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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: Medway Night  
Shelter

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

26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> January:

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am Holy  
Communion

Theme: Devoted to  
Fellowship - Acts 2:42-47

Fellowship

5.30pm: Church in the Pub – King George V,  
Brompton

6.30pm: No Evening Service

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

7.00pm: Summit, Retro video games, 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 28<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 9.00am-2.30pm: Church is  
open – Please speak to Dammy for details.

**Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 9am: Holy Communion

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, in  
Church

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan:** 6.15pm-7.30pm: Kidz Klub, Old  
Vicarage

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Feb:** 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-4.00pm: Cinema club, in church

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 6.30pm-8.30pm: Peace & Hope,  
Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 1.30pm-3.00pm: Church office  
will be closed during this time for staff  
prayer. Please feel free to come along.

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.30am-11.00am: Bibles after  
Breakfast – This takes place on a fortnightly  
basis. Please see Simon or Poppy Morbey for  
more details thank you.

**Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 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.

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 1.00pm: World Day of Prayer,  
URC, Balmoral Road, Gillingham

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> May:** APCM straight after the  
morning service in Church

## SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> February:

Presentation of Christ in the  
Temple

10.30am: All Age Service

6.30pm: Communion plus Prayer  
for Healing

Other Services:

11.00am: Holy Communion, St. Mary's Island

6.00pm: Fire & Blood Metal Church @ Tap &  
Tin, Chatham

7.00pm: Summit, Movie Magic – Film TBC, Old  
Vicarage



## FAMILY NEWS

It is with much sadness that we  
have learnt of the death of Tricia  
Martin on Tuesday morning (14<sup>th</sup>  
January) at the Kent and  
Canterbury Hospital.

We extend our sympathy to the  
whole family and friends and ask  
that you remember them in your  
prayers.

Funeral details will follow for those  
who would like to attend.

Thank you.



Help  
Wanted

Street Angels are in desperate need  
of urgent help. They need Van  
drivers on a Weds & Fri morning,  
help in the shop and administrative  
support half a day per wk. If you can  
offer a little spare time please pop down to  
the shop and speak to them.

Karen Turnball is starting a prayer chain. If you  
would like to be added please email  
[karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org)

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**

**"Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you... May the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all." 2 Corinthians 13:11 & 14 (NIV UK)**

**Thank you LORD and help us to truly 'rejoice!' in all that You have done for us, are doing for us and the plans that You have for each one of us – Plans for forgiveness, growth and encouragement that will see each one of us filled with Your Holy Spirit and become more and more like Jesus Christ Your Son. Only then will Gillingham and the Medway Towns know what being a Christian really means and come to You for their salvation and joy! Amen.**

**Continue to pray** for our church leaders that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit of wisdom and grace and able to reach out to our congregation, the wider church and the Medway community... **Ask the LORD** to heal, strengthen and encourage Saju in his prayer walk with our holy God.

**Praise** for our **Mission Partner, Medway Night Shelter** and the help they are giving to those who are seeking a safe shelter... **Ask the LORD** to meet the needs of all those involved, so that they can begin a new chapter in their lives especially those with mental health issues or are looking for a permanent home, job etc... **Praise** that "The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." (Psalm 9:9)

**Praise** for all the ways that the LORD blessed the **Week of prayer for Christian Unity** and continues to unite us in His loving care... **Pray** that

all His people will remember that, "He brings salvation upon the earth" (Psalm 74:12b) for His glory's sake.

**Pray** for all those who have been affected by the Coronavirus in China and around the world... **Ask the LORD** to show scientists at places like MRC Centre for Global Infectious Disease Analysis at Imperial College London find the solutions in dealing with this new virus, control the outbreak and find a cure for this epidemic.

**Continue to 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... **Praise the LORD** for much needed rain.

**Pray** for justice for the victims and their families of the passenger plane that Iran shot down by mistake and the arrest of the person who filmed the footage which told the world what really happened.

**Pray** for the family and friends of **Tricia Martin**. **Praise** that **Vera Adams** has been lifted in spirit and is thankful to God following her recent eye appointments.

**Pray** for **Derick Thom...** for **Gay Gower...** for **Michael Stacey...** 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... **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/February 2020**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	108	Genesis 11.27-12.9	Matthew 26.1-16
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	36	Genesis 13.2-end	Matthew 26.17-35
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup>	46	Genesis 14	Matthew 26.17-35
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	47	Genesis 15	Matthew 26.47-56
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	65	Genesis 16	Matthew.26.57-end
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	68	Genesis 17.1-22	Matthew 27.1-10

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)**