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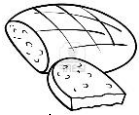
Mission Focus February: India 2018

St. Mark's Event for February: 'Who  
Let the Dad's Out?'



**Tearfund Sunday**  
**4th February 2018**

## Epiphany 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent



**10.30am: All Age Service:** 'Asking God for what you need' Luke 11:5-13 - **followed by a simple bread & cheese lunch, donations to Tearfund**

**6.30pm: Prayer Stream – Prayer: A New Beginning – fanning the flame**

### Other Services:

**11.00am: Holy Communion,** 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.*

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

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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

**7.30pm JustOne Dedicated joint Prayer Meeting** @ Emmaus Centre, Clover Street, Chatham

**Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.00am **Holy Communion,** church

**9.45am Ladies Group,** Old Vicarage

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

**7.00pm-8.15pm Faith & Light Party,** Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank,** Church

**7.30pm CAP Release Course (2),** Old Vicarage. Please call Mark Anderton for more information 07963 099587.

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 6.15pm **Kidz Klub,** ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank,** Church

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

**1.00pm-3.30pm** (soup/roll & tea/coffee. **Small/home group review prayer & discussion,** Vicarage Hall. The two sessions (this one and Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Feb) are the same, just choose which one to attend!

**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.

## NEXT Week Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

### Transfiguration Sunday last before Lent



**10.30am: Holy Communion:** 'Hospitality at the home of Mary and Martha' – Luke 10:38-42

**6.30pm: Bible Teaching Stream – Colossians**

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

**11.00am: Morning Worship and Baptism**

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!*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.00-10.00am **Ash Wednesday Communion & Meditation,** Church

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 6.30pm **Prophecy Workshop,** part one (of two), led by a guest speaker, Church

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** 10.00am-12noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting,** Old Vicarage – *next meeting Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March*

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 10.30am **Ben Freeth,** from the **Mike Campbell Foundation** is our guest preacher and will update us on his story and the situation in Zimbabwe.

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** 1.00pm **Women's World Day of Prayer, 'All God's Creation is Very Good',** followed by refreshments. United Reformed Church, Balmoral Road, Gillingham, ME7 4PU. For more information, see the noticeboard.

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.30am **Mothering Sunday with Holy Communion,** Church

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** 7.00pm **Men's Curry Night,** Old Vicarage. Speak to Dammi Oyinloye for more information.

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March:** **APCM** following a short service – **NOTE the early date!** Will Group Leaders please send their annual reports to Jo Whittaker by the end of February – she will be very grateful!

## FAMILY NEWS

**OPERATIONS MANAGER wanted for St. Mark's Church, Gillingham. 15 hours a week. This is a strategic role to oversee the operational management of a growing church. The successful applicant would be supporting church activities, developing system and process to ensure the smooth running of the church.**

**Closing Date: Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018.**

**Interview Date: Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**

**Please contact Mrs Jo Whittaker PA to vicar  
Phone no. 01634 570489 or email**

**[Jo.whittaker@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:Jo.whittaker@stmarksgillingham.org)**

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR wanted for St. Mark's Church, Gillingham. 18 hours a week. The successful applicant would be the first point of contact for the church; handling queries and correspondence; providing administrative support for church activities.**

**Closing Date: Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018.**

**Interview Date: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Please contact Mrs Jo Whittaker PA to vicar  
Phone no. 01634 570489 or email**

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### **POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**



**"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13 NIVUK)**

**LORD Jesus thank you for laying down Your life to save mine, taking my sin and setting me free and in Your precious blood making me Your precious treasure and friend. Amen.**

**Praise for Tearfund's staff and partners** who are committed and courageous in their efforts to help the Syrian people at home and aboard, especially now that winter has set in... **Pray** that **Syria** will stop being a political football with various countries supporting various sections of the community to fight each other in proxy wars on behalf of the super powers... **Praise**, "You, LORD, keep [Syria's] lamp burning; my God

[please turn their] darkness into light." (Psalm 18:28) for Your Glory's Sake Amen.

**Continue to pray** for all those affected by the liquidation of Carillion.

**Pray** for all those going on **India 2018... Ask the LORD** to keep everyone safe, to heal all those in body, mind and spirit and to transform everyone involved...**Praise** for the drop-in centres that **SAHAARA** run in Turbhe and Bhiwandi 'red light' areas, which are building relationships, providing medical care and health awareness training, counselling and Godly hope through new life skills and training... **Pray** for the **India 2018** team as they learn to cope with the many cultural differences and weather.

**Praise** for the new '**Who Let the Dads Out?**' initiative which started yesterday (3<sup>rd</sup> Feb)... **Pray** that the new team Shane is heading up will continue to grow closer together and see/hear what the LORD wants to achieve each month through them and the wider community.

**Pray** for **Terry Whittaker** as he meets with developers and others in connection with the **Reach at Gillingham Pier** project... **Pray** for **Jo** and **Terry** as they start this ministry together.

**Pray** for the posts of **Operations Manager** and **Office Administrator** for St. Mark's Church.

**Pray** for **Gregory Keating** (Gillingham Baptist Church) who is in his mid-20's and is in remission from leukaemia, but is now very ill in Maidstone Hospital with meningococcal sepsis. Please also pray for his family.

**Pray** for **Richard and Jane Tolhurst & family** on the sudden death of their daughter-in-law **Kathryn... Praise** that, "You, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; You consider their grief and take it in hand." (Psalm 10:14)

**Pray** for those known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch... for **Ruth Howard... Michael Stacey** facing the possibility of skin graft surgery... for **Dennis** (Charley Burston's Dad)... for **Megan Brouwer**... for all those who are finding recovery more prolonged than they would like.

**Pray for: India 2018 & 'Who Let the Dad's Out?'**

### **Bible readings for February 2018**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	1	Genesis 29.31-30.24	2 Timothy 4.1-8
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	5	Genesis 31.1-24	2 Timothy 4.9-end
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup>	119.1-32	Genesis 31.25-32.2	Titus 1
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	15	Genesis 32.3-30	Titus 2
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	19	Genesis 33.1-17	Titus 3
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	23	Genesis 35	Philemon

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!**