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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: All Mission
Partners

St. Mark's Event:
Easter Services

31st March 2019



**4th Sunday of Lent –
Happy Mother's Day.**
**10.30am: Service of the
Word – Bronze Snake on
the Long Walk**
Reading: Numbers 21:1-9
**6.30pm-8.00pm: GOSPEL
NIGHT- 'Sing Out'** with full

gospel choir at St. Mark's

Other Services:

11.00am: Mothering Sunday 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, prayer teams are available
in the small chapel at the front of church.*

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

**Mon 1st April: 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 3rd April: 9.00am Holy Communion, in
church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 4th April: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, in
church

Fri 5th April: 6.15pm Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old
Vicarage

**Sat 6th April: 7.00am-8.00am Standing in the
Gap – Praying for families, youth & children's
ministries,** Old Vicarage

2.00pm – 4.00pm Cinema Club, in church

10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

SUNDAY 7th April 2019:

5th Sunday of Lent

**10.30am: All Age Service –
Palm Sunday**

**6.30pm: Prayer Stream –
Communion with healing &
prophetic prayer**

Other Services:

**11.00am: Holy Communion, AGM & Janet
Adkin standing down as DCC secretary,** 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 14th April: 10.30am George Verwer,
founder of Operation Mobilisation, will be visiting
and preaching on 'grace & encouragement'

Thurs 18th 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

Fri 19th April: 10.30am-11.30am Taizé service,
in church

11.45am: Walk of Witness starting at
Gillingham Library

Sat 20th April: noon - 2.00pm: Easter
egg hunt, Vicarage Hall

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

**Sun 21st April: 10.30am Easter
Sunday Communion – The Long Walk of the
Risen One,** in church



FAMILY NEWS

**The funeral for the remarkable Mrs Emma
Ivy Bailey will be held at St Mark's on
Tuesday 2nd 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.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Statutory and Additional Written Reports
Reminder to all leaders of St Mark's groups**

Please let Vicky Allen have your written
reports for inclusion before **Sunday 7 April.**

Please send your report to
vickvalle@gmail.com.

**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

"So Jesus said, 'When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.'... Even as He spoke, many put their faith in Him." John 8:28 & 30 (NIV UK)

LORD Jesus, just like the bronze snake lifted up for the Israelites to look at and be healed, this foreshadowed You being the 'Son of Man' nailed to a high cross and this brings my healing grace. Yet this loving act cost You everything including unimaginable pain as You took away all my guilt and shame and set me free. Please help me to remember this huge cost with never ending praise and gratitude for Your loving gift of salvation. Amen.

Continue to pray for BREXIT, our government and our society as time is running out for a fair and just agreement for all... **Ask the LORD** to bring His healing through His Holy Word for our fractured country.

Praise the LORD for what He has achieved through **Tim & Tricia Barrow's** recent speaking engagement at the Spiritual Life Conference in Namibia... **Pray** for protection, resources and a new sense of the LORD's healing power for everyone involved and their communities.

Continue to pray for all those affected by **Cyclone IDAI** especially in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe where families were separated in the floods and many loved ones have died.

Praise for the work of our Mission Partners, **The Fishermen Trust** who aim to engage and empower children and young adults through outdoor activities to make better life choices through the LORD's power to motivate and encourage each individual to be a better person and to live a more meaningful life... Remember **Jon Friday** in India.

Pray for all Easter services happening in April...

Pray that the forthcoming **APCM** will reflect the LORD's glory and not ours! **Ask the LORD** to come in His might and majesty, so that we can hear, listen and obey what is on His agenda.

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 *"Blessed are those who have regard for the weak; the LORD delivers them in times of trouble."* (Psalm 41:1)

Pray for **Trish Martin (Claire Banner's Mum)** following a serious fall that a bed will become available in Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, so that Trish can get the correct treatment for her condition... **Ask the LORD** to be with the family at this exhaustingly difficult time.

Pray 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** for complete and swift recovery... for **Steve & Kath Burtrand** ... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** that her swelling and bruising will go down - her chemo is now underway... 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:** All Mission Partners & Easter Services ^ ^ ^

Bible readings for April 2019

| Day | Psalm | 1 st Reading | 2 nd Reading |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon 1 st April | 77 | Jeremiah 17.5-18 | John 9.18-end |
| Tues 2 nd | 79 | Jeremiah 18.1-12 | John 10.1-10 |
| Weds 3 rd | 90 | Jeremiah 18.13-end | John 10.11-21 |
| Thurs 4 th | 86 | Jeremiah 19.1-13 | John 10.22-end |
| Fri 5 th | 102 | Jeremiah 19.14-20.6 | John 11.1-16 |
| Sat 6 th | 32 | Jeremiah 20.7-end | John 11.17-27 |

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)