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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 February: India  
2018

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

11<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## 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:

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

**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

**Thurs 15<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.

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.30-11.00 **Who Let the Dads Out?** For Dads and children (0-6 years) to meet for a fun time together. Speak to Shane for more information, Vicarage Hall.

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

## NEXT Week Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**No SOS or Pathfinders today**

10.30am: **Holy Communion:**  
'Daily Bread' – Luke 11:1-4

6.30pm: **Prophecy Workshop**, part one (of two), led by Sam Vincett, Southend Vineyard, in Church

**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

**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 current 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

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> March:** 8.00pm-10.00pm: **'The Gathering'** for young adults. *Speak to Saju or Amanda if you want to know more!*

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March:** 7.00pm **Men's Curry Homemade Night**, in the Old Vicarage - £5.00 donation. Come, bring your friends, but please confirm attendance to Dammy Oyinloye either in church or on 07405 738783..

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

## FAMILY NEWS

**Congratulations to Lucy Haslam and Joel who have recently got engaged.**



**Thank you to everyone for the marvellous sum of £1,942.30 raised at the Tearfund lunch last Sunday for the Sahaara project.**

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



**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 19<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  
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### **POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**



"God gives the lonely a home. He leads prisoners out with joy, but those who turn against God will live in a dry land." (Psalm 68:6 New Century Version NCV Bible)

**LORD thank you that as I let You deeper into my whole being we grow into a deeper relationship together, which transforms me into the person You created me to be in the first place! Thank you for all my brothers and sisters in Christ situated all around the globe. Please help me to share You with everyone I meet, so that the lonely can be a part of our family. Amen.**

**Praise** for **Tearfund Sunday** last week and for **Prince's** engaging sermon on the work of **SAHAARA** in India... **Pray** that all the people **Tearfund's** partner **SAHAARA** works with will be released from their 'prisons' of abuse, hardship and despair into God's family of love, hope and joy... **Bring to the LORD** all those going on **India 2018**... **Pray** for all those who need help whether in healing, finances or are afraid of the big steps they are taking... **Praise** that, "Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek You." (Psalm 9:10)

**Pray** for the next meeting of 'Who Let the Dads Out?' on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb that the core group will grow together to form another Godly space where everyone can feel safe, accepted and encouraged into deeper friendships... **Praise** for all of the

LORD's encouragements, answers to prayer and blessings.

**Praise** for the training workshop on the latest release of the computer software for working on Bible translation that our Mission Partner **Katy Barnwell** went on, *she writes*, "I came away marvelling at the tools we now have to speed up Bible translation work and with a deep awareness that this is God's time to get the message of the gospel out into every corner of the world."... **Pray** for the 1,600 languages which need Bible translations and for the workers to be provided to meet this need, so that all those whose, "soul thirsts for God, for the living God" will find a Bible in their own language to "meet with God." (Psalm 42:2)

**Pray** for our Mission Partner **Carri Macfarlane** who is working with **Nehemiah Ministry Welfare** to build a school and establish a Montessori kindergarten in Rajahmundri India to meet the needs of the local people against the corruption of local officials where bribes smooth the way.

**Pray** for a person, country or situation that has touched your heart this week.

**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... that the right people will apply and be appointed.

**Pray** for those known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch... for **Ian Graves**, now at home from hospital and starting new treatment for a blood clot on his lung... for **Richard and Jane Tolhurst & family** following the sudden death of their daughter-in-law **Kathryn**... for **Gregory Keating** (Gillingham Baptist Church)... for **Ruth Howard** awaiting further appointments and results... **Michael Stacey** facing the possibility of skin graft surgery... 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**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	30	Genesis 37.1-11	Galatians 1
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	36	Genesis 37.12-end	Galatians 2.1-10
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	38	Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19	1 Timothy 6.6-19
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	77	Genesis 39	Galatians 2.11-end
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	3	Genesis 40	Galatians 3.1-14
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	71	Genesis 41.1-24	Galatians 3.15-22

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!**