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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

25th March 2018

Lent 6



10.30am: **Holy Communion** -
'The Last Supper' -
Luke 22: 14-38

Followed by:
Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Apologies the Worship Jam Session after the APCM has been cancelled. Another date will be given at some point soon.

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**

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 26th-Tues 27th Work to raise the paving at the entrance to the church to eliminate the step for creating a ramp for accessibility.

Weds 28th March: 9.00am Holy Communion, Church

9.45 for 10.00am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

Thurs 29th March: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church



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 to an event of music, song, prayer, testimony, children's activities and refreshments.

Sat 31st 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 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
No evening service or Landmark

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Thurs 26th April: 12.30pm-1.30pm **Just One Prayer Walk** - meet outside the Gillingham Football Club Shop, MENS Priestfield Stadium, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham - next prayer walk Thurs 24th May.

Fri 27th April: 10.00am-12 noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Weds 2nd May: 6.30pm-8.30pm **Faith & Light**, Vicarage Hall

Sat 12th May: 10.30am-12.00 noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

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



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

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



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

***"But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."* Hebrews 12: 24b-27 NIV UK**

LORD Jesus, thank you that You walked willingly to the cross for me, a sinner and faced a hideous death and separation from God our Father to save me from such a fate. Help me to remember that because of Your saving grace I am a part of Your Holy Church 'body' whether I feel like it or not. Please help me reflect Your love to all my Christian brothers and sisters and to all those who don't know You yet. For Your Glorious Name's Sake Amen

Praise for all You, LORD have achieved through all those involved in youth and children groups going back over many, many years in the life of St. Mark's... **Pray** for protection, strength, healing and peace for past, present and future members of **St. Mark's Preschool staff, youth and children's group leaders and their teams...** **Ask the Lord** for His way forward for our youth and children's work at St. Mark's and the wider church family and His holy grace to heal any hurts etc.

Praise for the **new appointments** to St Mark's staff team - **Katie Jenkins**, Church Administrator, and **Ellie Oparaku**, Operations Manager... please **pray** for them in preparation of their start.

Pray for fairness for all public sector employees in light of the recent pay award for NHS staff and that all will see a real increase in their salaries, better work conditions and less stress... **Praise** for all that these individuals do to make our whole country a better place to live in.

Pray for the parents, family, friends and wider community of two-year-old Kiara Moore who

tragically died after the car that she was in went into the River Teifi in Cardigan, Ceredigion, Wales recently.

Pray for peace, relief aid and hope in Syria and other war-torn places like Yemen.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about.

Praise for our **Tearfund partners, SAHAARA** who work with traumatised children and adults in the red light districts of Mumbai and the hope, love and respect they give to these vulnerable individuals... **Pray** for protection, finance and encouragement for the **St Mark's India 2018 team** and ask the LORD to help each individual see each person they meet as, "God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:10) who He loves... **Pray** for the team that they will be able, "to do good works, which God prepared in advance for [them] to do." (Ephesians 2:10) ... **Ask the LORD** to keep each team member safe, bring healing and continue to create togetherness of spirit for His holy Name's sake.

Pray for the **APCM** today... **Praise** that, "But now, LORD, what do I look for? My hope is in You." (Psalm 39:7

Continue to pray for the forthcoming **Easter Services** and that each person will meet 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 and keep our eyes on Him alone.

Pray for **Paul Smith** who is unwell with a problem with his arm leaving him unable to drive... for **Keith Sheepwash** following minor surgery.

Pray for those known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch... for **Ian Graves** ... for **Rachael Savage**... for **Gregory Keating** in East Grinstead Hospital ... for **Ruth Howard**... for **Michael Stacey** waiting for further surgery... for all others known to us.

Pray for: Tearfund and Easter Services

Bible readings for March 2018

| Day | Psalm | 1st Reading | 2nd Reading |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mon 26 th | 41 | Lamentations 1.1-12a | Luke 22.1-23 |
| Tues 27 th | 27 | Lamentations 3.1-18 | Luke 22. [24-38] 39-53 |
| Weds 28 th | 102 | Jeremiah 11.18-20 | Luke 22.54-end |
| Thurs 29 th | 42 | Leviticus 16.2-24 | Luke 23.1-25 |
| Fri 30 th | 69 | Genesis 22.1-18 | Hebrews 10.1-10 |
| Sat 31 st | 142 | Hosea 6.1-6 | John 2.18-22 |

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!**