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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?'

18th February 2018



1st Sunday of Lent

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:

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

Weds 21st Feb: 9.00am **Holy Communion,**
church

9.45am **Ladies Group,** Old Vicarage

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

6.30pm-8.30pm **Faith & Light,** Vicarage Hall

Thurs 22nd Feb: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank,**
Church

7.30pm **CAP Release Course (3),** Old Vicarage.
Please call Mark Anderton for more information
07963 099587.

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

6.15pm **Kidz Klub,** ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 24th Feb: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank,**
Church

NEXT Week Sunday 25th February

Lent 2



10.30am: 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.

'Dinner at a Pharisee's
House' - Luke 11:37-52

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

Other Services @ St. Mary's Island:

11.00am: **Family Service with thanksgiving**

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**

PLEASE NOTE: The Church office will be on reduced hours on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February 2018 due to staff holiday.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 2nd 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 11th March: 10.30am **Mothering Sunday with Holy Communion,** Church

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

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

Sun 25th 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

Sun 25th March: 10.30am **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** in Church as part of our worship.

We need to nominate and elect 3 Deanery Synod and 4 PCC members and choose 2 Churchwardens - please think and pray for wisdom as to who might fill these vacancies. Nomination forms will be available soon.

To vote at the APCM you need to be on our membership list, the 'Electoral Roll'. If you are already on it, there is no need to re-apply; however anyone else must fill in an application form. You need to be a) over 16 years old, b) have been baptised (as a child or adult in any Christian denomination) and c) either live in the parish or have attended St. Mark's for at least 6 months.

Application forms are available at the back of church or in the office. **The list will close following the service on Sunday, 4th March until after the APCM.**

We as a church believe in the power of Prayer. Please give Kath Burtrand



(email kathyb.nana@yahoo.co.uk) your email address to receive St. Mark's Weekly (Tuesdays) Prayer & Praise email if you don't already receive it! Likewise please email her or the Church Office with your prayer requests and praise items! Thank you.

Congratulations to Lucy Haslam and Joel who have recently got engaged and are getting married at St Mark's in June.



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.
Closing Date: Mon 19th Feb 2018 (Tomorrow)
Interview Date: Mon 5th March 2018

OPERATIONS MANAGER wanted for St. Mark's Church, Gillingham, 15 hours a week.
Closing Date: Mon 19th Feb 2018 (Tomorrow)
Interview Date: Weds 28th Feb 2018

Please contact Mrs Jo Whittaker PA to vicar for more details on 01634 570489 or email Jo.whittaker@stmarksgillingham.org

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.

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"LORD, teach me what You want me to do, and I will live by Your truth. Teach me to respect You completely." (Psalm 68:6 New Century Version NCV Bible)

LORD please help to hear what You say and act on it! Thank you that in truly respecting You with reverence and fear I will learn to see You how You really are - awesome, perfect and beautiful. Amen.

Praise for **Tearfund Sunday** recently and for the monies raised for the work of **SAHAARA** in India... **Pray** all those going on **India 2018** and ask for healing, protection and encouragement... **prayer** that all financial needs will be met... **Praise**, "How priceless is Your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of Your wings." (Psalm 36:7)

Pray for the next meeting of '**Who Let the Dads Out?**' on Sat 17th March that the core group will continue to grow together to form Godly friendships where everyone feels safe to speak their minds in love and the children will enjoy this special time with their dad's... **Praise** that the LORD is gently equipping everyone to meet these needs.

Praise for the wonderful blessings and encouragement that **David Gwyn** shared last Sunday (11th Feb) concerning his son and new family and how through persistent prayer the LORD made him and his family whole again!

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

Pray that **OXFAM** will be open and honest with the various revelations happening at the moment, and for all the vulnerable people that this charity helps.

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 **Michelle Savage's sister Rachael** who is suffering from anxiety and depression... for **Richard and Jane Tolhurst & son Graham** 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**... 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 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 19 th	11	Genesis 41.25-45	Galatians 3.23-4.7
Tues 20 th	44	Genesis 41.46-42.5	Galatians 4.8-20
Weds 21 st	6	Genesis 42.6-17	Galatians 4.21-5.1
Thurs 22 nd	42	Genesis 42.18-28	Galatians 5.2-15
Fri 23 rd	22	Genesis 42.29-end	Galatians 5.16-end
Sat 24 th	63	Genesis 43.1-15	Galatians 6

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!**