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Mission Focus November: Carri
MacFarlane

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

12th November 2017

3rd before Advent

At this morning's Remembrance Day Service, we warmly welcome Deputy Mayor Cllr Gloria Opara and Escort Mr Richard Opara, Cllr Rodney Chambers representing our MP Mr Rehman Chishti, Alderman Paul Harriott and his wife Cllr Dorte Gilry, Cllr Clive Johnson, Cllr Dan McDonald, Cllr Pat Cooper, Cllr Andy Stamp and Mr Paul Collins, Royal British Legion.



10.30am: Remembrance Service - Please note that there will not be a creche or Coffee served after this morning's service.

After the service: Help is required to transport all the chairs back to the Old Vicarage site and put the church back together! Thank you.

6.30pm: Bible Teaching Stream

Other Services & Events: 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!

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.

There will be a collection for The Royal British Legion and St. Mark's Church as you leave. Monies will be split two thirds to the Royal British Legion and one third to St. Mark's 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 15th 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 16th Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

7.00pm for 7.30pm **Foodbank Prayer & Praise** @ CEO Ordnance Street, Chatham

7.30pm **CAP Release Course (6)**, Old Vicarage. Please call Mark Anderton for more information 07963 099587.

Fri 17th Nov: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub** (for ages 7-11 years), Old Vicarage

Sat 18th Nov: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

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 - 19th November

2nd before Advent

10.30am: Service of the Word - **Worshipping Inspires Our Everyday Speech**



Reading: James 5:13-18

6.30pm: Leading & Preaching Stream

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

7.30pm-9.15pm: Landmark

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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. The meeting will be held at **St Mary's Island School**.

Mon 20th Nov: 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage

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**, Vicarage Hall.

9.00am-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.

Sat 23rd Dec: 4.00pm-5.30pm **SPLAT! Christingle** - for one night only! More information to follow soon...

FAMILY NEWS

Shanti Babwah would like to thank everyone for their recent prayers. She is very much better and just waiting to see if a follow-up appointment is needed.

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. Please see the Welcome Table for more information, thank you.



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



"When I am afraid, I put my trust in You [LORD]. In GOD, whose word I praise – in GOD I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" (Psalm

56:3-4 NIV)

Thank you that when I trust in You LORD You take away my fear and replace it with Your loving abundance and grace. Please help me to let go of my hurts, place them into Your loving hands and then watch You transform them, me and the wider world. Amen.



Pray for all our guests who are sharing today's **Remembrance Service** with us today... **Ask the LORD** to be close to all those who are hurting for whatever reason or find this particular service difficult... **Praise** that where the LORD is there is healing, love and grace... **Give thanks** for all the sacrifices that our armed forces and their families give in times of war and peace... **Praise** for the many acts of kindness, bravery and help given for the greater good of all.

Pray for our Eritrean brothers and sisters who worship here at St Mark's as they begin their 6-week fasting period on 16th November.

Continue to 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, "The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love." (Psalm 33.5)

Pray for all refugees who are fleeing hunger, persecution and war, that they find places of peace, safety and kindness... **Ask the LORD** to give you a country, people or situation to pray for this week.

Pray for **our government, our local MP Mr Rehman Chishti, our Councilors at Medway Council** and anyone else you know of in power of any kind... **Praise** for all the hard work that these people/organisations do for the greater good of all.

Pray for the work of **The Mission to Seafarers** who share the love and practical help of Jesus with people of many nations/faiths especially as we get closer to Christmas and the seafarers being away from their families, friends and communities.

Praise for the first meeting (11th Nov) yesterday concerning **Terry and Jo Whittaker** at the **Reach at Gillingham Pier** project... **Pray** for Terry & Jo as they begin get to know the new community better... for the upcoming **Reach at Gillingham Pier** project meeting on 14th November to pray, talk, discuss and move forward.

Pray for our Mission Partner, **Carri MacFarlane** (who is working in India) for encouragement, protection and finance... for the young girls who are learning life skills will come to know Jesus as their personal saviour.

Pray for **Katy Muthalaly's mum Linda... 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 13 th | 20 | Isaiah 5.8-24 | Matthew 4.23-5.12 |
| Tues 14 th | 21 | Isaiah 5.25-end | Matthew 5.13-20 |
| Weds 15 th | 23 | Isaiah 6 | Matthew 5.21-37 |
| Thurs 16 th | 26 | Isaiah 7.1-17 | Matthew 5.38-end |
| Fri 17 th | 32 | Isaiah 8.1-15 | Matthew 6.1-18 |
| Sat 18 th | 33 | Isaiah 8.16-9.7 | Matthew 6.19-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!**