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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 January: Medway  
Night Shelter

St. Mark's Event/Group January:  
Our Community Unsung Heroes

14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Epiphany 2



10.30am: **Service of the Word**, 'Dinner at Simon's House' Luke 7:36-50 - (including vision for India 2018)

6.30pm: **Bible Teaching Stream:** Book of Revelation

followed by a discussion. Refreshments are available throughout.

### Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship and Baptism**, 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'** for young adults. *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.*

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 7.45pm **PCC**, Old Vicarage

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 9.00am **Holy Communion**, church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

**Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 6.15pm **Kidz Klub** restarts, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018:** 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

## NEXT SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> January

### Epiphany 3

**No SOS or Pathfinders today.**



10.30am: **Indian Engagement & All Age Communion (South Indian Style!):** Banquet at Levi's house, Luke 5:27-32 - Followed by lunch & activities for ALL AGES. This is to engage the whole congregation with the visit to

India in April. Please sign up at the back of the church for catering purposes.

6.30pm: **Workshop stream:** Spiritual Gifting

### Other Services @ St. Mary's Island:

11.00am: **Morning Worship**

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**

**Monday-Friday during term time** 9.15am-12.15pm, **St. Mark's Pre-school**, Vicarage Hall - Children need to be registered first.

**Small Groups/Home Groups** meet in various locations at different times throughout the week. Please contact Pauline at church or in the Church Office if you would like to know more about being in a mid-week group.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan:** 12noon - 2.00pm **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, Methodist Church, Third Avenue.

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 6.30-8-30pm **Faith & Light** Vicarage Hall

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 9.00am-12noon **Ministry Team Training**, Old Vicarage

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 9.00am-4.00pm **Staff Away Day**, office closed.



**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** 9.30am-11.00am **'Who Let the Dad's Out?'** For Dads and children to meet for a fun time together. Speak to Shane for more information.

Vicarage Hall.

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 10.30am **Tearfund Sunday** - please note that this is a month earlier than last year.

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 7.30pm **JustOne Dedicated joint Prayer Meeting** @ Emmaus Centre, Clover Street, Chatham

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar:** 9.30am-12noon and 1.00pm-3.30pm. **Small/home group review prayer & discussion**, Vicarage Hall. All three sessions are the same and include refreshments, just choose which one to attend! More details later.

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 7.00pm-9.30pm **Small/home group review prayer & discussion**, in church

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 10.30am **Ben Freeth** is our guest preacher.

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** **Men's Curry Night**, details to follow.

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March:** **APCM** following a short service - NOTE the early date!

## FAMILY NEWS



Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way with **SPLAT!** Christingle... without YOU baking cakes, providing jam jars, setting up, clearing away, chatting to families, serving refreshments, preparing

and helping with craft activities, making music, sound and lights and face painting, it would not have happened.

**POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**



**"I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation – the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ – for this will bring much glory and praise to God."**  
*(Philippians 1:9-11 New Living Translation)*

**Please help us LORD to live in the real world with its many distractions and a false belief that image is everything, Yet live, love and respect everyone through Your Holy Grace and by Your Righteous standards. Thank you LORD that only, "You Lord are a shield around me, my glory [and] the One who lifts my head high."** *(Psalm 3:3)*

**Pray** for all those who worry about their image whether it is body image, how others see them or a need to feel superior, which is affecting their health, relationships and wellbeing... **Praise** that, *"My salvation and my honour depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge."* *(Psalm 62:7)*

**Praise** for **Our Community Unsung Heroes** who the LORD sends to our aid when we are hurting, in despair or just need to talk... **Pray** that the LORD will open our hearts and minds to give and receive in equal measure.

**Pray** for all those who are homeless will be able to find out about **Medway Night Shelter** and get there in time... **Praise** for all the work that the LORD is doing through this organization in meeting the needs of the desperate in our community... **Pray** for Medway Council and our government for wisdom in their policies concerning the homeless and for the finances to rectify the problem... **Pray** that the Mental Health Teams will have enough resources to meet those who have mental/physical needs. **Pray** for Julie and her staff at **St. Mark's Pre-school** as they

begin the new venture of two afternoon sessions per week this term... **Praise** for all the answers to prayer and for all that the LORD is doing through this important community.

**Praise** for all the answers to prayer **Margaret Weston** from the **El Campello Christian Community** reports....**Pray** for Margaret and Laurie who are back in Medway for a few weeks.

**Praise** for answers to prayer concerning the productive talks between South & North Korea... **Pray** for peace in the area... for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are affected by these issues.

**Pray** for all those students etc. who are taking exams at the moment.

**Pray** for Gillingham High Street and ask for the LORD'S blessing on all the various businesses, homes and communities in Gillingham and the Medway Towns.

**Francis and Diane Dognon**, one of our Mission Partners, writes: *"Thank you for your prayers and support. We have a trained leadership team to run the church in Lisieux as I (Francis) now run the network and the church in Rouen but we have not yet found a replacement local pastor. I preach once a month at La Source but the team is running the church. That leaves me enough time to work in the 'Reseau La Source' and develop the Network. Please **pray** for a new pastor to take over and for the leadership team who is running the church."*

**Praise** that **Sonali Soya** who graduates from the University of Warwick on the 17<sup>th</sup> Jan has got a job with CCG in Gravesend... **Pray** that her work visa will be processed quickly.

**Pray** for those known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch... for **Ruth Howard** awaiting biopsy results... **Michael Stacey** for a quicker post-operative healing... for **Dennis** (Charley Burston's Dad) that he heals well and has no further complications after surgery... for **Megan Brouwer**... for all those who have been ill over the Christmas period and who are finding recovery more prolonged than they would like.

∕ **Pray** for: **Medway Night Shelter** and **Our**  
 ∕ **Community Unsung Heroes** ∕

**Bible readings for January 2018**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	146	Genesis 6.11-7.10	Matthew 24.1-14
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup>	89.1-18	Genesis 7.11-end	Matthew 24.15-28
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup>	81	Genesis 8.1-14	Matthew 24.29-end
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup>	76	Genesis 8.15-9.7	Matthew 25.1-13
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	88	Genesis 9.8-19	Matthew 25.14-30
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	97	Genesis 11.1-9	Matthew 25.31-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!**