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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/March:  
India 2018 & Tearfund

St. Mark's Event for  
February/March: 'Who Let the  
Dad's Out?' & Easter Services

25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## Lent 2



10.30am: A very warm welcome to **Ben Freeth**, from the **Mike Campbell Foundation**, who is our guest preacher this morning. Ben will share 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. Everyone welcome!

**6.30pm: No Evening Service in St Mark's**

### Other Services:

11.00am: **Family Service with thanksgiving**, 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

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

**Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> March:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

7.30pm **CAP Release Course (5)**, Old Vicarage. Please call Mark Anderton for more information 07963 099587.

**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.

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

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

## NEXT SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH

### Lent 3



10.30am: **All Age Service** 'Sabbath Meal at a Pharisee's House' – Luke 14:1-35

6.30pm: **Prayer Stream - The Banquet**

### Other Services:

11.00am: **Holy Communion**, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**

**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

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.30pm **'Just One' Evangelism Training** run by Andrew Hawkins of the Philo Trust at Gillingham Baptist Church. *If you missed the sessions at the end of 2017, come along and discover how to share your faith naturally before the Just One event at Priestfield on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June.* If you would like to go please contact Minister Stephen Greasley.

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

**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!*

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March:** 9.30am-11.00am **'Who Let the Dad's Out?'** for all children aged 0-7 years and the men in their life, Vicarage Hall

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> March:** 6.30pm **Prophecy Workshop part 2**, Church

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Oyinyoye

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** 10.00am-12noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage – *next meeting Fri 27<sup>th</sup> April*

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup> March:** **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** following a short service (see note in Family News).

*Group Leaders – don't forget to send your reports to Jo Whittaker ASAP! ☺*

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> March:** 10.15am **Good Friday Meditation**, Church

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> April:** 6.00am **Sunrise Service**, St. Mary's Island Church

10.30am: **Easter Sunday Family Communion**, St Mark's Church

11.00am: **Easter Day Service**, St. Mary's Island Church

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> April:** 6.00pm-Midnight **Prayer Vigil** at the Salvation Army, Green Street, Gillingham

## FAMILY NEWS

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

*We need to nominate and elect 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, 4<sup>th</sup> March until after the APCM.**

### POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



**"God will always give what is right to His people who cry to Him night and day, and He will not be slow to answer them."**  
(Luke 18:7 New Century Version NCV Bible)

**Thank you LORD, that You are an amazing being of Your Holy Word. Please help me to trust in You for everything and to prayerful wait on Your answers to my prayers, knowing that Your ways are always best for everyone involved. Amen.**

**Praise** for all the answers in prayer concerning Zimbabwe, its people and the **Mike Campbell Foundation**... *"Praise to the LORD, for He has heard my cry for mercy."* (Psalm 28:6)... **Pray** for **Ben Freeth** and all our brothers and sisters in the LORD who are transforming the country in God's spirit of justice, mercy and love.

**Pray** for protection on all those going to **India** in April... for healing, strength, energy and encouragement... **Pray** that all financial needs will be met and for family left behind... **Praise** for all the answers to prayer, the building up of each

individual and the transformation of everyone involved.

**Pray** that all charities will be open, honest and safe to work in and for the vulnerable people they help each day... **Praise** for all the good work that they do to relieve suffering, provide practical help and bring hope to those in need... **Pray** for everyone who works in this area will be encouraged to continue to work for the good of all those in need.

**Pray** for **Eastern Ghouta in Syria**, which the UN Secretary General has called a "hell on earth"... **Ask the LORD** to melt hearts, so that humanitarian aid can get through and the civilians be allowed to escape.

**Pray** for funding to update the equipment used for **'Who Let the Dads Out?'** and **Parent and Toddlers groups**... **Pray** that families will hear about the groups and be encouraged to come regularly each month. **Pray** for all the people volunteering and helping and that there will be 'mentors' for these groups.

**Pray** for a person, country or situation that has touched your heart this week. There are so many to choose from!

**Pray** for the forthcoming **Easter Services**... **Ask the LORD** to be with everyone taking part and help them to hear what the LORD wants to say to each one of us, our church community and the wider community of the Medway Towns.

**Pray** for those known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch... for **Ian Graves**, now home from hospital and starting new treatment for a blood clot on his lung... for **Michelle Saunders' 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 & Tearfund, 'Who Let the Dad's Out?'** and **Easter Services**

### Bible readings for February/March 2018

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	32	Genesis 43.16-end	Hebrews 1
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	50	Genesis 44.1-17	Hebrews 2.1-9
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup>	35	Genesis 44.18-end	Hebrews 2.10-end
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> March	34	Genesis 45.1-15	Hebrews 3.1-6
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	41	Genesis 45.16-end	Hebrews 3.7-end
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	25	Genesis 46.1-7, 28-end	Hebrews 4.1-13

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!**