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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

13th October 2019

SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER:

17th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: A Personal
Commitment

Nehemiah 2:9-16

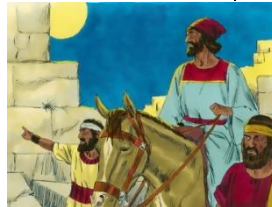
6.30pm: Bible Stream -
Gospel of Matthew

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

5.00pm: St. Mark's House

6.30pm: Summit, Bowling social for 11-18yr-olds. Please contact Simon Morbey on simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org



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 15th Oct: ALPHA 10.00am-12noon Old Vicarage & 7.00pm-9.30pm St Mark's Church.

Weds 16th Oct: 9.00am Holy Communion in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage restarts

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 17th 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 18th Oct: 6.15pm-7.30pm: Kidz Klub, Old Vicarage

Sat 19th Oct: 7.00am-8.00am: Standing in the Gap - praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 21st Oct: 7:45pm-10.00pm: PCC meeting, Old Vicarage

Weds 23rd October: 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.

Weds 23rd October: 6.30pm-8.30pm: Peace & Hope, Vicarage Hall

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. 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...

Sat 9th Nov: 8.00pm **Putting chairs out & orders of service out in church ready for Remembrance Sunday - Please come and help!**

Sun 10th Nov: 10.30am **Remembrance Service** - Please note that there will not be a creche or refreshments due to space requirements. Thank you... **Help is also required to transport all the chairs back to the Old Vicarage site and put the church back together!**



SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER:

18th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Service of the Word

Theme: A United Team -
Nehemiah 3

6.30pm **Workshop Stream** -
Buildings & Fabrication

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: Summit, Film Night, Old Vicarage



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 - 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.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the LORD and not for people. Remember that the LORD will give you as a reward what He has kept for His people. For Christ is the real master you serve." Colossians 3:23-24 (Good News Translation)

LORD Jesus thank you that when we remember that whatever we do in this life we do for You. Please help us to understand that we are citizens of Your Kingdom in heaven first and through that priceless gift become kind, loving and helpful citizens of the country we live in. Then Your loving glory will be revealed and more will come to know You as their LORD and saviour. Amen.

Continue to pray for our government as it makes decisions that affect us all for years to come.

Pray for our **Mission Partners, Tim & Tricia Barrows** especially the 'SIM UK's ENGAGE programme... **Ask the LORD** to help with finance & the visa application process, which allows missionaries from overseas churches to work in this country. E.g. Ram & Keshari are from Nepal & are experienced in ministry & mission. They hope to serve with a new church planting network which has the aim of planting 15 multi ethnic churches in challenging, deprived and needy communities.

Pray for all those who are on the **ALPHA** course, that they will continue to learn, experience and trust in Jesus our LORD and see their lives transformed through His loving grace.

Praise for all those who were confirmed last Sunday evening and the answers to prayer,

blessing and being in God's presence. May they continue to know through a renewed deep commitment that, "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Pray for all the people who need the **Medway Foodbanks** will have all the help needed to change their circumstances... **Praise** that when, "they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress." (Psalm 107:19) **Pray** that they are able to do this...

Pray for the victims of knife crime and their families and ask the LORD to transform the lives of those who use weapons instead of dialogue.

Pray for the **Remembrance Service** next month will glorify the LORD... **Ask the LORD** to provide enough volunteers to put the chairs out and put the church back to normal!

Pray for the **Dementia Café** that the LORD will bring all those He wants to come... for His loving encouragement on this new ministry.

Pray for **Michael Stacey**... for **Vera Adams** who is making progress following her fall and her optician may prescribe spectacles to improve the effect of macular degeneration... for **Derick & Terry Thom** and the whole family especially nieces, nephew & grandchildren... for **Trish Martin**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... 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**, "Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help, You turned my wailing into dancing; You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy." (Psalm 30:10-11)

> **Please pray for:** Tim & Tricia Barrows; ALPHA </p></div>
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<p>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!</p></div>
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