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# MARKtime

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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus November: Carri  
MacFarlane

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

19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## 2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent



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

Reading: James 3:1-12

6.30pm: Leading & Preaching  
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.

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Nov:** 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old  
Vicarage

**Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** 9.00am **Holy Communion**,  
Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**,  
Church

7.30pm **CAP Release Course (7)**, Old Vicarage.  
Please call Mark Anderton for more information

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov:** 3.45pm-5.00pm  
**Christmas lights switch-on for  
Gillingham**, Smith Square, High Street,  
Gillingham.

6.15pm **Kidz Klub** (for ages 7-11 years),  
Old Vicarage

7.30 for prompt 8.00pm start **Quiz Night**  
as part of the India 2018 fundraising.  
Teams of six, £5.00 per person. It's not  
too late to register your team with Lynne  
Martin or the church office to have an  
evening of fun!



**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Nov:** 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**,  
Church

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.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> November

**Christ the King - 1<sup>st</sup> before  
Advent**

10.30am: **Holy Communion -  
Worshipping Focusses Our  
Wavering Hearts**

Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

5.30pm: **Service in the  
Community Stream - @ King**

**George V, Brompton**

**Other Services:** 11.00am: **Family Service**, St.  
Mary's Island.

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec:** 4.00pm-5.30pm **SPLAT!  
Christingle** - for one night only! Helpers needed  
to: make cakes, help with prepared craft  
activities, chat to families. Speak to Shane, Jo or  
Martha. please, to make this happen! Donations  
needed of clean glass jars without labels.

## 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.



**Steve & Lynn Trebill and Margaret  
Green** would like to say a **big thank  
you to everyone who took part, helped  
in anyway before, during and after  
last Sunday's Remembrance Service.**

**We would also like to thank everyone who  
came to the service itself, as this is a  
meeting point between our St. Mark's church  
family and the wider community of the  
Medway Towns before our wonderful God.  
We received many positive comments.  
Everyone's presence makes this a very  
special service.**



**Ian Graves** on behalf of **The Mission  
to Seafarers** will be collecting any  
donations of male toiletries i.e.  
shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes,  
shaving & shower gels etc. **next week**

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> November** for **Christmas  
parcels**, so why not add an extra item or two to  
your weekly shopping list!

**Medway Winter Night Shelter** will be open January – March 2018, please see notice board for more details.



**POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**"Let praise cascade of my lips; after all, You've (LORD) taught me the truth about life! And let Your promises ring from my tongue; every order You've given is right. Put Your hand out and steady me since I've chosen to live by Your counsel." (Psalm 119:171-173 The Message Bible)**

**LORD please continue to transform us as we worship You in awe with all the many blessings You shower us with every day. Help us to let You change every aspect of our lives – what we think, say and do, so that every part of us can reflect Your amazing grace and love to our hurting families, friends and communities. Amen.**



**Praise** for all our guests who shared last Sunday's **Remembrance Service** with us and for the many answers to prayer... **Pray** for all everyone who attended, young and old alike that each one of them will know the power of the risen LORD and allow Him into their hearts... **Praise** that where the LORD is there is healing, love and grace... **Pray** for all the sacrifices that our armed forces and their families give in times of war and peace and for the many burdens they carry... **Praise** for the many acts of kindness, bravery and help given for the greater good of all.

**Continue to pray** for our Eritrean brothers and sisters who worship here at St Mark's as they begin their 6-week fasting period on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

**Pray** for the recent earthquake that on the Iran/Iraq border... for the latest shooting rampage in Northern California, USA... for the Rohingya people fleeing burning villages, murder, rape, theft and are hungry... for **Zimbabwe, Ben Freeth** said on Wednesday *"Please pray for Zimbabwe. We are in the middle of a military coup. I have driven from Bulawayo today and had various military roadblocks. One was over 200 soldiers strong - each one armed with an AK47. At the airport in Harare I encountered lots more*

*heavily armed soldiers. In the middle of town outside parliament I saw armoured personnel carriers. Please pray for Zimbabwe. **Please pray for a just and righteous leader to emerge**"...*

**pray** for any situation, country or person you know of who is in need of God's loving care... **Praise** that each one of us can say, *"When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD, He brought me into a spacious place."* (Psalm 118:5)

**Pray** for **Brexit** and for the many, many documents that need to be amended, considered and sanctioned. **Ask the LORD** for a fair agreement for the UK and Europe.

**Praise** for the work of **The Mission to Seafarers'** staff and volunteers who bring the love of Jesus onboard ships of various kinds & sizes!... **Pray** for the seafarers who work in often dangerous conditions to bring food and supplies to our shores and transport our goods to other countries.

**Praise** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting regarding **Reach at Gillingham Pier** project... **Pray** for **Terry & Jo Whittaker** as they begin to understand what the LORD wants to happen in the next few months.

**Praise** for our Mission Partner, **Carri MacFarlane** and all the work she is doing with young girls' education that gives them and their families' better incomes and lives... **Pray** for protection, encouragement and finance.

**Pray** for **Sarah** who is being sectioned to go to an acute mental health unit and is scared... **Praise** that she finally let nurses communicate with **Lucy** and that they are gradually getting back in contact.

**Pray** for **Valerie Whitmore** (Bridge Baptist Church) with advanced stage illness, for her family, friends and neighbours... for **Katy Muthalaly's mum Linda... Keith Sheepwash... for Lynda Smith... for Michael Stacey** for quicker post-operative healing... 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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	47	Isaiah 9.8-10.4	Matthew 7.1-12
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	48	Isaiah 10.5-19	Matthew 7.13-end
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup>	56	Isaiah 10.20-32	Matthew 8.1-13
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	62	Isaiah 10.33-11.9	Matthew 8.14-22
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	63	Isaiah 11.10-end of 12	Matthew 8.23-end
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	78.1-39	Isaiah 13.1-13	Matthew 9.1-17

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!**