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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

20th May 2018



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

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 21st May: 7.45pm: PCC, Old Vicarage

Weds 23rd May: 9.00am: Holy Communion, in Church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

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

1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, Church

Fri 25th May: 6.15pm: Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 26th May: 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 if you would like to know more about being in a mid-week group.



NEXT SUNDAY 27th May

Trinity Sunday

10.30am: Holy Communion

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

6.30pm: No Evening Service

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 3rd June: 6.00pm-8.00pm: **UNASHAMED** - an evening of worship happening at Kings Church Medway in Chatham. Please see noticeboard for more information thank you.

Sat 9th June: 10.30am-12.00noon: **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

Sat 9th June: JustOne Gillingham Doors open 1.00pm, Event time 3.00-5.00pm at Gillingham Football Club, MEMS Priestfield stadium, Redfern Avenue, Gillingham ME7 4DD

Make sure you and your guest have this in your diaries!

Tickets are still available, remember to buy 2!

Sun 10th June: 8.00pm-10.00pm: 'The Gathering' for young adults. Speak to Saju, Amanda, Lynne or Shane if interested.

Sat 16th June: 9.30am-11.00am 'Who Let the Dads Out?' for all children aged 0-6 years and the men in their life, Vicarage Hall

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

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. This is a great opportunity not to be missed. If you are interested please speak to Keith, Shane or Terry.

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

Pauline writes: 'Dear St Mark's Church Family. Thank you so much for my amazing Retirement Lunch' on Sunday, it was

Thank You!

marvellous to see so many of you stay after the service, enjoying what we do best. Thank you to Lynne Martin, Organiser Extraordinaire, and her team of helpers and caterers. Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity in cards, gifts and words, I felt quite overwhelmed and humbled by all the kind comments, both from friends at the front and from so many individuals to me directly. I pray St Mark's family will be blessed in the future as we move in to this new season in our church life together.'

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.

Just One are in need of volunteers, can you help? If you are interested and can offer your time for this amazing event please register on the website WWW.justonepriestfield.com Training days are Sat 2nd June 11.00-12.00pm or Thurs 7th June 7.00-8.00pm.

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from Him. Truly He is my rock and my salvation, He is my fortress, I will never be shaken." Psalm 62:1-2 (NIV)

Thank you LORD that when we are sinking beneath the stormy waves of life, You reach out and bring us safely to Your gracious side. Only in You are we truly safe from harm because You have the words to eternal life for now and the future, while meeting our present needs each step of the way. Thank you again Amen.

Pray for Charmaine's husband Leon, who has gone through unfair disciplinary procedure at work. He is now on 12-month probation and is desperately looking for a new job... **Ask the LORD** to bring His powerful spirit into this situation and transform the atmosphere into a caring environment for all... for protection, rest and all needs to be met as Charmaine, Leon and their children Malachi and Nyla wait for the LORD's will to be done.

Pray for the Family Trust as they meet the needs of the children and staff in our local schools. **Praise** that they now have more funds to reach more children with the CAP Money Kids courses.

Continue to 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, "Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer." (Psalm 61:1)

Ask the LORD to remind you of some of His many blessings and splashes of joy you have received this week.

Pray for protection, encouragement and to 'find rest in God' this week for **Ladies Group... Praise** for the way that the LORD uses this special group to meet their needs and many others through them.

Praise for **The King's Banquet** at St. Mark's Church yesterday... **Pray** for everyone involved, that they will receive a fresh understanding of just how wonderful, loving and inspiring our God is.

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 30th."

Praise for all the answers to prayer for **Katy Barnwell's** manuscript of the Bible Translation training manual. It is now at the typesetters! Katy says, "for which I am very thankful. Your prayers helped indeed..." **Pray** for all the trainee translators who will be using this manual.

Praise for our Mission Partners, **Francis and Diane Dognon** who are having a week of intercession for their network of churches this week (20th - 26th 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 **Paul Smith...** for **Ernie Mann** and all 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 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 21 st	123	Joshua 1	Luke 9.18-27
Tues 22 nd	132	Joshua 2	Luke 9.28-36
Weds 23 rd	119.153-end	Joshua 3	Luke 9.37-50
Thurs 24 th	143	Joshua 4.1-5.1	Luke 9.51-end
Fri 25 th	144	Joshua 5.2-end	Luke 10.1-16
Sat 26 th	147	Joshua 6.1-20	Luke 10.17-24

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!**