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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Tearfund

St. Mark's Event:  
PCC

24<sup>th</sup> March 2019



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent.

10.30am: Holy Communion  
– Providence on the Long Walk

Reading: Numbers 20:1-13

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

#### Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: Summit (was Landmark)

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

### WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> March:** 9.00am-noon Open Church Worship Morning. Open for the community to listen to worship, pray and share a cup of tea or coffee

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> March:** 9.00am Holy Communion, 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

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March:** 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, in church

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March:** 6.15pm Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.00am-8.00am Standing in the Gap – *Praying for families, youth & children's ministries*, Old Vicarage

10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

### SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019:



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Happy Mothers Day**

10.30am: Holy Communion – Bronze Snake on the Long Walk

Reading: Numbers 21:1-9

6.30pm-8.00pm: GOSPEL NIGHT PRESENTS A

NIGHT OF GOSPEL MUSIC - SING OUT @ St. Mark's

#### Other Services:

11.00am: Mothering Sunday Family Service, 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.**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April:** 11.00am Holy Communion, AGM and Janet Adkin's departure, St. Mary's Island

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April:** 6.00pm-9.00pm Passover supper in the church. Limited numbers so please book tickets early. See Jane Tolhurst. Adults £2.50, children aged 2-11 £1.00

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April:** 10.30am-11.30am Taizé service, in church

11.45am: Walk of Witness starting at Gillingham Library

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup> April:** noon -2.00pm: Easter egg hunt, Vicarage Hall

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April:** 6.00am Easter Sunrise Service, St. Mary's Island

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> April:** 10.30am Easter Sunday Communion – *The Long Walk of the Risen One*, in Church

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April:** 10.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) following a short service

### FAMILY NEWS

The funeral for the remarkable Mrs Emma Ivy Bailey will be held at St Mark's on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10.00am, followed by her committal at The Garden of England Crematorium at 11am.

Saju is looking forward to visiting and spending the day with Rev. John Collins on 25th April 2019. John was the vicar of St. Mark's between 1957 and 1972. The current Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby describes John as "... the best parish priest in the post-war era". If you would like to send John a letter, postcard or a note of appreciation, please get it to the church office by 23rd April 2019.

### PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

We are currently preparing a new Electoral Roll. This has to be done from scratch every six years.

Remember if you are currently on the Electoral Roll of St. Mark's Gillingham you will have to re-apply to be on the new roll. If you are not currently on the roll please apply.

Detailed requirements to be on the roll are shown on the separate sheet available at the back of church.

### POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"He (the LORD) said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.'" Revelation 21:6 (NIV UK)



**Thank you LORD, that You are the true water of life without which we will die. You came to die on a cross for me and thus being the true 'rock' from which my salvation, peace and joy flow through Your amazing life changing grace. How can I ever thank you enough, my saviour, God and King. Amen.**

**Continue to pray** for BREXIT, our government and our society as time is running out for a fair and just agreement for all.

**Praise** for **Tearfund's partner SAHAARA** who provide skills training and education in the red light district of Mumbai, India... **Ask the LORD** to meet their thirst, hunger and need in His 'spring of the water of life' to be truly satisfied.

**Ask the LORD** to protect, encourage and bring resolution to the many issues up for discussion on the **PCC**... **Pray** for the 'away day' happening soon... **Praise** that our LORD God is constantly renewing the life of St. Mark's Church and each one of us for His glory – the blessed Alpha and the Omega of our lives.

**Pray** for all those affected by **Cyclone IDAI** especially in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi; for those whose ripened maize crop has been flooded, thus meaning real hunger for the rest of the year and those who had family and friends washed away in these floods... **Praise** for the work of NGOs, charities and the affected communities in helping each other in need.

**Praise** for the way the communities are coming together in Christchurch and the whole of New Zealand after the mass murders and injuries inflicted at two mosques recently... **Pray** for all those who mourn, suffering injuries, fearful and shocked... **Praise** that we read in Philippians 4:19, "And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ."

**Continue to pray** for wisdom, peace and understanding on both sides of the conflict between the nations of India & Pakistan... **Ask the**

**LORD** to bring a fair and lasting solution to this crisis.

**Praise** for all those who work in the **NHS**... **Pray** for protection, wisdom and encouragement.

**Pray** for all those who are sleeping rough and for wise decisions by national/local governments in transforming this problem from despair into hope and a safe, warm home... **Praise** for all the organizations that help with basic needs.

**Ask the LORD** to remind you of His blessings this week and give Him praise.

**Bring to the LORD** any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about... **Praise** that "The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love." (Psalm 33:5)

**Pray** for **Trish Martin (Claire Banner's Mum)** following a serious fall... for **Bishop James** for his partial return to work and the support he continues to need... for **Neve Piper's** ongoing recovery... **Pray** for **Cathy's Dad** recovering and being cared for... for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy** awaiting an urgent scan... for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** to undergo more radiotherapy... for **Keith Sheepwash** who has finished radiotherapy, pray that side effects are minimised and for his complete and swift recovery... for **Steve Burtrand** needing an angiogram & possible treatment ... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** that her swelling and bruising will go down and for her treatment to go well... for **Kate Delaney** diagnosed with a severe form of epilepsy and is on stabilising medication – please continue to pray about the effects on her job... for **Promise Anga and his family** mourning the loss of his mother's younger sister... 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: Tearfund & PCC

#### Bible readings for March 2019

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	111	1 Samuel 2.1-10	Romans 5.12-end
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	9	Jeremiah 11.18-12.6	John 7.53-8.11
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	38	Jeremiah 13.1-11	John 8.12-30
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	56	Jeremiah 14	John 8.31-47
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	22	Jeremiah 15.10-end	John 8.48-end
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	31	Jeremiah 16.10-17.4	John 9.1-17

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 9.15am-1.15pm (by appointment only)**