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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus May: Lucy Haslam

St. Mark's Event/group for May:  
Ladies Group

13<sup>th</sup> May 2018



## Sunday after Ascension Day

10.30am: **Holy Communion**  
12.30pm: **Farewell and Thank you lunch** to Pauline as she retires from the Church Office.  
6.30pm: **Bible Study Stream** – Philippians with Martyn Saunders of Pip & Jims

Thank You!

### Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship**, St Mary's Island  
3.00pm: Charing House  
5.00pm: St Mark's House  
7.30pm-8.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM COME' Prayer Meeting**, All Saints Church, Hempstead ME7 3QG  
7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**  
8.00pm-10.00pm: **'The Gathering'** for young adults. *Speak to Saju, Amanda, Lynne or Shane if interested.*  
**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.*

### New Church Office Hours are:

**Mon & Thurs 10.00am-3.00pm**  
**Tues & Weds 10.00am-2.00pm**  
**Fri 10.00am-2.30pm**

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK



**Mon 14 May:** work starting on the new toilets in church. The work will take approximately nine weeks and during this period temporary toilets will be

provided for use by the congregation.

7.30pm-8.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM COME' Prayer Meeting**, Gillingham URC, ME7 4PU

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm-8.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM COME' Prayer Meeting**, Kings, Skinner Street, Gillingham ME7 1LD

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> May: 9.00am: **Holy Communion**, in Church

9.45am: **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

6.30pm-8.30pm: **Faith & Light**, Vicarage Hall

7.30pm-8.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM COME' Prayer Meeting**, Salem Church of the Nazarene, Nelson Road ME7 4LH

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank**, Church

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> May: 7.30pm: **Men's Curry Night**, Bollywood Buffet, Canterbury Street. £11.95 per person. Please speak to Dammy.

7.30pm-8.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM COME' Prayer Meeting**, St. Luke's Church, Gillingham ME7 1PA

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> May: 10.00am-12noon: **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

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

7.30pm-8.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM COME' Prayer Meeting**, Gillingham Salvation Army ME7 1XA

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May: 10.00am-12.00noon: **Foodbank**, Church

1.30pm-3.30pm: **King's Banquet** at St. Mark's Church. A free event with food & children's activities. If you want to know more please speak to Katie Jenkins.

7.30pm-8.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM COME' Prayer Meeting**, Gillingham Methodist Church ME7 2LU

**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 if you would like to know more about being in a mid-week group.

### NEXT SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May



#### **Pentecost Whit Sunday**

10.30am: **Service of the Word**

6.30pm: **United Pentecost Service**

#### **Other Services:**

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

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> May: 12.30pm-1.30pm: **Just One Prayer Walk** – meet outside the Gillingham Football Club Shop, MEMS Priestfield Stadium, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> July: 1.00pm-4pm: **'Let Loose' outside music concert**, Gillingham High Street. Please

contact Mayowa or Graham Wilkins for more information.

**FAMILY NEWS**



**Mike Haslam of the Family Trust would like to say a big thank you for all those who voted for the CAP Money Kids courses to be chosen**

**as one of the Big Lottery Fund Peoples Projects because they won £18,037 to further this very important work in our local schools.**

**St. Mark's Preschool needs a NVQ level 2 or 3 Preschool Practitioner required for cover on a zero hours contract. Please speak to Julie Hanning, Manager for more details.**

**'THY KINGDOM COME'**

**Thy Kingdom Come 9-day or 11-day prayer booklets are available on the Welcome Desk.**

**Gift aid certificates are now available, please see John Beck, thank you.**

**POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**



**"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other." Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)**

**LORD please help me to remember that You alone are God – perfect, loving and wise, whereas myself and my brothers and sisters in Christ are all fallible, weak and sinful. Please bring Your glorious presence into all our hearts and help us to unite under Your banner of love, mercy and grace. Thus showing the world there is another way that is different from the greed, spite and envy which we see all around us. Amen.**

**Praise** that the **Family Trust** received enough votes to be chosen for the Big Lottery Fund Peoples Projects... **Pray** for wisdom in using the £18,037 to reach more children with the CAP Money Kids courses.

**Pray** for the **India 2018 Team** as they continue to adjust to life back home with the different insights, experiences and blessings.

**Bring to the LORD** any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about... **Praise** that we can say to God, "Give us aid against the enemy, for human help is worthless." (Psalm 60:11)

**Pray** for **Ladies Group** this week as they share a sense of belonging, unity and care for each other...

**Ask the LORD** to bless them with His presence and equip each one to fulfil the special function that He has created them to do.

**Lucy Haslam**, our Mission Partner, writes, "Praise God for all He's been teaching me this year, especially reminding me that I'm really not in charge of my life, He is! Please pray for Joel and I as we prepare to be married that we'd love each other more than ourselves and love God more than each other. Please also pray that God would provide a church for us to serve in next year and a place to live. The church family at St. Mark's are warmly invited to celebrate our marriage on June 30<sup>th</sup>."

**Pray** for **Paul Smith** who has his MRI scan today (13<sup>th</sup>)... **Praise** that he was able to join us in church last Sunday.

**Praise** for our Mission Partners, **Francis and Diane Dognon** who are having a week of intercession for their network of churches from 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May... **Pray** for protection... for the LORD's unity and grace... for minds, ears and hearts to be cleansed and open to hear Him speak about His future plans for their communities.

**Pray** for those known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch.

> **Pray for: Lucy Haslam and Ladies Group** <

**Bible readings for May 2018**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	16	1 Samuel 2.27-35	Acts 2.37-end
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	99	Numbers 22.36-23.12	Luke 8.1-15
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	29	Numbers 23.13-end	Luke 8.16-25
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	24	Numbers 24	Luke 8.26-39
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	28	Numbers 27.12-end	Luke 8.40-end
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	43	Numbers 32.1-27	Luke 9.1-17

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!**