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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus April: All Mission
Partners

St. Mark's Event for April:
Worship Groups

15th April 2018

THY
KINGDOM
COME

Easter 3

10.30am: **Family
Communion**

Theme: **Thy Kingdom
Come – The Kingdom**

of God in the Old Testament

Readings: Psalm 47:1-9 & Isaiah 45:18-23

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

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 16th April: 9.15am **India 2018 team
leave**, Old Vicarage

Weds 18th April: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, in
Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

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

Thurs 19th April: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**,
Church

Sat 21st April: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**,
Church

9.30am-11.00am **'Who Let the Dads Out?'** for
all children aged 0-6 years and the men in their
life, for fun, friendship & food! Vicarage Hall

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd APRIL



Easter 4

10.30am **Service
of the Word**

Theme: **Thy
Kingdom Come –
The Kingdom
revealed in Jesus
Christ**

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

6.30pm: **No evening service at St Mark's**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Family Service**, St Mary's Island

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

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

Sat 12th May: 9.00am **Homegroup Leaders'
breakfast**, Old Vicarage

10.30am-12.00 noon **Faith & Light Juniors**,
Vicarage Hall

Thurs 10th – Sun 20th May: 7.30pm-
8.30pm **Thy Kingdom Come global
prayer movement** between Acension and
Pentecost. **Thy Kingdom Come** 9-day or
11-day prayer booklets available on the
Welcome Desk.

Sun 13th May: 8.00pm-10.00pm: **'The
Gathering'** for young adults. *Speak to Saju,
Amanda, Lynne or Shane if interested!*

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.



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 starting in September.

Fri 27th July: 1.00pm-4pm *'Let Loose' outside music concert*, Gillingham High Street. Please contact Mayowa or Graham Wilkins for more information.

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



"And Hezekiah prayed this prayer before the LORD: "O LORD, God of Israel, You are enthroned between the mighty cherubim! You alone are God of all the kingdoms of the earth. You alone created the heavens and the earth." 2 Kings 19:15 (New Living Translation Bible)

O LORD God thank you again that 'You alone are God of all the kingdoms [and peoples] of the earth'. Please bring Your wisdom, love and mercy in to our fallen world because we

desperately need You. For Your glory's sake, Amen.

Pray for Syria as various powers and vested interests are pulling it apart... **Ask the LORD** to be close to the victims of war coping with chemical attacks, missiles, hunger, thirst and lacking any form of normality... **Praise** that we can ask our God and King to, *"not let the oppressed retreat in disgrace; may the poor and needy praise Your name"* (Psalm 74:21) because of His righteous justice and perfect will.

Praise for the Rev Irshad John's powerful sermon last Sunday... **Praise** for the commissioning of the **St Mark's India 2018 team**... ask the LORD to encourage, bless and protect each team member, so they can do the work that the LORD wants them to achieve for Him, as they get ready to leave tomorrow... **Pray** for God's healing, grace and unity of purpose, so that all members of the team grow nearer to God and each other.

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... **Ask the LORD** to provide more worship group members at the time of His choosing... **Thank you** to past and present Worship Group members in beautifying our church with their musical talents, so that we the congregation can reach up to our Holy God and King in worship and praise.

Pray for our Mission partner, **Katy Barnwell** who is in the UK this week and writes, *"[Am] thankful for a short space in which to respond to remaining issues concerning the Bible Translation manual and hopefully see it off to the publishers. I have felt very prayed for in this project, please keep praying!"*

Pray for those known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch... for **Steve Burtrand** recovering well from having a defibrillator/pacemaker fitted... for **Paul Smith** currently confined to bedrest... 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 16 th	96	Exodus 19	Luke 1.1-25
Tues 17 th	98	Exodus 20.1-21	Luke 1.26-38
Weds 18 th	105	Exodus 24	Luke 1.39-56
Thurs 19 th	136	Exodus.25.1-22	Luke 1.57-end
Fri 20 th	107	Exodus 28.1-4a, 29-38	Luke 2.1-20
Sat 21 st	110	Exodus 29.1-9	Luke 2.21-40

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!**