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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: REACH

St. Mark's Event:
Men's BREAKFAST SPECIAL

23rd February 2020

SUNDAY 23rd February:

Sunday next before Lent



10.30am: **Holy Communion** –
Theme: All together and had
everything in common – Acts
2:42-47

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

No Summit today

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 24th Feb: 10.00am-2.00pm: **Open Church**

Tues 25th Feb: 10.00am-2.00pm: **Open Church**

Office closing at 1.45pm

7.00pm-9.30pm: **Launch of Lent**,
Church, come along for pancakes and hear
about the Lent course we are doing.

Weds 26th Feb: 9.00am: **Holy Communion**

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

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

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

6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope** – *What does
discipleship mean to us?*, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 27th Feb: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank**, in
Church

Fri 28th Feb: 6.15pm-7.30pm: **Kidz Klub**, Old
Vicarage

Sat 29th Feb: 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

Thurs 5th Mar: 1.30pm-3.00pm: **Church
office will be closed during this time for
staff prayer. Please feel free to come
along.**

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

Sat 7th Mar: 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 11th Mar: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Dementia
Café**, Old Vicarage – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the
month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson
for more details.

Weds 11th Mar: 6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace &
Hope** – *The Great Commandment*, Vicarage Hall

Sat 14th March: 9.00am-
11.00pm: **'Who Let the Dad's
Out'**, Vicarage Hall



Thurs 26th March:

Sun 31st May: APCM straight after the
morning service in Church. If you would like to
be on the Electoral Roll please see Denise Young
for a form.

Fri 24th July: 1.00pm-4.00pm: **LET LOOSE 6th
edition, an outdoor music concert on
Gillingham High Street** – *more volunteers are
needed please.*



SUNDAY 1st March:

1st Sunday of Lent

10.30am: **All Age Service**

6.30pm: **Holy Communion +
Prayer for Healing**

Other Services:

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

6.00pm **Fire & Blood Metal Church @ Tap &
Tin, Chatham** - *this is a monthly event*

7.00pm: **Summit**, Games & Chill, Old Vicarage

FAMILY NEWS

Please speak to Luke Prankard if you can
volunteer for the Old Vicarage site –
Garden Team. Any time you can offer will
be gratefully received, so that our outside
spaces are honouring to our LORD, thank you.



Derick Thom would like to say "a big thank
you to St. Mark's for praying for me and to
the Lord for answering our prayers for
everything to do with my operation and how
well I am progressing. Hallelujah! Praise the
Lord for His many blessings".



Martin and Sui King Hunter are delighted to
announce the arrival of their second
grandson, Joel, on 26th January.

Karen Turnball, Community Pastor is setting

up a virtual prayer boiler room for Gillingham.
 There are 336 permanent ½hour slots to fill.
 Please email Karen if you are interested on
karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"May the LORD make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." 1 Thessalonians 3:12: (NIV UK)

LORD thank you that You always show us the way to be by Your wonderful example. You truly are pure love in all its amazing forms. Please help each one of us to receive Your love and to reflect this precious gift to all those around us for Your glory's sake Amen.

Pray that our church leaders will have opportunities to show Jesus' love to our congregation and the wider community this week... **Pray** for Saju in New Zealand and for his family time after his sabbatical.

Pray for each member of the **REACH Team** will feel the LORD's love in a special way this week... **Pray** for fruitful discussions with Peel Ports (the developer behind the Chatham Waters project) in early April and for discernment in creating the right balance of activities and outreach.

Praise for the **Men's BREAKFAST SPECIAL** that happened recently and for Dammy who headed this up...**Thank the LORD** for all Dammy does for our St. Mark's Church family... **Ask the LORD** to show the group how He wants this to develop in the future for His glory's sake.

Continue to pray for all those who have been affected by the Coronavirus in China and around the world especially all the people on the cruise ship, the Diamond Princess off the coast of Japan.

Pray for all the areas in this country who are experiencing the affects of flooding., especially

famers with crops flooded, people with homes and businesses flooded/affected and the emergency services who are working around the clock to help everyone in need.

Pray for the locust invasion in Africa which is bringing hunger to huge numbers of people.

Praise for the miraculous answers to prayer for our **Mission Partner Margaret Weston @ the El Campello Christian Community...** **Pray** for all past and present members that the LORD will up hold them, continue to strengthen them and protect them in His never ending love and grace.

Praise for the recent 'week of intercession' that our **Mission Partners, Francis & Diane Dognon** had in Normandy and all that the LORD revealed to them... **Pray** for a new car for Francis who travels hundreds of miles every month as his old car will not pass the MOT.

Pray for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** who must take strong drugs and will have another test in 6months time to check that the cancer has not returned... **Pray** that Yung will be able to tolerate the strong drugs.

Continue to pray that **Sathish's** targeted treatment clears his infection.

Pray for **Tricia Martin's family & friends... 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 (the LORD) will respond to the prayer of the destitute, He will not despise their plea." (Psalm 102:17) Oh LORD break our hearts with what breaks Yours in prayer Amen.

Please pray for: REACH; Men's BREAKFAST SPECIAL

Bible readings for February 2020

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 24 th	71	Genesis 37.1-11	Galatians 1
Tues 25 th	73	Genesis 37.12-end	Galatians 2.1-10
Weds 26 th	38	Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19	1 Timothy 6.6-19
Thurs 27 th	77	Genesis 39	Galatians 2.11-end
Fri 28 th	3	Genesis 40	Galatians 3.1-14
Sat 29 th	71	Genesis 41.1-24	Galatians 3.15-22

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)