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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Margaret
Weston

St. Mark's Event:
Foodbank

28th April 2019

2nd Sunday after Easter

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

7.00pm-8.30pm: 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.

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 1st May: 9.00am Holy Communion, in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 2nd May: Local Elections - NO PRE-SCHOOL

1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, in church

1.30pm-3.00pm Office will be closed for staff prayer afternoon

Fri 3rd May: 6.15pm Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 4th May: 7.00am-8.00am Standing in the Gap - Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

No Foodbank due to wedding

Thomas Howlett and Mercy Gutteridge would love it if you are able to come and share their wedding service with them at 1pm on May 4th. There will be refreshments after by way of cupcakes and fruit juice.



2.00pm-4.00pm: Cinema Club at the Vicarage Hall due to the wedding 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 5th May 2019:

10.30am: All Age Service

Theme: "May the 4th go with you?"

2.00pm-4.00pm Mental Health Workshop with Karen Turnball,

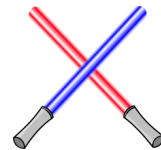
Church. Crèche will be available.

6.30pm: Prayer Stream

Other Services:

11.00am: Holy Communion, St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: Summit (was Landmark)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 Today

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.

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 Likewise

please email her or the Church Office with your prayer requests and praise items! Thank you.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"But I am like an olive tree growing in the house of God; I trust in His constant love for ever and ever. I will always thank you God, for what You have done; in the presence of Your people I will proclaim that You are good." Psalm 52: 8-9 (Good News Translation)

LORD God thank you that You are truly loving, good and compassionate to all. Please help each one of us to remember Your amazing gift of salvation that lets us grow in Your grace when difficult times hit us, so that we can reflect Your love to a world of suffering, fear and neglect. May your people proclaim 'that You are good' for Your glory's sake Amen.

Pray for understanding, unity and God's loving grace as BREXIT plods on bring disunity, suffering and gloom! Thank you LORD that we can trust in You at all times.

Pray for the family and friends of murdered journalist **Lyra Mckee** in Northern Ireland... **Thank you LORD** that You have united the people and politicians from all sides in demanding an end to the violence that has claimed lives like Lyra and harmed all communities in Ireland. May this truly be a "doorway to a new beginning" for Northern Ireland for the sake of everyone involved.

Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Sri Lanka after the terrible heart breaking scenes due to the bombing... **Ask the LORD** to, "Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure - You, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts." (Psalm 7:10)

Pray for all the people using **Foodbanks** in the Medway Towns this week that they will learn how to 'trust in His constant love' and receive answers to their prayers & needs.

Praise for the answers to prayer and blessings concerning the Easter Services in the **El Campello Christian Community** in Spain... **Pray** for our Mission Partner, **Margaret Weston** as she and her team help lead, guide and teach this growing community through God's Holy Word and being

examples of living in faith not works... **Ask the LORD** to protect them and meet their needs as the community continues to grow.

Continue to pray that today's **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.

Pray for **Rachel Littlewood** who has advanced cancer with clots on her lungs. Her family asks for wisdom and the gift of discernment on the best course of action in the coming days... **Ask the LORD** to keep Rachel comfortable, her pain under control and help this to be a special time for her and her family... **Pray** that Rachel receives good palliative care through this period of time.

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.

Continue to 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.

Continue to pray for **Michael Stacey** and what happens next in his care package.

Praise that **Nev Piper** is now receiving physio to aid his recovery... **Pray** for **Bishop James** in his recovery... **Pray** for **Vicky Govier** grieving loss of her Mum Emma Bailey and her husband Ray...**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.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about... **Praise** that, "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

Please pray for: Margaret Weston & Foodbank

Bible readings for April/May 2019

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 29 th	146	Joshua 1.1-9	Ephesians 6.10-20
Tues 30 th	37.23-end	Isaiah 62.6-10	Acts 12.25-13.13
Weds 1 st May	139	Proverbs 4.10-19	James 1.1-12
Thurs 2 nd	28	Deuteronomy 4.1-14	John 21.1-14
Fri 3 rd	61	Deuteronomy 4.15-31	John 21.15-19
Sat 4 th	84	Deuteronomy 4.32-40	John 21.20-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)