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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

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)**

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:

Weds 10th April: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, in church

6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope**, (formerly Faith & Light) in Vicarage Hall

Thurs 11th April: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, in church

Sat 12th April: 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the Gap** – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

10.00am-noon: **Foodbank**, in church

SUNDAY 14th April 2019:

We warmly welcome **George Verwer, founder of Operation Mobilisation (OM)** to preach at our morning service.

10.30am: **Holy Communion – grace and encouragement - how to press on no matter what the circumstances are.**

6.30pm: **Bible Study Stream** – Galatians

Other Services:

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

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

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

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

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

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Noon - 2.00pm: **Easter Egg Hunt**, Vicarage Hall

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

10.30am: **Easter Sunday Communion – The Long Walk of the Risen One, St. Mark's Church**

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

Weds 24th April: 6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope Social** Vicarage Hall



Fri 26th July: 1.00pm-4.00pm **LET LOOSE**

2019. It's the 5th anniversary and it is themed **NEW BEGINNINGS** - the concert is aimed towards giving some hope to victims of abuse and for God's name to be glorified. This is a fun, free event happening in Gillingham High Street!

FAMILY NEWS

If anyone has issues reading this font size, please give your email address to the church office and they will send you an edition via email. Alternatively, please indicate that you would like a large font version of MARKtime to collect on arrival. Thank you.

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. 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 –
Please note that today is the last day that you can join the Electoral Roll until after the APCM.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"May God bless the one who comes in the name of the LORD! From the Temple of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God; He has been good to us. With branches in your hands, start the festival and march around the altar." Psalm 118:26-27 (Good News Translation)

Thank you, LORD Jesus, that You went to the cross for me with the memory of palm leaves waving, having heard the words 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD' just a few days before. I offer my joyful praise to the Father that you paid this terrible cost on my behalf and set me free! How can I ever praise You enough for the life You gave me back? Amen.

Continue to pray for BREXIT... **Ask the LORD** to bring His healing through His Holy Word for our fractured country.

Praise the LORD for all the answers to prayer for **Gospel Night** last Sunday (31st) and for all the lives that He touched throughout this event and the many blessings He showered on everyone...

Pray for **LET LOOSE 2019** happening on Fri 26th July in Gillingham High Street; for protection for everyone involved... for all the resources needed... for all the lives that the LORD wants to rescue through this event.

Pray for all Easter services happening during April at St. Mark's and St. Mary's Island...Pray for the many Easter events happening @ **El Campello Christian Community** in Spain that

many will know that Jesus is He 'who comes in the name of the LORD', their saviour, God and friend.

Praise that the translators that our Mission Partner, **Katy Barnwell** was working with, still have a hunger to translate God's Word in different languages for His glory... **Pray** for the Mbembe Old Testament translation team as they work on selected Psalms – may these songs be a blessing to them and their readers.

Continue to pray that the forthcoming **APCM** will reflect the LORD's glory and not ours!

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)** 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** in his recovery... for **Neve Piper's** ongoing recovery... **Pray** for **Cathy's Dad** who may be moving... 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 **Steve & Kath Burtrand** ... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** as her chemo is now underway... for **Kate Delaney** 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 **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 8 th	73	Jeremiah 21.1-10	John 11.28-44
Tues 9 th	35	Jeremiah 22.1-5, 13-19	John 11.45-end
Weds 10 th	55	Jeremiah 22.20-23.8	John 12.1-11
Thurs 11 th	40	Jeremiah 23.9-32	John 12.12-19
Fri 12 th	22	Jeremiah 24	John 12.20-36a
Sat 13 th	23	Jeremiah 25.1-14	John 12.36b-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 9.15am-1.15pm (by appointment only)