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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Tim & Tricia
Barrows

St. Mark's Event:
ALPHA

29th September 2019

SUNDAY 29th September:

15th Sunday after Trinity – Michael and All Angels



10.30am: Service of the Word – An Evangelical Service with Children's Baptisms

Theme: A Strategic Plan – Nehemiah 2:4-8

6.30pm-8.30pm: ST. MARK'S GOSPEL NIGHT - refreshments served from 6pm in Church

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: Summit, Games + Chill, Old Vicarage

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:

Tues 1st Oct: ALPHA 10.00am-12noon Old Vicarage & 7.00pm-9.30pm St Mark's Church.

Weds 2nd Oct: 9.00am Holy Communion in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage restarts

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 3rd Oct: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, in church

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

Fri 4th Oct: 6.15pm-7.30pm: Kidz Klub, Old Vicarage

Sat 5th Oct: 7.00am-8.00am: Standing in the Gap – praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

2.00pm-5.00pm: Cinema Club's 1year anniversary. Showing The Greatest Showman!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 9th Oct: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Dementia Café, Old Vicarage – this will be running 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson for more details, thank you.

Sat 12th Oct: 4.00pm-9.00pm Stop the Hate free community cohesion event in Medway held

here at St Marks. Speak to Trevor Dyer for more info.

Thurs 31st October: 7.30pm-9.00pm: **Saints Alive at Rochester Cathedral** On this evening, we will be gathering to **Celebrate Faith Across The Nations** with special emphasis on the persecuted church in various parts of the world. In solidarity with these nations, we want to encourage all believers to wear their [national attires, dresses, colours, costumes and anything else that will help celebrate the Christian heritage of these nations.](#) We worship our saviour in one voice, one place and one accord.

Sun 3rd 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...



SUNDAY 6th October:

16th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: All Age Service – Tearfund Sunday

6.30pm Confirmation Service conducted by Bishop James Langstaff.

Other Services:

11.00am: Holy Communion, St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: Summit, Glitter n Glue, Old Vicarage



FAMILY NEWS



There are Tearfund collection envelopes and leaflets available at the back of church. Collection of the envelopes will be on Harvest Sunday, 6th October. Please place into the yellow tubs marked Tearfund. Thank you.

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.

Volunteers needed January – March 2020 for Medway Night Shelter which is due to run from Monday 6th January – Tuesday 31st March. One session of training is mandatory. Please email Belinda at medwayshelter@gmail.com or check out the website <http://medwayshelter.org> for more details. Thank you.

Please help Foodbank by donating food items 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

"He (Jesus) came and preached to you who are far away and peace to those who were near. For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of His household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone." Ephesians 2:17-20 (NIV UK)

LORD thank you that You have a radical, strategic plan for our lives that when we allow You to implement it brings us joy, grace and Your abundant love transforming us into the people You created us to be. Please help us to remember in the good and bad times that we are truly blessed, cherished members of Your family. Amen.

Continue to 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)

Pray for **Chris Cordle, Mike Haslam** and the team at **Family Trust** especially concerning CAP money courses with sixth form students; Prayer Spaces in 3 schools in terms 1&2 @ Aylesford,

Maplesden & Cornwallis... for new SAFESpaces to launch in schools, and for new volunteers to come forward to support this.

Pray for all those who are on the **ALPHA** courses, that they will be committed to finishing the course and learning about being fellow cherished citizens in God's Kingdom on earth... **Praise** that, "The LORD has established His throne in heaven and His Kingdom rules over all" (Psalm 103:32)

Pray for **ST MARK'S GOSPEL NIGHT** happening tonight may it bring people close to God and that He will shower everyone with His amazing loving-grace and thereby welcoming them into His safe arms and family.

Praise for the **Dementia Café** that happened on Weds 25th and for all the answers to prayer.

Derick Thom writes, "It is with sadness and with some relief that Iris passed away in her sleep @ 1.30am today. Monday 23rd September 2019. Thank you for all your prayers for Iris and the family. Could you please continue to pray for her son and two daughters and the grandchildren and indeed the wider family. Thank you all once again. Derick."

Pray for **Michael Stacey** for a care package that improves his quality of life... for **Martin's Mum**... for **Vera Adams**... 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 **Paul Smith**... 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**, "The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek You." (Psalm 9:9-10)

Please pray for: Tim & Tricia Barrows; ALPHA

Bible readings for September/October 2019

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 30 th	30	Zechariah 10	Mark 11.1-11
Tues 1 st Oct	36	Zechariah 11.4-end	Mark 11.12-26
Weds 2 nd	34	Zechariah 12.1-10	Mark 11.27-end
Thurs 3 rd	37	Zechariah 13	Mark 12.1-12
Fri 4 th	31	Zechariah 14.1-11	Mark 12.13-17
Sat 5 th	42	Zechariah 14.12-end	Mark 12.18-27

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)