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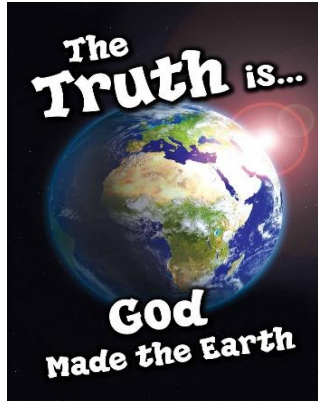
St. Mark's Church, Gillingham  
with St. Mary's Island Church

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Katy Barnwell

St. Mark's Event:  
LET LOOSE 2019

7th July 2019



## SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> July:

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: All Age Service

Taboo 7: Creation. You have heard it said "creation can look after itself", but I say to you...

6.30pm: Intercessions for Let Loose Outreach

Other Services:

11.00am: Holy Communion, St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: Summit -

Wet & Wild (weather permitting) Please bring swimming attire and a change of clothes!!

**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:

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July: OFFICE CLOSED, staff away day

Weds 10<sup>th</sup> July: 9.00am Holy Communion, in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall, Last one until 11<sup>th</sup> September

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, in church

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

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July: 6.15pm-7.30pm Kidz Klub, Old Vicarage

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July: 7.00am-8.00am Standing in the Gap - Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> July:

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Holy Communion

Taboo 8: You have heard it said "young people are jobs" but I say to you...

6.30pm: Bible Stream

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: Summit - Scavenger Hunt, Old Vic



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> July: 7.45pm PCC, Old Vicarage

Weds 17<sup>th</sup> July: Last Ladies group and Peace & Hope before the summer holidays.

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July: Pre-school closes for the summer.

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> July: 9.30am-11.30am 'Who Let the Dad's Out?' Vicarage Hall

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> July: 1.00pm-4.00pm LET LOOSE 2019. It's the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it is themed NEW BEGINNINGS. This is a fun, free event happening in Gillingham High Street!

Sept 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: 24/7 Prayer Encounter, in church Making time and space to encounter God in prayer.

## FAMILY NEWS

The Accounts for 2018 have now been independently Examined and Approved. They can be viewed on the St. Mark's website under 'Resources'. Glyn Allen, Treasurer

If you require a Gift Aid certificate to enable you to complete your 2018/2019 tax return please let John Beck, the Gift Aid Secretary, know and he will provide you with one.

Email:

jabeck42@blueyonder.co.uk

Volunteers needed to join the Sound Desk Please Speak to Chris Blewitt.

Volunteers also needed for bible stream. Please speak to David Wilkins or Rob Byrne if you can help out.

## Please clean up after yourself

If you or your child makes a mess, please help us all by tidying up. There is a dustpan and brush at the back of the church and ask any of the duty staff if you need a vacuum cleaner.

The church is our collective responsibility and I am sure that we have all been on the receiving end of a messy church where we have had to clean up after the previous user before we can run our activity.

God calls us to serve each other, to love and care for each other

## POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which



of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind. **Job 12:7-10 (NIV)**

**Our heavenly father we praise and thank you for all you have created. We pray we can learn to love the world the same way you do, to see it through your eyes, to take care of and nurture it. Amen.**

**Pray** for our government, for a leader who will take our country forwards into a good place with an understanding of what our countries people need.

**Pray** for all those who feel lonely, ignored or a waste of space due to age, health problems or a lack of friends... **Ask the LORD** to help us be His beacons in our community, which constantly illuminate the path to His saving grace ... *"But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign LORD my refuge; I will tell of all Your deeds."* (Psalm 73:28) Romans

Give **Praise** and thanks for having the opportunity to share food together last weekend with the Bishop and his wife.

**Praise** for our Mission Partner **Katy Barnwell** and for all answers to prayer she has received in writing the new edition of the 'Bible Translation Training Textbook' and the Teacher's Manual' that goes with it... **Pray** for all the new trainers and students using this powerful resource to bring God's Holy Word alive in every language on earth... **Ask the LORD** to protect, encourage and bless each one so that they can, *'declare Your [LORD] power to the next generation, Your mighty acts to all who are to come.'*

**Continue to pray** for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** and **Derick's cousin** who has recently lost his wife due to a massive heart attack... **Ask the LORD** to be with all members of the Thom family at this very difficult time.

**Pray** for **Frank & Ruth Howard** after the sudden loss of their niece Emma... **Ask the LORD** to be

with Emma's grandparents Irene & Les, her husband, 4 children & the wider family who are finding it difficult at this time.

**Pray** for more leaders for **Children's Ministry...** **Ask the LORD** to encourage, protect and bless everyone involved with this important ministry and especially encourage and rise up the next generation of leaders for His glory.

**Pray** for **Martin's Mum** who is in hospital with heart problems... also remember the wider family.

**Pray** for **Michael Stacey** who has been readmitted to Medway hospital with dehydration... **Pray** that Michael receives a bed, adequate care, a good recovery and ongoing care.

**Pray** for all the preparations that are still needed for **LET LOOSE 2019** and for all the resources for this event... **Ask the LORD** to prepare hearts and minds to be open to His saving grace through music, His holy Word and the sheer joy in praising His Holy Name... **Praise** that we can, *"speak[...] to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from [our] hearts to the LORD"* (Ephesians 5:19).

**Pray** for **Margaret Howlett** awaiting a consultation following a recent scan... for **Cathy's Dad Alan...** for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy...** for **Trish Martin...** for **Keith Sheepwash...** for **Steve Burtrand** who has a pelvis fracture... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung ...** for **Kate Delaney...** for **Promise Anga and his family...** for the **family and friends of Rachel Littlewood...** 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... **LORD** thank you that, *"You guide me with Your counsel, and afterwards You will take me into glory."* (Psalm 73:24)

< **Please pray for:** Tim & Tricia Barrow; LET LOOSE >  
2019 >

#### Bible readings for July 2019

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 8th	71	Ezra 7	Romans 11.25-end
Tues 9th	73	Ezra 8.15-end	Romans 12.1-8
Weds 10th	77	Ezra 9	Romans 12.9-end
Thurs 11th	78.1-39	Ezra 10.1-17	Romans 13.1-7
Fri 12th	55	Nehemiah 1	Romans 13.8-end
Sat 13th	76	Nehemiah 2	Romans 14.1-12

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)**