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# MARKtime

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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

**Mission Focus:** Jon Friday short-term Mission to India

**St. Mark's Event:**  
Film Club

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019**



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 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.00am Holy Communion in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 6.15pm Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 7.00am-8.00am Standing in the Gap – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage.

### SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019:

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

**10.30am: Holy Communion – Weight of Discouragement on the Long Walk**

Bible Reading: Numbers 12:1-16

**6.30pm: Prayer Stream**

**Other Services:**

**11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island**

**3.00pm: Charing House**

**5.00pm: St. Mark's House**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.00am-12 noon Open Church Worship Morning, Term time only, with Dan Saunders. Open for the community to come in sit and listen to worship, pray and share a cup of tea and coffee.

7.45pm PCC, Old Vicarage

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 6.30pm "Stress Proof" your life taster session, Church

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



Thank you to all those who purchased Tearfund Christmas cards. We raised £116.10

### Marriage Course - 7 week course starting Valentine's Day 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org) under resources and then choosing documents.**



### POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

**"God has shown His love to us by sending His only Son into the world. God did this so we might have life**

**through Christ. This is love! It is not that we loved God but that He loved us. For God sent His Son to pay for our sins with His own Blood" 1 John 4:9-10 (New Life Version)**

**How can we ever understand Your love Lord? You put aside Your majesty and became weak, vulnerable and helpless for me on a cross because You love me. Thank you Jesus for Your loving salvation and hope – "LORD how majestic is Your name in all the earth" (Psalm 8:9). Amen.**

**Continue to pray** for all those affected by BREXIT in the UK and Europe... **Ask the LORD** to bring wisdom to all sides so that a fair and just solution can be reached.

**Praise** that the Government shut down in the USA has ended... **Pray** for all those who are now in debt and are struggling because of the situation.

**Pray** for **Jon Friday's short-term Mission to India** will achieve what the LORD wants and that Jon will be constantly open to His leading... **Ask the LORD** to protect, encourage and bring joy in the difficult situations that Jon finds himself in.

**Pray** for **David Wilkins** who is on an internship in Brussels... **Ask the LORD** to meet David's needs especially future employment.

**Pray** for **Steve Burtrand** home from hospital following treatment to upgrade & adjust his defib/pacemaker and that his blood pressure will stop dropping so low.

**Pray** for **Kelvin, Marcella** and baby **Jensen Harry Summoogum** as they settle in with the rest of the family... **Praise** for Baby Jensen's safe arrival.

**Pray** for all the families who come to **Film Club** each month, that they will get to know the LORD as their friend and saviour... **Praise** for the blessing that the LORD is giving as the various families make friends and feel a strong bond with each other.

**Pray** for all those who work in Mental Health especially when budgets are tight or have been cut... **Ask the LORD** to bring His peace, wisdom and love into the various situations that are occurring... **Praise** for the "Stress Proof" your life taster session happening in Church on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm.

**Pray** for the English councils who have overspent their budgets for young adults and children with special needs this financial year... **Ask the LORD** to be with families, staff and carers as they feel overwhelmed and struggle with competing demands.

**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.

**Bring to the LORD** any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about...**Praise**, "O LORD, You protect me and save me; Your care has made me great, and Your power has kept me safe." (Psalm 18:35 Good News Translation)

**Pray** for **Keith Sheepwash** dealing with his radiotherapy sessions until 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb will know God's peace... for **Raymond Shergill's Dad** recovering from pneumonia... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** who is awaiting further tests and surgery for breast cancer... for **Kate** undergoing neurological tests... for **Promise Anga**... 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:** Jon Friday short-term Mission to India, Film Club Unity

**Bible readings for February 2019**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	2	1 Chronicles 10.1-11.9	John 13.1-11
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	5	1 Chronicles 13	John 13.12-20
Weds 6 <sup>th</sup>	119.1-32	1 Chronicles 15.1-16.3	John 13.21-30
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	15	1 Chronicles 17	John 13.31-end
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	19	1 Chronicles 21.1-22.1	John 14.1-14
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	23	1 Chronicles 22.2-end	John 14.15-end

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)**