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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
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Mission Focus: Carrie
Macfarlane

St. Mark's Event:
Remembrance

3rd November 2019

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER:

4th Sunday before Advent



10.30am: **All Age Service**

6.30pm: **Soup Night prayer evening** & inviting the rough sleepers

Other Services:

11.00am: **Holy Communion, 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:

Tues 5th Nov: 9.00am-noon: **Church is open** – *Please speak to Dammy for details.*

ALPHA is at the Old Vicarage from 10am-noon & from 7.00pm-9.30pm at church.

Weds 6th Nov: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in church

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

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

6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 7th Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank**, in Church

Fri 8th Nov: 6.15pm-7.30pm: **Kidz Klub**, Old Vicarage

8.00pm-10.00pm: **Open 2 God** – a prayer & worship evening, Church

Sat 9th Nov: 7.00am-8.00am: **Standing in the Gap** – *praying for families, youth & children's ministries*, Old Vicarage

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

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 13th Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Dementia Café**, Old Vicarage – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson for more details.

Thurs 14th Nov: 1.30pm-3.00pm: **Church office will be closed during this time for staff prayer**

Sat 16th Nov: 10.00am-6.00pm: **Revival Fire** – a day of worship & teaching aimed at 18-30 year olds, but open to absolutely everyone. Snacks will be provided, Church

SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER:

3rd Sunday before Advent

Please note that there is no creche or refreshments during this morning's service. Also all Sidesmen/Welcome Team members will be needed for this morning's service.



10.30am: **Remembrance Service** – **We welcome Major General Tim Cross** as our guest preacher this morning.

Please could you help put the church back together and transport the extra chairs back to the Old Vicarage site? Thank you.

6.30pm **Bible Study Stream** – Book of Jonah

Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship** – Remembrance Sunday, St Mary's Island

5.00pm: **St Mark's House**

6.30pm: **Summit**, Games + Chill, Old Vicarage

FAMILY NEWS

If anyone would like to go on the prayer list for Saju's sabbatical please email Rob on opsmanager@stmarksgillingham.org - thank you.

Volunteers are needed between January – March 2020 for the **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

"How wonderful are the things the LORD does! All who are delighted with them want to understand them. All He does is full of honour and majesty; His righteousness is eternal. The LORD does not let us forget His wonderful actions; He is kind and merciful. He provides food for those

who honour Him; He never forgets His covenant." Psalm 111:2-5 (Good News Translation)

Thank you LORD, that You are trustworthy, loving and strong. You graciously provide all our needs and some of our wants for Your glory's sake. Please help us to share these wonderful blessings with others, so that more of Your citizens and future citizens will be free to worship You. Amen

Pray for the general election on Thursday 12th December that the LORD's standards will prevail... **Praise** that the LORD asks us to, "*Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.*" (Proverbs 31:8-9 NLT)

Continue to pray for the family and friends of the 39 victims found dead in a refrigerated lorry trailer in Essex... **Ask the LORD** to help refugees/asylum seekers/migrants who are desperate and feel that it is a matter of life in a new country or face death in their homeland.

Pray for our **Mission Partner, Carrie MacFarlane** who is working in India helping girls attain an education... **Ask the LORD** to protect, encourage and supply all the resources needed, so that she can achieve what the LORD wants her to do... **Praise**, "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you.*" (Psalm 118:26)

Continue to pray for all those who are on the **ALPHA** course, that they felt touched and blessed on the Holy Spirit day Saturday.

Pray for all those seeking justice like the family and friends of Harry Dunn, the victims of the Grenfall fire tragedy and the victims of the refrigerated lorry in Essex... "*The LORD is close to the broken-hearted*

and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)... *Remember the family and friends of Amelia Bambridge too.*

Pray for the **Soup Night Prayer evening** happening tonight. May it meet the needs of the rough sleepers and glorify the LORD. **Ask the LORD** to protect, give wisdom and shower everyone involved with His loving grace.

Pray the **Remembrance Service** next week will glorify the LORD and meet the needs of our community... **Ask the LORD** to provide enough volunteers to put the chairs out and put the church back to normal after the service... **Remember in prayer** all those coming to this service and are hurting in whatever way will feel the LORD's presence, His loving grace and His peace... **Pray** protection and the LORD's loving grace and peace on everyone involved.

Continue to 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 **Margaret Howlett**... for **Vera Adams** that she continues to make progress following her fall... for **Derick & Terry Thom** and the whole family especially nieces, nephew & grandchildren... for **Trish Martin**... for **Keith Sheepwash** and **Paul Smith**... and 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... "*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God*" (Philippians 4:6)

Please pray for: Carrie MacFarlane; Remembrance Service

Bible readings for November 2019

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 4 th	2	Isaiah 1.1-20	Matthew 1.18-end
Tues 5 th	132	Isaiah 1.21-end	Matthew 2.1-15
Weds 6 th	9	Isaiah 2.1-11	Matthew 2.16-end
Thurs 7 th	15	Isaiah 2.12-end	Matthew 3
Fri 8 th	16	Isaiah 3.1-15	Matthew 4.1-11
Sat 9 th	18.31-end	Isaiah 4.2-5.7	Matthew 4.12-22

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)