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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

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?" but 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: **Worship 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**, 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.*

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Mon 21st May: 7.45pm PCC, Old Vicarage

Weds 22nd May: 9.00am Holy Communion, in church

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

Office will be closing at 1pm

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

6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope**, (formerly Faith & Light), "How do you know God is really with you?" Vicarage Hall

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

1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, in church

Fri 24th May: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 25th May: 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the Gap** – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

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

SUNDAY 26th May 2019:

6th Sunday after Easter

10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: Taboo 3: Poverty – You've heard it said "People are poor because of their own bad choices" I say to you...



2.00pm-4.00pm: **Mental Health Workshop – part four: Checking into your own life (mindfulness)** with Karen Turnball, Church. Crèche will be available

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

6.30pm: **No evening service**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Family Service** – Theme: "Another Hero", St Mary's Island

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

'THY KINGDOM COME'

Join the global wave of prayer at these churches, from 7.30pm-8.30pm unless otherwise stated.



Thurs 30th May: St. Mark's Church, ME7 5JP

Fri 31st May: Gillingham Salvation Army ME7 1XA

Sat 1st June: King's Church, Skinner Street, Gillingham ME7 1LD

Sun 2nd June: 6.30pm St. Mark's Church, ME7 5JP

Mon 3rd June: St. Luke's Church, ME7 1PA

Tues 4th June: King's Church, Skinner Street, Gillingham ME7 1LD

Weds 5th June: St. Mary Magdalene Church ME7 1SS

Thurs 6th June: United Reformed Church, ME7 4PU

Fri 7th June: Salem Church of the Nazarene, Nelson Road ME7 4LH

Sat 8th June: 3.00pm St. Barnabas' Church, ME7 4LT

Sun 9th June: 6.30pm Green Street Baptist, ME7 5TJ

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

Sat 8th June: 10.00am-11.30am Homegroup leaders breakfast, Vicarage Hall

FAMILY NEWS



Rachel Littlewood's Thanksgiving Service is open to all on Saturday 1st June @ 3.00pm-4.30pm. It will be held at St. Mark's Church to celebrate her life and all the wonderful work she carried out.

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.

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.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"It is better - much better - to have wisdom and knowledge than gold and silver...Better to eat a dry crust of bread with peace of mind than have a banquet in a house full of trouble" Proverbs 16:16 & 17:1 (Good News Translation)

Thank you LORD, that in You all our needs are met and the love, wisdom and grace You freely give are much better than "gold and silver". Please help us to thank You for Your provision and not rush after fool's gold and trouble, for Your glory's sake Amen.

Continue to pray for our country's politics with BREXIT, European elections and political parties near to melt down... **Praise** that, "One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard; 'Power belongs to You, God, and with You, LORD, is unfailing love', and 'You reward everyone according to what they have done.'" (Psalm 62:11-12)

Pray for spiritual protection over all the advisers as they meet and talk to their clients and for the Holy Spirit to be with everyone that enters the church during **Medway Foodbank... Praise** for the **Medway Foodbank's Prayer & Praise Celebration** that happened during the past week and for all the answers to prayer.

Praise that the LORD brought **Margaret Weston** and two other people together to form **El Campello Christian Community** in Spain in the beginning and for all the answers to prayer as they and the community continue to learn how to trust Him in all things... **Pray** for God's peace, wisdom and knowledge as they continue to learn to be 'church' together having come from many different Christian traditions or none.

Pray for the family and friends of **Rachel Littlewood** at this deeply difficult time... **Praise** for all the many ways the LORD enriched and blessed us through Rachel over the years.

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 ... for Lucy Day's sister Wendy... for Keith Sheepwash... for Steve & Kath Burtrand... 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... "*Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.*" (Psalm 61:1)

Please pray for: Margaret Weston & Foodbank

Bible readings for May 2019

| Day | Psalm | 1 st Reading | 2 nd Reading |
|------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon 20 th | 145 | Deuteronomy 16.1-20 | 1 Peter 1.1-12 |
| Tues 21 st | 19 | Deuteronomy 17.8-end | 1 Peter 1.13-end |
| Weds 22 nd | 30 | Deuteronomy 18.9-end | 1 Peter 2.1-10 |
| Thurs 23 rd | 57 | Deuteronomy 19 | 1 Peter 2.11-end |
| Fri 24 th | 138 | Deuteronomy 21.22-22.8 | 1 Peter 3.1-12 |
| Sat 25 th | 146 | Deuteronomy 24.5-end | 1 Peter 3.13-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)