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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Family Trust

St. Mark's Event:  
Wednesday Holy Communion

15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September:

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



All Children's and  
Youth groups restart  
today

10.30am: Service of  
the Word

Theme: A Broken Spirit  
- Nehemiah 1:5-11

6.30pm: Workshop Stream - Prayer Ministry  
Training

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

**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 16<sup>th</sup> Sept: 7:45pm-10.00pm: PCC meeting, Old Vicarage

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept: ALPHA Courses start 10.00am-noon Old Vicarage & 7.00pm-9.30pm St Mark's Church. Please contact Katie Jenkins email: [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org) or phone 01634 570489 to sign up or ask for more details. Thank you.

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: 9.00am Holy Communion in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Sept: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, in church

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: 6.15pm-7.30pm: Kidz Klub, Old Vicarage

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: 7.00am-8.00am: Standing in the Gap - praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

10.00am-11.15am: Foodbank, in church, due to wedding taking place

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Sept: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Dementia Café, Old Vicarage - this will be running 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson for more details, thank you.



Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Sept: 6.30pm-8.00pm: ST. MARK'S GOSPEL NIGHT - refreshments served from 6pm in Church

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct: 6.30pm: Confirmation & full immersion baptism Service conducted by Bishop James Langstaff - the deadline to let us know if you wish to be either baptised or confirmed is Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. Classes will be held on Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Sept between 4.00pm-6.30pm at Costa Coffee.

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> October: 7.30pm-9.00pm: Saints Alive held at Rochester Cathedral with guest speaker Rev Saju Muthalaly!



Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: 6.30pm Soup Night Prayer for the rough sleepers - Please prayerfully consider if you can be involved as many 'hands on deck' are needed... More information to follow...

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 22<sup>nd</sup> September:

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

10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: A Radical Faith - Nehemiah 2:1-3

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

6.30pm: No Evening Service

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

## FAMILY NEWS

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](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org) - thank you.

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/dry goods as demand is outstripping supply! Find the items needed either on the Foodbank website or Twitter account. 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**



**"Then I thought, 'To this I will appeal; the years when the Most High stretched His right hand. I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember Your miracles of long ago. I will consider all Your works and meditate on all Your mighty deeds.'" Psalm 77:10-12 (NIV)**

**LORD, thank you that when we think and pray on all that You have done for each one of us – mending our broken hearts, souls and bodies by Your loving grace. Please help us to bring all our broken bits to the foot of Your cross. Then we will rise like eagles free of the chains that bind us. How can we ever thank You enough! Amen.**

**Pray** for our government, judges and the rule of law which protects the weak, vulnerable and society at large... **Praise** that, *"The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love."* (Psalm 33:5)

**Praise** for **Wednesday Holy Communion Service** and the many answers of prayer, blessing and His gracious peace... **Pray** for **Graham Davis** who leads this important community and for the huge commitment that this weekly service requires.

**Pray** for splashes of joy and encouragements for the **Family Trust** this week... **Praise** for all the opportunities the LORD will be giving this week to spread His message of salvation through Jesus.

**Pray** for **ALPHA** starting this Tuesday (17<sup>th</sup>) in the morning and in the evening and that all the people He wants to be on this course will arrive and feel His loving welcome... **Praise** that, *"LORD my God, I called to You for help and You healed me."* (Psalm 30:2)

**Continue to pray** for all those who are starting new schools, colleges and universities... **Ask the LORD** to be with each one as they begin the process of settling in and finding their way around.

**Pray** for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** who has cancer all over her body. Derick says, *"It seems regrettably that her life may be coming to an end. Could we please pray that this would be peaceful."* Remember the Thom family too.

**Pray** for **Michael Stacey** for a care package that improves his quality of life... for **Martin's Mum**... for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy**... for **Karen Dyer's sister Debbie**... for **Trish Martin** will have more mobility... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung**... 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... **LORD** thank you that You are, *"close to the broken-hearted and save those who are crushed in spirit."* (Psalm 34:18)

**Please pray for:** Family Trust; Wednesday Holy Communion

**Bible readings for September 2019**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	126	Haggai 1.1-11	Mark 8.11-21
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	132	Haggai 1.12-2.9	Mark 8.22-26
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	119.153-end	Haggai 2.10-end	Mark 8.27-9.1
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	143	Zechariah 1.1-17	Mark 9.2-13
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	144	Zechariah 1.18-end of 2	Mark 9.14-29

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)**