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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

14th April 2019

Palm Sunday

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

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.

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



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.

SUNDAY 21st April 2019:

Happy Easter! He is risen! St. Mark's, Gillingham's morning service includes full immersion baptisms.

6.00am: Easter Sunrise Service, St. Mary's Island

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



Reading: Luke 24:13-35

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

6.30pm: No evening service

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Weds 17th April: 9.00am Holy Communion, in church

Thurs 18th April: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, in church

6.00pm-9.00pm Passover supper, in church. See Jane Tolhurst. Adults £2.50, children aged 2-11 £1.00

Fri 19th April: 10.30am-

11.30am Good Friday Taizé Service, in church

11.45am: Walk of Witness starting at Gillingham Library

Sat 20th April: 7.00am-8.00am Standing in the

Gap – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

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

10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

Noon-2.00pm: Easter Egg Hunt, Vicarage Hall

Good Friday



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sat 4th May: 2pm-4pm: Cinema Club, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 16th May: 7.30-10pm: Men's Curry Night, Bollywood Buffet in Canterbury Street, speak to Dammy for more information.

Fri 26th July: 1.00pm-4.00pm LET LOOSE 2019. It's the 5th anniversary and it is themed NEW BEGINNINGS. 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. 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.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Of course, my friends, I really do not think that I have already won it; the thing I do, however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead. So I run straight towards the goal in order to win the prize, which is God's call through Christ Jesus to the life above."
Philippians 3:13-14 (Good News Translation)

Thank you LORD that through St. Paul we learn to keep our eyes on You alone. We leave our past, present and future in faith, not through works, so that we can receive Your amazing grace that sets us free and makes our hearts sing with praise, in this world and the next. Amen.

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

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 transform through this event.

Pray for Gillingham High Street especially as some shop assistants are being forced to accept fewer hours to keep their jobs... **Ask the LORD** to help us see His vision for our high street, where everyone feels safe, there is a sense of a caring community and for the area to be a pleasure to visit, instead of the hopelessness that prevails... **Praise** that nothing is impossible for God, "As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD Almighty, in the city of our God: God makes her secure forever." (Psalm 48:8)

Pray for the **Easter services** happening at **St. Mark's** and **St. Mary's Island** and that they will reflect the glory of our risen LORD... **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 plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of His heart through all generations." (Psalm 33:11)

Pray for the REACH team as they get to know their community this Easter.

Pray for the hundreds of Hondurans leaving the city of San Pedro Sula to make the 2,485 mile journey to the USA border. They are fleeing crime, poverty to join thousands already camped on this border in hopeless conditions... **Ask the LORD** to be with them and all migrants/refugees who face many horrors on their journey, but this is better than what they left behind.

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 "For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake His faithful ones. Wrongdoers will be completely destroyed; the offspring of the wicked will perish." (Psalm 37:28)

Pray for **Trish Martin** urgently needing a bed in Queen Victoria Hospital for the correct treatment for her condition - remember her family at this difficult time... **Bishop James** in his recovery... for **Nev Piper**... **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's dad Reg now moved in a nursing home**... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** as her chemo is now underway... for **Kate Delaney**... for **Promise Anga and his family**... for **Michael Stacey** who is back in hospital (Arethusa Ward)... 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 15 th	41	Lamentations 1.1-12a	Luke 22.1-23
Tues 16 th	27	Lamentations 3.1-18	Luke 22 [24-38] 39-53
Weds 17 th	102	Proverbs 1.16-2.1, 2.12-22	Luke 22.54-end
Thurs 18 th	42	Leviticus 16.2-24	Luke 23.1-25
Fri 19 th	69	Genesis 22.1-18	Hebrews 10.1-10
Sat 20 th	142	Hosea 6.1-6	John 2.18-22

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)