Christmas parcels for seafarers that visit the Medway Ports and would value donations of male

toiletries i.e. shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving & shower gels etc.

Ian Graves will be collecting any donations on **Sunday, 26th November**, so why not add an extra item or two to your weekly shopping list!



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"LORD, I have heard of Your fame; I stand in awe of Your deeds' LORD. Repeat in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy." (Habakkuk 3:2 NIV)

LORD You amaze and surprise us with Your love, faithfulness and care, which You surround us with at all times. Please help us to remember this when we are going through hard times, so that we always praise Your Holy Name. Amen.

Today is 'Adoption Sunday', **pray** for the crucial role that adopters and foster carers play in the lives of vulnerable children.

Pray for the many situations around the world that threaten, terrify and cause harm... **Ask the LORD** to be with the victims, families, friends and the people of New York in view of the recent terror attack... **Praise** that, "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before Him." (Psalm 22:7)

Continue to pray for the family, friends and people affected by the recent murders of **Kyle Yule & Molly McLaren**.

Praise for **Mia da Conceicao; Alice & Evie Rowland; Phebe Oparaku; Millie Stevens;**

Jacob; Patrisia & Armani, who were baptised last Sunday... **Pray** that each one will come to know the LORD as their personal saviour and friend.

Pray for all refugees who are fleeing hunger, persecution and war, especially the **Rohingya people, Eritrean Christians** who use our church to hold services and the Middle East.

Praise for the work of **The Mission to Seafarers** who share the love and practical help of Jesus with people of many nations/faiths... **Pray** for protection, encouragement and blessings for all who are involved.

Continue to 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 November.

Pray for **Gillingham High Street** and especially for the young people who hang around this area, the homeless and against the negative sense of gloom. Please LORD repeat Your transforming message of hope on our streets and continue to build a community that cares, shares and delights in each other. Amen.

Pray for **Remembrance Service** especially for all the people who will be attending church for the first time... **Ask the LORD** to be close to all those who don't know Him as their personal saviour and friend... for those who have lost loved ones... for those who are carrying burdens of pain.

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 **Katy Muthalaly's mum Linda** whose asthma has been very severe... **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...

Pray for Our Mission Partner For November: **Carri MacFarlane...** Please pray our St. Mark's Group/Event: **Remembrance Service.**

Bible readings for November 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 6 th	2	Isaiah 1.1-20	Matthew 1.18-end
Tues 7 th	5	Isaiah 1.21-end	Matthew 2.1-15
Weds 8 th	9	Isaiah 2.1-11	Matthew 2.16-end
Thurs 9 th	15	Isaiah 2.12-end	Matthew 3
Fri 10 th	16	Isaiah 3.1-15	Matthew 4.1-11
Sat 11 th	18.31-end	Isaiah 4.2-5.7	Matthew 4.12-22

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!**