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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Medway Night Shelter

St. Mark's Event:
Week of prayer for Christian Unity

12th January 2020

SUNDAY 12th January 2020:

All Youth & Children's Groups restart today!
1st Sunday of Epiphany



10.30am Holy Communion

Theme: Vision casting for Discipleship - why is it important? - Acts 2:42-47

6.30pm: Bible Stream will have a panel of teachers to discuss questions such as 'Is the Bible completely inerrant?'

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

3.00pm: Charing House

5.00pm: St Mark's House

7.00pm: Summit, 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 14th Jan: 9.00am-noon: Church is open - Please speak to Dammy for details.

Weds 15th Jan: 9am: Holy Communion

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

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

Thurs 16th Jan: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, in Church

Fri 17th Jan 2020: 6.15pm-7.30pm: Kidz Klub, Old Vicarage

Sat 18th Jan: 7.00am-8.00am: Standing in the Gap - praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

Sat 18th Jan: 9.45am-3.00pm
ALL AGE TRAINING SEMINAR - a day to inform and inspire you to new heights in All Age Worship Services.

Tickets cost £5 either register and pay on Eventbrite (link on the information page for this event), or pay on the door after registering on



church website

Eventbrite first. Drinks and biscuits provided, but please bring your own lunch. This event will be held @ St. Mark's Church Hall, Vicarage Road, thank you.

10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 20th Jan: 7:45pm-10pm: PCC, Old Vicarage
If you would like to attend this PCC meeting please speak to Raymond Shergill, Helen Towers or Vicky Allen.

Weds 22nd Jan: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Dementia Café, Old Vicarage - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson for more details.

Sat 1st Feb: 2.00pm-4.00pm: Cinema club, in church

SUNDAY 19th January:

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am: Service of the Word - Theme: Devoted to Teaching - Acts 2:42-47

6.30pm: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St. Mary's Island

7.00pm: Summit, Old Vicarage



FAMILY NEWS



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



"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised." Hebrews 10:35-36 (NIV UK)

Thank you LORD Jesus that we can always trust in Your Holy Word, which is the same yesterday, today and for ever (Hebrews 13:8). Please help us grow further in 'confidence' in You this coming year, so that

whatever life throws at us we can stand in Your power, strength and most of all in Your never failing love. Amen.

Pray for Saju's sabbatical... **Ask the LORD** to protect, encourage and enlighten Saju's walk with Him.

Pray for the next stage of BREXIT and all the negotiations that need to be done to bring a fair settlement for all ... **Ask the LORD** to be with those who are affected by the slow done in the economy with the British Retail Consortium stating that last year was the worse year for retail in 25 years with many job losses.

Pray for our **Mission Partner, Medway Night Shelter...** **Ask the LORD** to protect all involved and for His loving grace to multiply in the hearts of all concerned... **Praise** that "Great is our LORD and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit." (147:5)

Pray for the **Week of prayer for Christian Unity** that is happening between 18-25 January... **Ask the LORD** to bring all parts of His holy church together, so that we can reflect His glory into a lost, spiritly empty and fearful world... **Praise** that we can give, "Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always. (1 Chronicles 16:10-11)

Praise for all the Christmas Services and the answers to prayer... **Pray** for all those who gave their lives to the LORD over the Christmas period.

Praise for the adult baptisms that happened last Sunday morning (5/1/20)... **Pray** for each person's walk with the LORD this year will

strengthen their 'confidence' in the LORD and grow more and more like our LORD Jesus.

Pray for the bushfires which are burning out of control and have devastated large areas of Australia... **Ask the LORD** to be with everyone affected... to heal the land, the people and the wildlife... for those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods... for wisdom in dealing with this crisis and for much more rain.

Pray for the tensions in the middle-east especially Iran, Iraq and a possible 'Syria-style' civil war in Libya... for the USA and effects of the missiles fired at their bases in Irbil and Al Asad... for our British forces in the region... **Ask the LORD** to bring His healing peace to all involved especially vulnerable people like Nazania Zaghari Ratcliffe who has been imprisoned in Iran and has not been able to enjoy seeing her daughter grow up day by day... Remember her husband Richard too.

Pray for our Royal Family at this time... **Praise** for the example of our Queen.

Pray for **Derick Thom...** for **Gay Gower...** for **Michael Stacey...** for **Trish Martin...** for **Paul Smith...** for **Trish Martin...** for **Vera Adams** 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... **Praise** "He is the LORD our God; His judgements are in all the earth." (1 Chronicles 16:14)

Please pray for: Medway Night Shelter; Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Bible readings for January 2020

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 13 th	2	Genesis 1.1-19	Matthew 21.1-17
Tues 14 th	9	Genesis 1.20-2.3	Matthew 21.18-32
Weds 15 th	20	Genesis 2.4-end	Matthew 21.33-end
Thurs 16 th	21	Genesis 3	Matthew 22.1-14
Fri 17 th	67	Genesis 4.1-16, 25-26	Matthew 22.15-33
Sat 18 th	33	Genesis 6.1-10	Matthew 22.34-end

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)