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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
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Mission Focus March: Tearfund

St. Mark's Event for March:
Easter Services

18th March 2018

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Lent 5

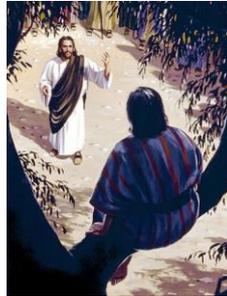
10.30am: Service of the Word - 'Hospitality at the home of Zacchaeus' - Luke 19: 1-10

6.30pm: Prophecy Workshop part 2

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: Landmark



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

Mon 19th March: 12noon-2.00pm **Feed the 5000** - the Waters/Howard homegroup are providing free soup, bread, tea and coffee, in church to the folk of Gillingham. All welcome to come, eat and chat to those shopping at the market in Gillingham High Street.

7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Weds 21st March: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Sat 24th March: 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 25th MARCH

Lent 6

10.30am: Holy Communion - 'The Last Supper' - Luke 22: 14-38, followed by:

Annual Parochial (APCM) Church Meeting 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.

5.30pm: **Church in the Pub**, King George V, Brompton

No evening service at St Mark's

Other Services:

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

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 29th March: 6.30pm **Passover Supper**, led by Peter and Michele Guinness, in church. If you have never experienced a genuine Passover supper, with lovely food, drink, stories, dancing and FUN, please do not miss this opportunity! Children are very welcome and well catered for!



Tickets are available to book/buy from Pauline in church on Sunday morning 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

Thank You



'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.'

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. **Reports are available on our website from today. If you would like a hard copy printed, please speak to Pauline Jackson.**

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



As people who believe in the power of prayer, on a weekly basis we produce a 'Prayer and Praise' email – please do sign up for this. Please give Kath Burtrand your email address or contact details if you wish to contribute to or receive the weekly email (Kath's email is kathyb.nana@yahoo.co.uk). We can put in only what we know about!

Keep up-to-date with what's happening amid international students on the Medway University Campus. Read the online blog of Medway Campus Chaplain Lynne Martin medwaystudents.blogspot.co.uk

If you move house or change email address or your telephone number please let the office know, thank you.

Sunday parking! Did you know you can have a parking permit from the Council for Sundays and Bank Holidays for a current annual fee of £35.00? For an application form or more information contact the Church Office.

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



[Jesus said]... 'My prayer is not for them [the disciples] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me'. John 1: 20-21 NIV

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the body of your son Jesus Christ to continue to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Pray for all those involved with teaching and caring for children in St Mark's... for **Pre-school staff...** for **children's group leaders and teams...** for **school teachers** in our church family.

Pray for peace in Syria and other war-torn places.

Pray for our **Tearfund partners, SAHAARA** who work with 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 the **St Mark's India 2018 team** 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)

Pray for the **APCM** next Sunday 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 **Gregory Keating** following serious surgery... for **Ruth Howard** awaiting tests and results... for **Michael Stacey** for ongoing healing... for all others known to us.

< **Pray for: Tearfund and Easter Services** >

Bible readings for March 2018

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 19 th	25	Isaiah 11.1-10	Matthew 13.54-end
Tues 20 th	35	Exodus 8.20-end	Hebrews 11.32-12.2
Weds 21 st	55	Exodus 9.1-12	Hebrews 12.14-end
Thurs 22 nd	40	Exodus 9.13-end	Hebrews 10.19-25
Fri 23 rd	22	Exodus 10	Hebrews 13.1-16
Sat 24 th	23	Exodus 11	Hebrews 13.17-end

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!**