

MARKtime

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

To please God. Teach his word. Serve others and Connect people with Jesus Mission Focus September: Word on the Street

St. Mark's Group for September: **Foodbank**

18th September 2016

Trinity 17

Services: - 10.30am: Service of the Word 6.30pm: Holy Communion

Theme: Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (3) - Making

Good Work

Readings: Genesis 1-2; Colossians 3:22-4.1

Other Services: 11.00am Morning Worship, St.

Mary's Island

<u>Prayer Ministry</u>: If you would like someone to pray with you or to share concerns with, then members of the prayer team are available in the small chapel at the front of church.

Monday-Friday during term time 9.15am-12.15pm, **St. Mark's Pre-school**, Vicarage Hall – Children need to be registered first

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Mon 19th **Sept:** 7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark** United, **Fruitfulness on the Frontlines 1** (for ages 13-18), Old Vicarage

7.45pm start PCC, Old Vicarage

Weds 21st Sept: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

9.30am Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm-2.45pm Parents & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

7.00pm for 7.30pm start **Medway Foodbank**Prayer and Praise Evening @ Magpie

foodbank Centre, 33 Magpie Hall Road, Chatham ME5

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<u>Thurs 22nd Sept:</u> 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

<u>Fri 23rd Sept:</u> 10.00am-12.00noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

6.15pm Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

<u>Sat 24th Sept:</u> 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

Next Sunday 25th September 2016:

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Worship Night – hosts JT & Katie in Church

Other Services: 11.00am **Family Service,** St. Mary's Island.

Small Groups meet in various locations at different times throughout the week – please speak to Gary or Chris Atkins if you would like to be in a mid-week group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 26th **Sept:** 6.45pm-9.15pm **The Marriage Course** (7 sessions in total, but these seesions are not intended to be a 'marriage prep' course) @ The Salvation Army, Green Street, Gillingham ME7 1XA. See the Community Events noticeboard for full details or contact Julie & Andy Millest on 01634 579004 or adandjamillest@btinternet.com.



Tues 27th Sept: 7.30pm
'One for All' Spring
Harvest event @ St
Mark's Church, celebrating
and strengthening the

unity of God's Church. Tickets £5 in advance from the Church Office or online, or £7 on the door.

<u>Weds 28th Sept:</u> 7.00pm-9.00pm Faith & Light, Vicarage Hall

<u>Thurs 29th Sept:</u> 7.30pm Men's Curry Night – Shipa Tandoori, Canterbury Street, and the next bimonthly date is 24th Nov.



Sun 2nd Oct: 10.30am service

Harvest collection for Medway Foodbank. Please pick up a 'Harvest shopping list' from the Welcome Table of very low stock level items, <u>NOT required</u> due to very high stock levels – soup, baked beans, pasta, rice, rice pudding, tinned meat and tea, thank you.

<u>Sat 8th Oct:</u> 10.30am-12noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

<u>Sat 8th Oct:</u> 7.00pm-10.00pm Coping With Dyslexia Event run by Jonica Thomas (from St. Mary's Island Church). Venue: 'Café @ 172', 172 High Street, Rochester ME1 1EX. See Community Events noticeboard for more details.

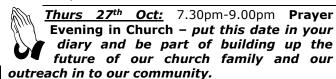
<u>Sat 15th Oct:</u> 9.00am Small Group Leaders Meeting, Vicarage Hall

<u>Sat 15th Oct</u>: SPLAT! Harvest. We will be looking for the usual helpers on the day – bakers, chatters, servers and crafters! Please speak to Jo Whittaker if you can help in any way.



Weds 26th Oct: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the Mike Campbell Foundation at the Royal Geographical Society, London, England. Tickets are £20 each or £15 for groups of 10 people. *Please see notice on the Community Events noticeboard for more details.*



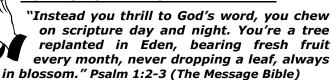
FAMILY NEWS

CRE SOUTH-EAST

The Christian Resource Exhibition is coming to Kent Event Centre (Detling) on Weds 12th Oct & Thurs 13th Oct. For more info see www.creonline.co.uk.

Please speak to Lynne Martin ASAP if you are interested in attending on Thurs 13th Oct. Tickets booked in advance £4.

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



Thank you Lord for helping us to understand that we can serve You in everything we do. Help us to be 'fruitful on our frontlines' whatever the task. Please show us ways to spread Your loving grace to all we meet. Amen.

Pray for the Medway Foodbank Prayer and Praise Evening this week (Weds 21st)... Ask the LORD to bless this event with His wonderful presence and encourage everyone involved... Praise that Foodbank is being a 'fruitful' blessing in our community.

Pray for Machel Jagan Babwah who was baptised last Sunday, his parents Nicky & Katie, their family and friends... **Praise** for this blessing for all the family and ask the Lord to continue to bless Machel and his family and everyone who came to his baptism.

Praise for our Mission Partner, **The Word on the Street** is providing "many life changing opportunities to deprived children and young people" through **Activity Loft**, their Community House on The Vineries Estate... **Pray** for protection, finance, encouragement and abundant splashes of God's love, peace and joy.

Pray for our PCC meeting tomorrow (19th).

Continue to pray for the **new intake of university students** at the Medway Campus... for Orientation days, Freshers events, and the regular activities such as World Café and TABLE*talk* and anyone who is struggling for whatever reason... **Ask the Lord** to

bless **Lynne Martin** and the chaplaincy team and give them His love, strength and wisdom for the term ahead.

Praise that **St. Mark's Preschool** had an enjoyable first week back... **Ask the LORD** to continue to bless, protect and encourage the staff, children and volunteers involved.

Pray for the new **Fruitfulness on the Frontline services** to come... **Praise** that "it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the LORD commends." (2 Corinthians 10:18)... **Ask the LORD** to help us work for His approval and not the world's.

Pray for God's wisdom for all those in authority who make decisions that affect our community... **Ask the LORD** to give you a person, organisation or situation to pray for this week.

Praise that our Mission Partner, **Katy Barnwell** is "seeing much answered prayer!"... **Pray** for the new translation teams in Nigeria that are part of Katy's workshop... for wisdom, insight and the ability to communicate well across languages... that they will develop their skills for future work... for encouragement and deep fellowship as they work together... "that everything will be done in a way that truly honours the LORD.

Continue to pray for Rose Miller's family & friends especially Don & Dan at this time.

Pray for **Nev Piper** who damaged his knee while going for a bus and is in a leg/knee splint & crutches. He may require surgery... **Ask the Lord** to help him, as he searches for work... **Praise** that Nev's mum is doing ok.

Pray for Emma Bailey now home from hospital... for Wendy Haslam... for Samson Bhatti's sister Talitha... for Cathy Hall who is suffering with leg ulcers... for Angela Marlow, Richard & Jane Tolhurst, Mike Young, Glyn Allen, Julie Hanning, Mo Chen and Ruby Palfreyman... and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission Partner for September: Word on the Street ... Please pray for our St. Mark's Group for September: Foodbank

Bible readings for September 2016			
Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 19 th	71	1 Kings Ch. 21	Acts 21.37-22.21
Tues 20 th	73	1 Kings 22.1-28	Acts 22.22-23.11
Weds 21 st	49	1 Kings 19.15-end	2 Timothy 3.14-end
Thurs 22 nd	78.1-39	2 Kings 1.2-17	Acts 24.1-23
Fri 23 rd	55	2 Kings 2.1-18	Acts 24.24-25.12
Sat 24 th	76	2 Kings 4.1-37	Acts 25.13-end

Except for the first Sunday of the month **during term time**, groups for children and young teenagers meet at the Old Vicarage & the Carer's Centre respectively, 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 at the back of church, near the sound desk (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!**