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# MARKtime

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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Carrie  
Macfarlane

St. Mark's Event:  
Remembrance Sunday

17<sup>th</sup> November 2019



## FOOD BANK



### SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

10.30am Service of the Word – A  
Generous Hand - Nehemiah 5

6.30pm: Workshop Stream –  
Welcome & Belonging, an autistic  
friendly church

#### Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship – Isaac: the miracle  
baby, St Mary's Island

7.00pm: Summit, Minute to Win It, 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:

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Nov:** 7:45pm-10.00pm: PCC meeting,  
Old Vicarage

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Nov:** 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, in  
Church

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** 6.15pm-7.30pm: Kidz Klub, Old  
Vicarage

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** 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

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Nov:** 1.00pm-3.00pm: Dementia  
Café, Old Vicarage – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the  
month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson  
for more details.

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov:** 1.30pm-3.00pm: Church office  
will be closed during this time for staff  
prayer

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Hustings will be taking place at St  
Mark's. Doors open at 7.00pm when

refreshments will be served, the evening will then  
begin at 7.30pm to finish at 9.00pm.

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 6.00pm: Christmas Connect  
2019 Live Concert, Prayer City, Buckmore Park,  
ME5 9QG a concert performed by local primary  
school children.

### Christmas Services at St. Mark's Church

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 10.30am All Age  
Christingle Service – A family friendly  
candlelit ceremony



**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 3.00pm

Empty Chair Service – For  
those who have lost loved  
ones

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec:** 5.00pm

Beyond the Star – Our huge annual Christmas  
festival!

**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** 10.30am Traditional Carol  
Service – A chance to sing some seasonal hymns

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 10.30am Christmas Day – All  
Age Holy Communion Service

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Dec:** 11.00pm Watchnight  
Service – Glorifying the LORD as we see  
in the New Year!



### SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:

#### Sunday next before Advent

10.30am: Holy Communion –  
A Finished Wall and the Word  
Read  
– Nehemiah 6.15-7:4 &  
Nehemiah 8.1-8.12

6.30pm-8.00pm: Gospel Night –gospel music  
led by a gospel band. Refreshments from 6pm,  
St. Mark's Church

#### Other Services:

11.00am: Family Service, St Mary's Island

7.00pm: Summit, TV Games Show

### FAMILY NEWS

Steve & Lynn Trebill and Margaret  
Green would like to say a big thank you  
to everyone who took part or helped in  
anyway before, during and after last  
Sunday's Remembrance Service.

Praise the LORD for the many positive  
comments given and His answers to prayer.





**Thank you** to all those who filled shoeboxes. It was a short deadline but we received 21 plus an extra 13 thanks to a donation from our mission link task group!

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." Colossians 3:23 (Good News Translation)**

**LORD Jesus, thank you for the privilege of working for You in whatever we do, think and say. We are Your ambassadors on earth (2 Corinthians 5:20) please help us to reflect Your loving grace and standards with everyone we meet for Your glory's sake Amen.**



**Praise** for all the answers to prayer for last week's **Remembrance Service...**  
**Pray** for all those who joined us in church they will continue to feel God's presence, love and blessing in the days to come.

**Pray** for the general election on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

**Pray** for **Mission Partner, Carrie MacFarlane** this week for encouragement, blessing and protection, as she shows through her words and actions the healing grace and deep love of Christ.

**Pray** for all the people on the **ALPHA** course especially as it is coming to an end...**Ask the LORD** to prepare them for the next stage in their lives.

**Continue to pray** for all those seeking justice like the family and friends of Harry Dunn, the victims of the Grenfall Tower fire tragedy and the victims of the refrigerated lorry in Essex... Remember the family and friends of Amelia Bambridge too.

**Pray** for all the **Christmas Services** here at St. Mark's and St. Mary's Island... **Ask the LORD** for resources, His love and Wisdom, so that as 'ambassadors of Christ' people will see the LORD in us and be drawn to our wonderful saviour and friend.

**Pray** for the **PCC Meeting** happening tomorrow (18<sup>th</sup> Nov).

**Remember in prayer** all those affected by the floods.

**Praise** for **Revival Fire** that happened yesterday... **Pray** for the **Gospel Night** happening on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November... **Ask the LORD** to bring His healing, grace and love to everyone taking part and that all will feel His presence in a new and exciting way.

**Pray** for **Vera Adams** as her sight deteriorates. Ask the LORD to bring His healing love and power to arrest this degeneration and give His wisdom to the specialist she is due to visit at Maidstone Eye Hospital in Maidstone near to Christmas.

**Pray** for **Michael Stacey...** for **Margaret Howlett...** for **Trish Martin...** for **Paul Smith** and **Keith Sheepwash...** 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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	47	Isaiah 9.8-10.4	Matthew 7.1-12
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	52	Isaiah 10.5-19	Matthew 7.13-end
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	56	Isaiah 10.20-32	Matthew 8.1-13
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	62	Isaiah 10.33-11.9	Matthew 8.14-22
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	63	Isaiah 11.10-end of 12	Matthew 8.23-end
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	78.1-39	Isaiah 13.1-13	Matthew 9.1-17

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)**