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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

21st April 2019



Happy Easter! He is risen! St. Mark's Gillingham, 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

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.

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Weds 24th April: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, in church

9.45am: **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: **Parent & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope Social**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 25th April: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, in church

1.00pm – 3.00pm **Community Liason Engagement Surgery** run by community liason officer Bob Mahay
7.45pm **PCC**, OV

Fri 26th April: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 27th April: 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the Gap – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries**, Old Vicarage

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

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.

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 28th April 2019:

This morning's APCM will follow our short morning Service, thank you.



10.30am: **Holy Communion and APCM**
Topic: Thanksgiving

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

6.30pm: **No evening service**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Family Service, St Mary's Island**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 4th May: 2.00pm-4.00pm: **Cinema Club**, Vicarage Hall due to a wedding in church

Sun 5th May: 2.00pm-4.00pm **Mental Health Workshop** with Karen Turnball, Church. Creche will be available.

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

Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 28 April 2019

Nominations forms for the positions of Churchwardens, PCC Members and Deanery Synod are available at the back of church. The Reports for the Meeting can be viewed or downloaded from St Mark's website. There are some paper copies available at the back of church for those who do not have access to the website.

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.

We as a church believe in the power of Prayer. Please give Kath Burtrand (email kathyb.nana@yahoo.co.uk) your email address to receive St. Mark's Weekly (Tuesdays) Prayer & Praise email if you don't already receive it! Likewise please email her or the Church Office with your prayer requests and praise items! Thank you.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With Your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. As for God, His way is perfect: the LORD'S Word is flawless; He shields all who take refuge in Him." Psalm 18:28-30 (NIVUK)

LORD Jesus, thank you for rescuing me from my sin by dying on a cross and rising again in glory. Please 'keep my lamp' of faith burning in my heart, so that through Your glorious Word and strength I can overcome all problems and You can shine through me into the darkest places of the world for Your praise and glory Amen.

Continue to pray for BREXIT... **Ask the LORD** to bring His healing through His Holy Word for our fractured country and take away the darkness and despair.

Continue to 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 all those who are trafficked into our country from other countries around the world... **Ask the LORD** to rescue, heal and bring new hope to those suffering the trauma of slavery in all its forms... **Praise**, "For He [the LORD] stands at the right hand of the needy, to save their lives from those who would condemn them." (Psalm 109:31)

Praise for the **Easter services** happening at **St. Mark's** and **St. Mary's Island** this weekend and for all the lives that have been touched by the LORD'S loving grace and hope... **Praise** for these people this week especially for protection, joy and an even greater knowledge of our loving LORD... **Praise**, "Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD." (Psalm 102:18)

Continue to pray that the forthcoming **APCM** will reflect the LORD'S glory and not ours and that we will be open to hearing what the LORD wants and see God turn darkness into light.

Praise that **Trish Martin** has undergone surgery and skin grafts have taken well. She is recuperating well at home with regular visits from East Grinstead Community Nursing Team... **Pray** for her nerve damage to her foot which she is unable to lift properly and thus impedes her walking will heal... remember the wider family who still need prayer support.

Pray for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** who has finished radiotherapy treatment and is awaiting an appointment with the Specialist as to her future... **Derick** thanks us for our continued prayers.

Pray for **Michael Stacey** who is likely to be coming home (Thurs 18th April) although there are concerns as to what happens next in his care package.

Pray for **Vicky Govier** (the late Emma Bailey's daughter) who lost her husband Ray last Thursday, so soon after her mum's passing in March.

Praise that **Nev Piper** is now receiving physio to aid his recovery and that both he and Tina were in church last Sunday.

Pray for **Bishop James** in his recovery... **Pray** for **Cathy's Dad** who may be moving... for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy** awaiting an urgent scan... 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 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	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 22 nd	111	Song of Solomon 1.9-2.7	Mark 16.1-8
Tues 23 rd	112	Song of Solomon 2.8-end	Luke 24.1-12
Weds 24 th	113	Song of Solomon 3	Matthew 28.16-end
Thurs 25 th	114	Song of Solomon 5.2-6.3	Luke 7.11-17
Fri 26 th	115	Song of Solomon 7.10-8.4	Luke 8.41-end
Sat 27 th	116	Song of Solomon 8.5-7	John 11.17-44

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)