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

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Mission Focus April: All Mission
Partners

St. Mark's Event for April:
Worship Groups

8th April 2018

Easter 2



We warmly welcome the Rev Irshad John, pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Lahore, Pakistan who will be preaching and commissioning the India 2018 Team.

10.30am: All Age Friendly Service
6.30pm: Bible Teaching Stream – Nehemiah

Other Services:

11.00am: Holy Communion, 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. Note change of venue: The Garden House. Speak to Saju, Amanda, Lynne M or Shane 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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 9th April: 7.45pm PCC, Old Vicarage
Weds 11th April: 9.00am Holy Communion, in Church
Thurs 12th April: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church
Fri 13th April: 3.00pm The Music Man Project at Gillingham Salvation Army Hall, Green Street. Admission is free, but donations greatly received! Please see poster for more details.
Sat 14th April: 10.00am-12.00noon Foodbank, Church
10.30am-12noon Faith & Light Juniors, Hall

NEXT SUNDAY 15th APRIL

Easter 3



10.30am Family Communion
Theme: Thy Kingdom Come – The Kingdom of God in the Old Testament

6.30pm: Workshop Stream – Kingdom of God in the Old Testament – Peter Guinness

Other Services:

11.00am Morning Worship, St Mary's Island
3.00pm Charing House
5.00pm St Mark's House
7.30pm-9.15pm: Landmark

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

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

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

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

Sun 29th April: 6.30pm Taize Service led by Rev Joel Love.

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 4th May: 10.00pm-2.00am JUSTONE half night of prayer – venue to be arranged.

Thurs 10th – Sun 20th May: 7.30pm-8.30pm Thy Kingdom Come global prayer movement happening between Ascension and Pentecost. More details to follow...

Thurs 17th May 7.30pm Men's Curry Night, Bollywood Buffet, Canterbury Street.

Feeding the 5000 Events:

Sat 19th May: 1.30pm-3.30pm The King's Banquet at St. Mark's Church. This is a free event for the people of Gillingham which includes a BBQ, African food, sweets/treats and children's activities. If you want to know more, please speak to Katie Jenkins.

Sat 30th June: 12 noon-2.00pm St. Mark's Preschool lunch for their children and families, Old Vicarage site.

Sat 9th June: JustOne Gillingham Doors open 1.00pm, Event starts 3.00pm and concludes 5.00pm. At Gillingham Football Club, MEMS Priestfield stadium, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham ME7 4DD

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

Faith + Light



Sat 7th July: 9.00am-11.00am *The Medway Deaneries are running the CPAS Course 'Growing Leaders'*; this is a taster session for the course which starts in September.

Fri 27th July: 1.00pm-4pm *'Let Loose' concert*, Gillingham High Street.

FAMILY NEWS

Lucy Day says a massive thank you to: Terry & Jo Whittaker, Deano Standing and their home group for setting up the church with tables & chairs. Ellie Palmer, Shane & Chris Cordle for helping set up the tables; Amanda Maskell, Helen Towers & again the Whittaker/Standing homegroup for sorting out the guest list and food donations; to flower team for the fab flower decorations; Michele & Peter Guinness for running the whole service; Pauline Jackson for sorting out the tickets; the music team; everyone who helped clean up afterwards.

We had over 85 guests plus enough leftovers to feed 40-50 homeless people in Gillingham. A huge success all round xxx

A response from One Big Family Helping The homeless Charity: "Thank you so much for the food - we are supplying several vulnerably housed people with Easter food parcels and the rest will be used at the homeless refuge - so it is very much appreciated! Thank you".

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; a scepter of justice will be the scepter of Your Kingdom." Psalm 45:6 (NIV)

O LORD God thank you, that in You there is beauty, grace and justice for me and everyone else on earth if only we constantly turn to You for help, guidance and eternal hope. Please help us keep our eyes on You and wait for Your justice in this hurting world. Amen.

Praise the LORD for Easter and all His answered prayers, blessings and new hope in Him alone for,

"All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one." (Psalm 14:3). Without You LORD we are all needy, vulnerable and helpless. Thank you again for Easter and Your perfect loving grace.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about... **Praise** that Psalm 44:26 says, *"Rise up [LORD] and help us, rescue us because of Your unfailing love"*

Pray for the gun and knife crime in our country, especially in London.

Praise for the commissioning of the **St Mark's India 2018 team** today and ask the LORD to strengthen each team member, so they can do the work that the LORD wants them to achieve... **Pray** for God's protection, healing, encouragement, grace and unity of purpose... **Praise** that the **Rev Irshad John**, pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Lahore, Pakistan, is able to join us today for the commissioning.

Pray for our **Worship Groups** that the LORD will be especially close to each member and help each member to cope with whatever life throws at them for God's glory... **Thank you** for all your hard work in enabling each one of us to move closer to God during the services.

Praise that our Mission partner, **Katy Barnwell** and the joy that the LORD has given her in translating His Holy Word in so many languages... **Pray** for the formatting work still needed on her 4th edition Bible Translation Training Manual, so that this book can give wisdom, encouragement and training for the next generation of translators.

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

Pray for: All Mission Partners and Worship Groups

Bible readings for April 2018

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 9 th	111	1 Samuel 2.1-10	Romans 5.12-end
Tues 10 th	8	Exodus 15.22-16.10	Colossians 1.15-end
Weds 11 th	30	Exodus 16.11-end	Colossians 2.1-15
Thurs 12 th	28	Exodus.17	Colossians 2.16-3.11
Fri 13 th	61	Exodus 18.1-12	Colossians 3.12-4.1
Sat 14 th	84	Exodus 18.13-end	Colossians 4.2-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!**