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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

12th May 2019

We warmly welcome Dan McDonald and Lorraine Strong who manage the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) to our morning service. Sajju will be interviewing them on the 'Park Bench' during the service and they will also give a short presentation straight after the service. Afterwards there will be opportunities for questions.

4th Sunday after Easter

Today's morning service starts our Taboo Series: A Bible Based Sermon Series exploring things we don't talk about!

10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: Taboo 1: Mental Health – You've heard it said "Man Up!" but I say to you...

Reading: Matthew: 26:36-46

2.00pm-4.00pm: Mental Health Workshop – part two: Time management and problem solving with Karen Turnball, Church. Crèche will be available.

6.30pm: Bible Study Stream -

Ecclesiastes

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship – Theme: "Handing over: Moses to Joshua", St Mary's Island

5.00pm: St. Mark's House

7.00pm-8.30pm: Summit (was Landmark), Glitter & Glue, how crafty can you be? meet in Old Vic

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, St. Mark's Preschool, Vicarage Hall – Children need to be registered first. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9.15am-3.15pm Weds & Fri 9.15am-12.15pm.

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Weds 15th May: 9.00am Holy Communion, in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Teddy Bears Picnic on the green behind the OV

7.00pm: for tea & coffee for 7.30pm start **Medway Foodbank's Prayer & Praise** (will finish 9.00pm), St Mark's Church

Thurs 16th May: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, in church

1.30pm-3.00pm **Office will be closed during this time for staff prayer afternoon**

7.30-10pm: **Men's Curry Night**, Bollywood Buffet in Canterbury Street, speak to Dammy for more information

Fri 17th May: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 18th May: 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the Gap** – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

9.30am-11.30am **"Who Let the Dad's Out?"**, Vicarage hall

NO FOODBANK, wedding taking place 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.

SUNDAY 19th May 2019:



5th Sunday after Easter

10.30am: Service of the Word

Theme: Taboo 2: Money – You've heard it said "Why should I give, the church has plenty of money already? I say to you..."

Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

2.00pm-4.00pm: Mental Health Workshop – part three: Be your own coach with Karen Turnball, Church. Crèche will be available

6.30pm: Workshop Stream – Why on earth?

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship – Celebration of Matt Keeler's licencing as the Focal Lay Minister – Theme: "Handing over: David hands over to Solomon Part 1. The need for vision to build God's house and courage, St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: Summit (was Landmark), Minute to Win it

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 23rd May: European Elections – NO PRE-SCHOOL

Thurs 30th May: 1.30pm-3.00pm **Office will be closed during this time for staff prayer afternoon**

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!

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.

FAMILY NEWS

Medway Foodbank will be doing a Summer Collection @ Tesco Gillingham between 9.00am-5.00pm on Friday 7th June & Saturday 8th June. They need volunteers for 2 hour slots. Please can you let them know if you can help by Friday 31st May, thank you.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Yet hope returns when I remember this one thing: The LORD'S unfailing love and mercy still continue, fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise. The LORD is all I have, and so in Him I put my hope." Lamentations 3:21-24 (Good News Translation)

LORD, thank you that You are there all the time, but are especially close to us in times of suffering, fear and despair. Please help us to remember this and let You in to comfort us with Your unconditional love, grace and wisdom, for Your Glory's sake Amen.

Pray for our country's politics with BREXIT and European elections and political parties near to melt down... **Praise** that the "LORD'S unfailing love" is "as fresh as the sunrise"!

Praise for the safe arrival of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex newborn son Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor... **Pray** for all mothers to be who don't have access to good quality maternity care.

Pray for enough volunteers to man the **Medway Foodbank** Summer Collections on the 7th & 8th June at Tesco in Gillingham... **Ask the LORD** to bring an end to the need for Foodbanks in this country.

Praise that **Margaret Weston's El Campello Christian Community** in Spain has 22

nationalities worshipping our LORD Jesus and more people are giving their lives to Him each week... **Pray** for the necessary reorganisation that is needed within the church, so that they can cope more easily with the continuing increase in members.

Continue to pray for **Rachel Littlewood** who is now in a local hospice...**Ask the LORD** to be with her family and friends at this difficult time...**Praise** for answers to prayer for His provision, her pain control and for good palliative care. Pray that with pain under control she may move to a care home.

Pray for **Trish Martin's** 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's Specialist has informed her and her family that there is nothing more they can do for her. She is deteriorating... **Derick** asks us to pray for God's peace to be with Iris and her family.

Pray for **Michael Stacey**... **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, "*Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress.*" (Psalm 107:19)

Please pray for: Margaret Weston & Foodbank

Bible readings for May 2019

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 13 th	103	Deuteronomy 9.1-21	Ephesians 4.1-16
Tues 14 th	16	1 Samuel 2.27-35	Acts 2.37-end
Weds 15 th	135	Deuteronomy 10.12-end	Ephesians 5.1-14
Thurs 16 th	118	Deuteronomy 11.8-end	Ephesians 5.15-end
Fri 17 th	33	Deuteronomy 12.1-14	Ephesians 6.1-9
Sat 18 th	34	Deuteronomy 15.1-18	Ephesians 6.10-end

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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)