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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: The Family Trust

St. Mark's Event/groups: ALPHA

23rd September 2018



SUNDAY 23rd Sept:

Trinity 17

We warmly welcome Amber Charlotte Banner-Martin, her parents, family and their friends to her baptism today.

10.30am: Service in the Community Stream - New series on prayer - praying in the community/on the High St. We Welcome the Archdeacon Andrew Wooding- Jones who will be preaching & teaching during morning service.

FUSION after the morning Service - sharing of food, heritage and culture - Come and Enjoy!

6.30pm: Service of the word - 'When we sulk God challenges us - **Jonah 4.**

Other Services:

11.00am: Family 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.*

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.

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Weds 26th Sept: 9.00am: Holy Communion, in Church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 27th Sept: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, Church

7.00pm-9.15pm: ALPHA, Old Vicarage

The evening will start with a sit down supper followed by a dvd and discussion. Whether you have a relationship with God or not, why not sign up, come along, take the opportunity to spend time with others, ask questions and build on your faith. **For more details please contact Amanda Maskell or Katie Jenkins in the Church Office.**

Fri 28th Sept: 6.15pm: Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 29th Sept: 10.00am-12.00noon: Foodbank, Church

12.30pm: **Amanda's Ordination**

You are all invited to a BBQ at the Old Vicarage to celebrate with Amanda after her Ordination. Please do put your name down on the sheet at the back of the church if you will be attending in order to give us an idea for how much food is needed.

Sun 30th Sept: 6.30pm **Worship Evening** please see posters in the church for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 4th Oct: 7.00pm-9.15pm **ALPHA**, old vicarage

Sun 7th Oct: After the morning's Service **Cake & Consider** for Tearfund Sahaara Project. See below for more information.

Sat 13th Oct: 10.30am-12.00noon: **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

Sat 13th Oct: 9.00am-11.30am **Women's Breakfast - For the Word of God is Alive and Active**, an event for women of all ages. The Salvation Army, Green Street, Gillingham ME7 1XA Suggested donation £4 - for more information please see church noticeboard, thank you.

Sun 14th Oct: 8.00pm-10.00pm: 'The Gathering' for young adults. Speak to Saju, Amanda, Lynne or Shane if interested.

Sat 20th Oct: 9.30-11.00am: 'Who Let the Dads Out?' for all children aged 0-6years and the men in their lives, Vicarage hall

Sun 11th Nov: 10.30am **Remembrance Service - this year will mark the 100 years since the guns fell silent and WWI ended.**



FAMILY NEWS

The funeral of Trevor Bloor is now **Wednesday 3rd October** at 1.00pm at Bobbing Crematorium.

CAKE & CONSIDER NEED YOU!



We are in need of people to volunteer to make cakes, cupcakes, cookies or savoury items. Alongside baking the goodies we need people to come forwards and help sell and serve at the event. If you can help please speak to Monica Shergill or Lesley Boast to sign up for this great afternoon! All funds raised go to the Tearfund Sahaara India Project. Don't forget there will be a quiz too. So raid your

penny jars, put your brains in gear, join in the fun and help a good cause!

There will be a Harvest Supper & Quiz in aid of The Family Trust, 3rd Ave Youth and Bowel Cancer UK.



It will be held at Third Avenue Church and Community (formerly GMC) on Saturday 29th September from 6pm – 9pm.

Teams of 8; £10 – adult / £5 children.

Harvest Ploughman’s & Refreshments included.

Tickets from debra@familytrust.org.uk or youth@gillinghammethodists.uk

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up”. Luke 18:1

We pray to you with hearts that are strong like lions in our faith that you will hear our prayers and answer our prayers. For your son taught us to never give up and so in prayer we can build a supportive wall to be lent on for ourselves and others of which some may not yet know you. May they see the strength prayer holds and in turn see you. Amen.

Ask the LORD to protect everyone involved in **ALPHA** which is starting on 27th September... **Pray** for every individual who is on the course and that they will come to know the LORD in a new refreshing way and learn to feel His deep love, mercy and grace for them in their lives... **Praise**, *“For great is Your love [LORD], reaching to the heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.” (Psalm 57:10)*

Pray for a fair and just Brexit which meets the needs of both the UK and the EU.

Pray for the **Family Trust** and ask the LORD to encourage, strengthen and engage everyone involved, so that their faith is renewed, which in turn builds up this loving Christian community into His message powerhouse... **Praise** for the work they do in schools, colleges and Christian groups.

Pray for all those affected by the extreme weather in the Phillipians, the USA, for those who have suffered the landslides...**Pray** for the family and anyone else hit by Storm Ali in Ireland...**Praise** any individual in these communities working to rebuild what has been lost.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about...**Praise that the LORD says**, *“As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.” (Psalm 32:8)*

Pray for Amanda Maskell’s Ordination.

Take time today to praise the LORD on some of His wonderful blessings for you, your family, friends and community.

Pray for Keith Sheepwash who recently had surgery...**The Thom family** with recent bereavements and **Derick Thom’s sister-in-law Iris** who has lung and liver cancer... for **Jill Callan**... for **Rachel**... for **Terence Herbert** who has cancer – **Yasnee** asks for the LORD to heal **Terence**, reduce his suffering and bless him... for **Charmaine’s husband Leon**... for **Lorraine Schultz**... for **June Bloor and family** on the sad passing of **Trevor**.

Please pray for: The Family Trust & ALPHA

Bible readings for September 2018

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 24th	71	1 Kings 21	Acts 21.37-22.21
Tues 25th	73	1 Kings 22.1-28	Acts 22.22-23.11
Weds 26th	77	1 Kings 22.29-45	Acts 23.12-end
Thurs 27th	78.1-39	2 Kings 1.2-17	Acts 24.1-23
Fri 28th	55	2 Kings 2.1-18	Acts 24.24-25.12
Sat 29 th	34	Daniel 12.1-4	Acts 12.1-11

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!**

New Church Office Hours are:

Mon & Thurs 10.00am-3.00pm, Tues & Weds 10.00am-2.00pm, Fri 10.00am-2.30pm (by appointment only)