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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Medway Night Shelter & Jon Friday short-term Mission to India

St. Mark's Event:
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity & Film Club

27th January 2019

4th Sunday of Epiphany – Introduction to the Listening Week at St Mark's.

10.30am: **Holy Communion** - Complaint on the Long Walk – Including Commissioning **Jon Friday** on a short term **Mission to India**

Bible Reading: Numbers 11:1-15

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

6.30pm **No Evening Service**

Other Services:

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

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Summit (was Landmark)**

Prayer Ministry: If you would like to pray or share concerns with someone, then prayer teams are available in the small chapel at the front of church.

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Weds 30th Jan: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in church

10.00am-12.00 noon: **Listening Week at St Mark's** in Church

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

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

6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope**, (formerly Faith & Light) in Vicarage Hall – including *Listening Week at St Mark's*

Thurs 31st Jan: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church – including *Listening Week at St Mark's*

Fri 1st Feb: Partial closure of office. The office will be open 10am-12pm. If for any reason it is not, please email or leave a voicemail.

Fri 1st Feb: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 2nd Feb: 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the Gap** – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage.

10.00am-12.00noon: **Foodbank**, Church – including *Listening Week at St Mark's*

2.00pm: **Film Club**, Church

SUNDAY 3rd February 2019:

5th Sunday before Lent

10.30am: **All Age Service**

6.30pm: **Prayer Stream**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Holy Communion**, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Summit (was Landmark)**

Please beware that there are mousetraps around the church. No harm will come from touching them but please don't let children play with them.

Small Groups/Home Groups meet in various locations at different times throughout the week. Please contact Pauline at church if you would like more information.

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

Mon 11th Feb: 7.45pm **PCC**, Old Vicarage

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

Sun 17th Feb: 6.30pm **Mental Health Workshop**, Church

Sat 23rd Feb: 8.45am-10.45am **Men's**



Breakfast, continental style breakfast to be held in the Vicarage Hall. Speak to Dammy for any additional information.

Sun 24th Feb: 10.30am **Saju Muthalaly's Licensing** happening during the morning service – more details to follow...

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Kelvin and Marcella on the birth of baby Jensen Harry Summoogum. Mummy and baby doing ok and he is keeping daddy awake.



Marriage Course - 7 week course starting Valentine's Day 14th Feb 2019

Could your marriage be even better than it already is?

Why not join the Marriage Course taking place at Pepe's Tea Room, Gillingham.

Looking at points such as knowing each other to build strong foundations, learning to communicate effectively and more.

Speak to Saju or Amanda if you would like to know more and to sign up.



Believers Baptism – to be held on **Easter Sunday**, a full emersion Baptism. If you are in a place with God where this feels right for you, please let Saju, Amanda or Katie know over the next couple of weeks.



Long Walk to Freedom booklet can be found on our webpage www.stmarksgillingham.org under resources and then choosing documents.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"After the earthquake there was a fire – but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the soft whisper of a voice. When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. A voice said to him, 'Elijah, what are you doing here?'" 1 Kings 19:12-13 (GNT)

LORD thank you that when life seems overwhelming and we feel unable to cope with anything else, You are there! But even more than that, You are really carrying us until we reach Your 'quiet waters of rest that refresh our souls' (Psalm 23:2-3). Please help us to remember to listen to the 'soft whisper of Your voice' in our hearts and trust in You, our awesome loving LORD. Amen.

Pray for all those affected by BREXIT in the UK and Europe and all those affected by the government shut down in the USA... **Ask the LORD** to, "work righteousness and justice for all the oppressed" (Psalm 103:6) and bring His loving solutions.

Pray that everyone who needs the various **Night Shelters** around the country will have access especially as the weather is turning much colder... **Ask the LORD** for wisdom in dealing with this problem.

Praise for all the answers to prayer during the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**... **Pray** that the new bonds of Christian friendship will continue to grow.

Pray for the **Listening Week at St Mark's** this week especially that the LORD will open our eyes, ears and hearts to Him to learn His wisdom and His encouragement and feel His awesome love.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about...**Praise LORD because,** "I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken." (Psalm 16:8)

Pray for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** who is awaiting further tests and surgery for breast cancer... **Ask the LORD** to be with their **son Russell** and family at this time.

Pray for **Jon Friday's short-term Mission to India** and that he will feel the LORD's blessing, protection and leading in everything he does.

Pray for **Keith Sheepwash** starting radiotherapy 28th Jan-22nd Feb that he will know that the LORD is carrying him through this and will be with Keith each step of the way.

Pray for **David Wilkins** who will be moving so that he can continue his internship in Strasberg... **Ask the LORD** to meet David's needs especially future employment.

Praise for **Film Club** and for the many families that come... **Pray** that everyone involved will feel the LORD'S blessing, His protection and His joy during the week.

Pray for the people of **Zimbabwe** concerning the brutal government crackdown... **Ask the LORD** to change hearts and minds from violence to peaceful dialogue that brings relief to the suffering and answers to the problems.

Pray for **Raymond Shergill's Dad** recovering from pneumonia... for **Promise Anga** ... for **Kate** undergoing neurological tests... for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris**... for **Sheryl Gowan** ...for **Gill Marchand and family** ... for **Terence Herbert**... for **June Bloor & family**...for **Michael Stacey**... for anyone you know who needs the LORD at this time for whatever reason.

Please pray for: Medway Night Shelter, Jon Friday short-term Mission to India, Film Club & Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Bible readings for January/February 2019

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 28 th	108	Hosea 2.18-end of 3	1 Corinthians 9.15-end
Tues 29 th	36	Hosea 4.1-16	1 Corinthians 10.1-13
Weds 30 th	46	Hosea 5.1-7	1 Corinthians 10.14-11.1
Thurs 31 st	47	Hosea 5.8-6.6	1 Corinthians 11.2-16
Fri 1 st Feb	65	Hosea 6.7-7.2	1 Corinthians 11.17-end
Sat 2 nd Feb	68	Hosea 14	1 Corinthians 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 through the second door on the left, at the front of church (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)