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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Carri MacFarlane

St. Mark's Event:
Remembrance Service

25th November 2018

Sunday before Advent



10.30am: Service of the Word – BELLS SERIES: Sent

Bible Reading: John 20:19-23

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

Other Services:

11.00am: Family Service, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: Summit (was 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 DURING THIS WEEK:

Weds 28th Nov: 9.00am Holy Communion, in Church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

6.30pm-8.30pm: Differently Able, (was Faith & Light) will be attending Saints Alive.

Thurs 29th Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

7.00pm-9.15pm: ALPHA, Old Vicarage

Fri 30th Nov: 6.15pm: Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 1st Dec: 7.00am-8.00am: Standing in the Gap, an early morning intercessory session seeking God's face in families, youth & children's ministry, Old Vicarage. Please contact Dammy or Tim for more info.

10.00am-12.00noon: Foodbank, Church

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd Dec:

Advent 1



10.30am: All Age Service – Created Stars

Genesis 1:14-16

6.30pm: No Service at St. Mark's Church – Confirmation evening at St. Matthews Church

Other Services:

11.00am: Christingle &

Baptism, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: Summit (was Landmark)

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



Open Church Prayer Week

Mon 10th Dec-Fri 14th Dec: 9.00am-4.00pm

We are opening the doors of our church to invite anyone in the community to come in to pray, sit in silence, reflect and be in the presence of God. If you are available to be with those who come in to church, please speak to Katie or Ellie. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 12th Dec: 7.00pm Music Man Project Christmas Concert, St. George's Centre, Chtham Maritime. Admission FREE – first-come, first-served for seating!

Fri 14th Dec: 7.30pm Carol Singing outside the Ship and Trades Pub, St Mary's Island

Sat 15th Dec: 1pm Differently Able, (was Faith & Light) Christmas Party, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 20th Dec: 7.30pm Men's Curry Night, Old Vicarage. This is a bring and share event. Please speak to Dammy for more information.

Sun 23rd Dec: 10.30am Traditional Carol Service, St. Mark's Church

3.00pm Empty Chair Service - A reflective Service for anyone missing a loved one this Christmas, St. Mark's Church

5.30pm Carols in the Pub, King George V, 1 Prospect Row, Brompton ME7 5AL

Mon 24th Dec: 5.00pm FOLLOW THE STAR – A Christmas Festival of carols, drama, community choir and refreshments, St. Mark's Church



11.00pm Christmas Eve Midnight Service, St Mary's Island

Tues 25th Dec: 10.30am Christmas Day CELEBRATION – All Age Service with Holy Communion, St. Mark's Church

Mon 31st Dec: 11.00pm WATCH Night Service – a service to look back with grateful hearts for all that God has done in 2018 and a hearty celebration in anticipation for all God is going to do in 2019

Please find the link to the website for Reach: [https://stmarksgillingham.org/Articles/530774/Reach at Gillingham.aspx](https://stmarksgillingham.org/Articles/530774/Reach%20at%20Gillingham.aspx) thank you

FAMILY NEWS

Steve & Lynn Trebill and Margaret Green would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part, helped in anyway before, during and after last Sunday's Remembrance Service.



We would also like to thank everyone who came to the service itself, as this is a meeting point between our St. Mark's church family and the wider community of the Medway Towns before our wonderful God. We again received many positive comments. Everyone's presence makes this a very special service.

Follow the Star needs you

We need volunteers for our Follow the Star festival on 24th December. Can you offer your help serving nibbles and mulled wine? If so please speak to Amanda or Lynda Smith.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Direct my footsteps according to Your Word; let no sin rule over me." Psalm 119:133 (New International Version UK)

LORD thank you that You seek us like 'lost sheep' when we 'stray' (Psalm 119:176) and get stuck in secular society, which is opposed to Your Holy Word and against Your commands. Please 'direct our footsteps', so that not only do we return to You our God and saviour, but share Your wonderful love, grace and salvation with everyone we meet, for Your Glory's Sake. Amen.

Pray for all those who attended the **Remembrance Service** on Sun 11th Nov... **Ask the LORD** to bless everyone, bring healing and wholeness to all.

Pray for our government especially our PM Mrs Theresa May as they continue this stage of

BREXIT negotiations... **Ask the LORD** to give them wisdom in making the correct decision for the good of the country and not put politics or careers first.

Praise for all that our Mission Partner; **Carri MacFarlane** does for the LORD in India and for all the lives that are transformed by education etc...

Pray that the LORD will 'direct their steps' into the areas that He wants them to thrive in for His name's sake.

Continue to pray for Nev & Tina Piper's son Jon Piper who is going on a week's teaching mission to Myanmar (formerly Burma) with 2 colleagues...

Ask the LORD for protection, wisdom, encouragement and that everyone involved will learn more about Him and His Holy Word... for lives to be transformed through His loving grace.

Pray to the LORD to have mercy and intervene in Yemen as fighting has resumed at the key port of Hudaudah. This port is a key lifeline for just under two-thirds of Yemen's population, which is almost totally reliant on imports of food, fuel and medicine.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about...**Praise LORD because**, "The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made." (Psalm 145.9)

Pray for **Sheryl Gowan** recently diagnosed with lung cancer... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** having cancer treatment... for **Gill Marchand and family** ... for **Terence Herbert** who has cancer... for **June Bloor and family**...for **Michael Stacey** now in hospital with bed sores through to his tendons...anyone you know who needs the LORD at this time for whatever reason.

Please pray for: Carri MacFarlane & the Remembrance Service

Bible readings for November/December 2018

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 26 th	96	Isaiah 40.1-11	Revelation 14.1-13
Tues 27 th	97	Isaiah 40.12-26	Revelation 14.14-end of 15
Weds 28 th	112	Isaiah 40.27-41.7	Revelation 16.1-11
Thurs 29 th	125	Isaiah 41.8-20	Revelation 16.12-end
Fri 30 th	147.1-12	Ezekiel 47.1-12	John 12.20-32
Sat 1 st Dec	145	Isaiah 42.10-17	Revelation 18

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)