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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: TEARFUND

St. Mark's Event:
Peace & Hope

8th March 2020

SUNDAY 8th March:

2nd Sunday of Lent



10.30am: **Holy Communion** – Theme: **A change of Heart** - Ezekiel 36:24-33

6.30pm: **Bible Stream** - *The Book of Judges - Where did it all go wrong?*

Other Services:

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

3.00pm: **Charing House**

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

7.00pm: **Summit**, Murder Mystery, 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 9th Mar: 10.00am-2.00pm: **Open Church & Yarn Club!** Yarn club will be held by Karen Turnbull, speak to her for more details.

Tues 10th Mar: 10.00am-2.00pm: **Open Church**
7.30pm-9.30pm: **Lent course**, Church

Weds 11th Mar: 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** – *The Great Commandment*, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 12th Mar: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank** in Church

Fri 13th Mar: 12.00pm-2.00pm: **Lent course**, Church. Please let Karen Turnbull know if you plan on attending this session

8.00pm-10.00pm: **Open to God**, in Church
6.15pm-7.30pm: **Kidz Klub**, Old Vicarage

Sat 14th Mar: 7.00am-8.00am: **Standing in the Gap** – *praying for families, youth & children's ministries*, Old Vicarage

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

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 16th Mar: 7.45pm-10pm: **PCC**, Old Vicarage

Thurs 19th Mar: 1.30pm-3.00pm: **Church office will be closed during this time for staff prayer. Please feel free to come along.**

Fri 20th Mar & Sat 21st Mar: **Sozo training, Vicarage Hall.** Fri times are 7.00pm-9.30pm & Sat 9.30am-4.30pm. Cost is £45 which includes refreshments, lunch on Sat & your training manual. Please speak to Amanda Maskell if you are interested.

Thurs 26th Mar: 7.00pm-8.15pm: **Music Man Concert**, here in Church

Sun 5th Apr: 5.00pm **Fire & Blood Metal Church @ Tap & Tin, Chatham** - *this is a monthly event*

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 15th March:

3rd Sunday of Lent



God's Work
Our Hands

10.30am: **Service of the Word** – Theme: **Created for God's Work** – Exodus 4:1-6

5.00pm: **FUSION** – A new church service for young adults & Uni students, although all are welcome! Refreshments will be served, St. Mark's Church

Other Services:

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

7.00pm: **Summit**, Murder Mystery, 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.



Denise Young would like to make a list of people she can call on if someone walks into church and does not speak English. Please let her know if you are happy to be on the list and what language/s you speak. Many thanks.

Karen Turnbull, 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



"Even to your old age and grey hairs I am He, I am He [the LORD] who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4 (NIV UK)

LORD thank you that You sustain & care for me in the past, the present and the future. You know me deeply and cherish me enough to die for me. Fill me again with Your Holy Spirit, so that I can worship You in spirit and truth and reflect Your love into a hurting world. Amen.

Continue to pray for Saju in New Zealand, for his family time after his sabbatical and for his ministry when he comes back.

Pray that the **REACH Team** will be given the right avenues to reach the residents of the various apartment blocks.

Pray for businesses that are struggling due to the affects of the Coronavirus with some possibly going out of business thus causing hardship to themselves and their employees... **Pray** for those around the world who are suffering racist attacks and abuse because of fears of this virus as happened in Oxford Street, London on 24/2/2020.

Pray that flooded areas will see the water levels recede and communities will be able to rebuild their livelihoods... **Ask the LORD** to be with everyone who is traumatized with the loss of their homes and precious memories.

Pray for **TEARFUND's partner SAHAARA** in Mumbai, India... **Ask the LORD** to protect this special community, to sustain them with all they need to grow and flourish... **Praise** that, *"In Him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* (John 1:4-5)

Pray for the **Peace & Hope** community's next meeting on Wednesday 11th March where they will be learning about 'The Great Commandment' together... **Ask the LORD** to help the community to understand His message concerning 'the Great Commandment' and to look after any member who has had a bad or troubling week... **Praise** that the community reflects Jesus' love in our community.

Continue to pray for all those who sleep rough, find space on family or friends' sofas or in unsuitable accommodation... **Ask the LORD** to change government attitudes so that more housing can be built which meets this need and that caring communities can be created instead of empty shells of chronic deprivation.

Pray for **Sunali Sonali**, home from hospital having responded well to antibiotics.

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...**for **Stan & Linda Brown** as she has just undergone a hip replacement ... 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)

Please pray for: TEARFUND; Peace & Hope

Bible readings for March 2020

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 9 th	32	Genesis 43.16-end	Hebrews 1
Tues 10 th	50	Genesis 44.1-17	Hebrews 2.1-9
Weds 11 th	35	Genesis 44.18-end	Hebrews 2.10-end
Thurs 12 th	34	Genesis 45.1-15	Hebrews 3.1-6
Fri 13 th	41	Genesis 45.16-end	Hebrews 3.7-end
Sat 14 th	25	Genesis 46.1-7, 28-end	Hebrews 4.1-13

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 11.00am-3.00pm (staff team meeting takes place from 9.30am-11.00am), Tues & Weds 10.00am-2.00pm, Thurs 10.00am-3.00pm, Fri 9.15am-1.15pm (by appointment only)