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St. Mark's Church, Gillingham
with St. Mary's Island Church

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus March: Tearfund

St. Mark's Event for March:
Easter Services

11th March 2018

Lent 4

10.30am: **Mothering Sunday, SOS & Pathfinders will join us in Church for Holy Communion**

'Parable of the Surprise Party' - Luke 15:11-32



6.30pm: **Bible Teaching Stream** - Book of Acts, Graham Wilkins teaching with Tim Barrow leading the evening and hosting the question time.

Other Services:

11.00am: **Mothering Sunday Service**, 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. Old Vicarage (**note change of venue**). 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.

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Weds 14th March: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

Thurs 15th March: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

7.00pm-9.30pm **BLAZE-SPIRIT-BLAZE** - a time of worship, word and witness for over 18yrs olds @ BAOBAB CENTRE, 2 Batchelor Street, Chatham, ME4 4BJ

7.30pm **CAP Release Course (6)**, Old Vicarage. Please call Mark Anderton for more information 07963 099587.

Fri 16th 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. (Deferred from 2nd March)

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

Sat 17th March: 9.30am-11.00am **'Who Let the Dads Out?'** for all children aged 0-6 years and the men in their life, Vicarage Hall

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

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 SUNDAY 18th MARCH

Lent 5

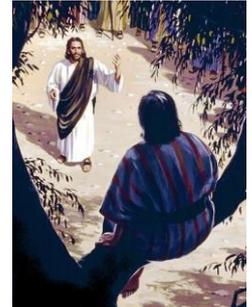
10.30am: **Service of the Word** - 'Hospitality at the home of Zacchaeus' - Luke 19: 1-10

6.30pm: **Prophecy Workshop part 2**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship**, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 19th March: 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage

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.

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

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

Sun 25th March: after the APCM to 2.30pm **Worship Jam Session**. A chance to meet, pray and worship together, learn new songs and practise. Bring instruments, bring lunch and enjoy! Speak to Lorraine Schulze for more details.

Thurs 29th March: 6.30pm **Passover Supper** in church. Tickets are only available from Pauline in church on Sunday mornings or church office.

Fri 30th March: 10.30am-11.30am **Good Friday Meditation**, Church
11.45am: **Walk of Witness** from Gillingham Library to Smith Square

Sun 1st 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 6th April: 6.00pm-Midnight **Prayer Vigil** at the Salvation Army, Green Street, Gillingham

Fri 15th June: Leap of Faith 2018 – Women’s Retreat weekend. Cost £180-£220, please see poster on church notice board for more information thank you.

FAMILY NEWS

'Richard and Jane Tolhurst, and their son Graham would like to thank everyone for their very kind words and prayers at the recent loss of their daughter-in-law Catherine. All your love and support has been greatly appreciated'.

Thank You

for your Kindness

Medway Foodbank February/March shortages shopping list available from the Welcome Desk.



Sun 25th 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 are at the back of church today.

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



....."So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the LORD, for you know that nothing you do for the LORD is ever useless." (1 Corinthians 15:58 NLT Bible)

LORD, please help me to always find my significance in You alone, not in the fleeting pleasures of this life. For my status is not measured by anything that I could gain in this world, but in being Your beloved, treasured child in Your holy Kingdom. Amen.

Praise the LORD for Mothers everywhere and for all that they do for us... **Pray** for all those who find Mother’s Day distressing, difficult or problematic.

Pray for children like **13yr old Savitri** who was accompanying her mother to her father’s brick kiln with a flask of tea in Uttar Pradesh, India and became “A routine abduction” through a trafficking ring supplying brothels in Mumbai & Delhi. Her father had wanted all his daughters to finish their education, but now is forced to marry them off because he can’t protect them. 500,000 children go missing in India every year – most are trafficked... **Pray** for our **Tearfund partners, SAHAARA** who work with these traumatised children and adults in the red light districts of Mumbai... **Praise** for all that they do in helping these lost, hurting and vulnerable individuals... **Pray** for all those going to **India 2018** and ask the LORD to help each individual with the sad and distressing situations they will encounter and help them to be ‘strong and immovable’ in the face of evil... **Please LORD**, “Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure – You, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts.” (Psalm 7:9)

Bring to the LORD any individual, group, country or situation that has touched your heart this week.

Pray for the **APCM** on Sunday 25th March and all those who put their names forward for election onto the PCC and the Church Wardens... **Praise** that, “the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations.” (Psalm 33:11)

Pray for the forthcoming **Easter Services** and for all the people who will attend will be blessed and meet with the risen LORD... **Ask the LORD** to help each one of us to marvel at His loving, saving grace and the transforming power of the cross.

Pray for those known to us who need God’s comfort and healing touch... for **Ian Graves** ... for **Rachael Savage**... for **Richard, Jane Tolhurst & son Graham** in their time of grieving... for **Gregory Keating** and his family... for **Ruth Howard**... for **Michael Stacey**... for all those who are finding recovery from illness more prolonged than they would like.

Pray for: Tearfund and Easter Services

Bible readings for March 2018

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 12 th	77	Exodus 2.11-22	Hebrews 9.1-14
Tues 13 th	79	Exodus 2.23-3.20	Hebrews 9.15-end
Weds 14 th	90	Exodus 4.1-23	Hebrews 10.1-18
Thurs 15 th	86	Exodus 4.27-6.1	Hebrews 10.19-25
Fri 16 th	102	Exodus 6.2-13	Hebrews 10.26-end
Sat 17 th	32	Exodus 7.8-end	Hebrews 11.1-16

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!**