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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

21st January 2018

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.

6.30pm: **United Service**, Kings Church, Skinner Street, Gillingham, followed by refreshments. **No service at St Mark's**

Other Services:

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.

Other Services:

11.00am: **Family Service @ St. Mary's Island**

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 29th Jan: 9.00am-4.00pm **Staff Away Day**, office closed.

Sat 3rd Feb: 9.30am-11.00am **'Who Let the Dad's Out?'** (Introductory session, then will be 3rd Saturday of each month) - For Dads and children (0-7 years) to meet for a fun time together. Speak to Shane for more information. Vicarage Hall.



tearfund

Sun 4th Feb: 10.30am **Tearfund Sunday including a bread & cheese lunch** - please note that this is a month earlier than last year.

Tues 6th Feb: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start **Gillingham Deanery Synod**, Church

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

Weds 7th Feb: 7.00pm-8.15pm **Faith & Light Party**, Vicarage Hall

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

Sat 10th Feb: 9.30am-12noon (tea/coffee & croissants) and 1.00pm-3.30pm (soup/roll & tea/coffee). **Small/home group review prayer & discussion**, Vicarage Hall. All three sessions (two on Sat 10th & one on Tues 13th Feb) are the same, just choose which one to attend!

Tues 13th Feb: 7.00pm-9.30pm (share a pancake together) **Small/home group review prayer & discussion**, Vicarage Hall.

Sat 17th Feb: 9.30-11.00 **Who Let the Dads Out?** For Dads and children (0-7 years) to meet for a fun time together. Speak to Shane for more information, Vicarage Hall.

Sun 25th Feb: 10.30am **Ben Freeth** is our guest preacher and will update us on the situation in Zimbabwe.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



Mon 22nd Jan: 12.30 - 2.00pm **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, Methodist Church, Third Avenue.

Tues 23rd Jan: 7.30-8.30pm
Gillingham Baptist Church, Green Street

Wed 24th Jan: 7.30-8.30pm Salem, Nelson Road, Gillingham.

Weds 24th Jan: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

6.30-8-30pm **Faith & Light** Vicarage Hall

Thurs 25th Jan: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 26th Jan: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 27th Jan 2018: 9.00am-12noon **Ministry Team Training**, Old Vicarage

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

NEXT SUNDAY 28th January

Epiphany 4



10.30am: **Baptism Service:** 'At the House of Jairus,' Luke 8:40-56

5.30pm: **Church in the Pub @ King George V, 1 Prospect Row, Brompton ME7 5AL.** Everyone welcome!

6.30pm: No Evening Service in St Mark's

Sun 11th March: 10.30am **Mothering Sunday with Holy Communion**, Church

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

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

FAMILY NEWS



A big thank you to all those who helped to raise the magnificent sum of £253.48 for Tearfund by writing one Christmas card for the Tearfund board for all their St. Mark's friends!

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"I (the LORD) will search for My lost ones who strayed away, and I will bring them safely home again. I will bandage the injured and strengthen the weak. But I will destroy those who are fat and powerful. I will feed them yes - feed them justice!" (Ezekiel 34:16 New Living Translation)

LORD Jesus thank you that You love us so much that You want to put each one of us right with You. Please help us to respond to Your glorious invitation and welcome You deep into our hearts. Amen.

Pray for all those affected by the liquidation of Carillion and the way that those who were supposed to manage the company took excessive salary and bonuses to the detriment of the employees and sub-contractors... **Ask the LORD** to change hearts and minds in parliament, so that laws can be passed to protect the weak and vulnerable from the 'fat cats'... for all businesses, pension schemes and justice.

Praise for **Our Community Unsung Heroes** who have helped put the **Indian Engagement** with lunch and activities together today (Sun 21st Jan) and made it happen... **Pray** that everyone will feel welcome, have fun and be surrounded by the LORD'S loving protection.

Pray for all those who are homeless will have enough warm clothing and food and be able to access the **Medway Night Shelter**... **Praise** for

all the work that the LORD is doing through this organisation in meeting the needs of the desperate in our community... **Pray** better funding to meet the needs of the homeless and God given help to help each one to a proper place to call home... **Pray** for the Mental Health Teams etc. who try to help with mental/physical issues and where possible have contact with family and friends.

Pray for all those affected by the wintery weather around the UK and other parts of the world.

Continue to pray for Julie and her staff at **St. Mark's Pre-school** as they adjust to the new two afternoon sessions per week... **Praise** for all the answers to prayer and for all that the LORD is doing through this important community.

Praise for more answers to prayer concerning the talks between South & North Korea especially as both sides have agreed to march under a single 'united flag' at next month's Winter Olympic Games in the South ... **Pray** for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are affected by these issues and face persecution for their Christian beliefs.

Pray for all the new students who are arriving on the University Campus to begin their courses.

Pray for the new '**Who Let the Dads Out?**' initiative introducing on Sat 3rd Feb. This new group is for dads and children to meet together for a fun time... For Shane and the team heading this up and for everyone who will feel able to attend.

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.

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 and New Year 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

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 22 nd	108	Genesis 11.27-12.9	Matthew 26.1-16
Tues 23 rd	36	Genesis 13.2-end	Matthew 26.17-35
Weds 24 th	46	Genesis 14	Matthew 26.36-46
Thurs 25 th	66	Ezekiel 3.22-end	Philippians 3.1-14
Fri 26 th	65	Genesis 16	Matthew 26.57-end
Sat 27 th	68	Genesis 17.1-22	Matthew 27.1-10

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!**