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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:
24/7 Prayer Encounter

28th July 2019

SUNDAY 28th July:

6th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: **Holy Communion**

Taboo: "You have heard it said
"religion and politics should not
mix", but I say to you..."

6.30pm: **No evening service**

Other Services:

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



Where
God guides,
He provides

ISAIAH 58:11



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:

Thurs 1st Aug: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, in
church

Sat 3rd Aug: 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the
Gap** - praying for families, youth & children's
ministries, Old Vicarage

8.00am-1.00pm: **Old Vicarage Clean
Up** - if you can offer any help,
please speak to Saju or Chris
Gladwell - thank you.

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

**Sat 3rd Aug: Peace & Hope's Social
to Sheerness**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 4th August: 10.30am **All Age Services
throughout August** with the theme **Special
Agents** starting with "Peter walks on water", in
church

Mon 19th - Thurs 22nd Aug: 10.00am-2.00pm
Mission Rescue (Children's Holiday Club), Old
Vicarage Site, the cost is £10 per week for one
child & £5 for each additional child in the family.
Please contact Simon on
simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org - thank
you.

Sun 1st Sept: **Peace & Hope's Picnic**

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

Weds 4th Sept: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in
church restarts

Thurs 5th Sept: 9.15am-3.15pm St. Mark's
Preschool restarts

Weds 11th Sept: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in
church

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

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

6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope**, (formerly Faith
& Light), Vicarage Hall restarts

Fri 13th Sept: 6.15pm-7.30pm **Kidz Klub**, Old
Vicarage restarts

Sun 15th Sept: **All Children's and Youth
Groups restart**

Sun 6th Oct: 6.30pm **Confirmation & Baptism
Service** conducted by Bishop James Langstaff -
the deadline to let us know if you wish to be
either baptised or confirmed is Sun 15th Sept.
Classes will be held on Sundays 22nd & 29th Sept
between 4.00pm-6.30pm at Costa Coffee.

FAMILY NEWS

**Please note that there will not be any
Wednesday Communion or Sunday evening
services through August.**

**If anyone would like to go on the prayer list
for Saju's sabbatical please email Katie in
the church office on**

admin@stmarksgillingham.org - thank you.

ALPHA returns! Running from 10th Sept - 19th
Nov. Please speak to Jeff Maskell, Simon Morbey,
Katie Jenkins, Keith Sheepwash or Belinda
Beckhelling for more information. Alternatively
email the office at

admin@stmarksgillingham.org

The funeral of **John Richards** will take place
on Wed 31st July at noon at Medway
Crematorium. A thanksgiving service will be
held at St Mark's from 1.30pm, followed by
food.

Volunteers are needed to join the **Sound Desk**
Please speak to Chris Blewitt. Volunteers are also
needed for **Bible Stream**. Please speak to David
Wilkins or Rob Byrne if you can help out.

**Please help Foodbank by donating
food items as demand is
outstripping supply! Find the items
needed either on the Foodbank
website, Twitter account or look at
the list stapled to this MARKtime. There
will be a box at the back of the church with a**



sign saying 'Foodbank Collection Point'. Thank you.

Please clean up after yourself

Please tidy up after your children and keep God's House - our church - clean. 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.

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

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"And you, Ezra, are to use the wisdom your God has given you to appoint magistrates and judges who know your God's laws to govern all the people in the province west of the Euphrates River. Teach the law to anyone who does not know it." Ezra 7:25 (New Living Version)

Thank you LORD that the laws of this land are based on Your Holy Word - the Bible. Please help us "to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with You our God" (Micah 6:8), so that others will see our actions then praise and come to know You, our awesome Saviour. Amen.

Pray for our new government leaders, Medway Councillors and church leaders that they will listen to the LORD's wisdom and 'act justly' for the benefit of all.

Katie Barnwell our Mission Partner says, "Warm greetings! Thank you again for praying for the work on the new edition of the Bible Translation training textbook and the Teacher's Manual that goes with it. This is now in the hands of the publishers - except for occasional questions, my part is done and I am very thankful... **Please pray** for her journey to the three Mbembe translation teams in Southern Nigeria; for safe travel, the checking of translation of selected Psalms and the reviewing of the Mbembe dictionary. She is leaving on 4/8/19 and returning 25/8/19.

Pray for the **24/7 Prayer Encounter** taking place in September... **Ask the LORD** to help us

find our own personal space to learn how to listen to Him and revel in the knowledge that our God loves us more deeply than we can ever imagine!... **Pray** for those leading it, **Lynne Martin, Luke & Martha Prankard, Fray Darji, Matt Keeler.**

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.

Continue to pray for **Karen Dyer**, her sister **Debbie** and the rest of the family after the sudden death of Debbie's husband John.

Praise for all the answers to prayer, the many acts of witness and most of all the amazing power of our LORD before, during and after **LET LOOSE 2019**... **Ask the LORD** to be close to the many lives that He touched and the many people He is transforming through His saving grace.

Pray for all the people who need Foodbank over the summer holidays... **Ask the LORD** to be with the volunteers and everyone involved during this time.

Pray for **Margaret Howlett**... for **Michael Stacey**... for **Martin's Mum**... 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: All Mission Partners; 24/7 Prayer Encounter

Bible readings for July/Aug 2019

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 29 th	126	Esther 4	2 Corinthians 6.1-7.1
Tues 30 th	132	Esther 5	2 Corinthians 7.2-end
Weds 31 st	119.153-end	Esther 6.1-13	2 Corinthians 8.1-15
Thurs 1 st Aug	143	Esther 6.14-end of 7	2 Corinthians 8.16-9.5
Fri 2 nd	144	Esther 8	2 Corinthians 9.6-end
Sat 3 rd	147	Esther 9.20-28	2 Corinthians 10

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)

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