

150 years



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 May: **Lucy Haslam**

St. Mark's Group for May:
Elderly Care: Charing House & St. Mark's House

8th May 2016

The seventh Sunday after Easter

Please note: No SOS or Pathfinders this morning.

10.30am: Holy Communion – We welcome Jim Findlay as our guest speaker this morning. Jim was curate at St Mark's 2004-2007, now vicar of St Mark's, Salisbury.

Theme: The Transfiguration

Reading: Luke 9.28-42

6.30pm: Service of the Word – We welcome Paul Perkin as our guest speaker this evening. Paul was curate at St Mark's 1980-1984, now vicar of St Mark's, Battersea Rise.

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

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St. Mark's House

Prayer Ministry: 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 9th – Sat 14th May: Listening Week, see full details in the flyer handed out.

Monday 9th May: 7.00am-8.15am **Breakfast and...** Old Vicarage

12noon-12midnight **Fasting & Reflection**, Church
7.30pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage

Tuesday 10th May: 7.00am-8.15am **Breakfast and...** Old Vicarage
8.00pm-10.00pm **Scripture reading & prayer**, Church

Weds 11th May: 7.00am-8.15am **Breakfast and...** Old Vicarage

9.00am-11.00am **Holy Communion** followed by prayer, Church

9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

1.15pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

7.00pm-9.00pm **Faith & Light**, Vicarage Hall

8.00pm-10.00pm **TABLEtalk style discussion**, Church

Thurs 12th May: 7.00am-8.15am **Breakfast and...** Old Vicarage

1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

8.00pm-10.00pm **Interactive Meditation:** 'Jesus in Gillingham – Day: 12th May, Year: 2020', Church

Fri 13th May: Use this day (or part of it) for personal prayer and reflection

7.00am-8.15am **Breakfast and...** Old Vicarage

6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage/Hall

8.00pm **Table-Tennis Club** - All St Mark's over - 18's welcome, Vicarage Hall

8.00pm-10.00pm **Worship & Prophetic Prayer**, Church

Sat 14th May: 7.00am-8.15am **Breakfast and...** Old Vicarage

10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church.

10.00am-12.00noon **Prayer** using prayer stations, Church

10.30am-12noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

4.00pm -5.00pm **Children and families' tea & Prayer**, Vicarage Hall

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.

Next Sunday 15th May 2016: Pentecost Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm **Pentecost United Service** at St. Mark's

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 16th May: 7.30pm for 7.45pm start **PCC**, Old Vicarage

Tues 17th May: 6.30pm **Anti Human Slavery Evening** @ 1 East Court, Enterprise Road, Maidstone, ME15 6JF. *Please poster at the back of church for more details, thank you.*

Thurs 26th May: 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** @ the Shipa Tandoori Restaurant, Canterbury Street, Gillingham, ME7 5TS – *other bi-monthly dates are: 21st July, 29th Sept & 24th Nov.*

Fri 27th May: 10.00am-12.00noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Sun 3th July: 4.00pm-6.00pm **Over-60s Afternoon Tea**, Old Vicarage Garden/Hall. *Please put this date in your diary; invitations to follow!*

FAMILY NEWS

Dear Friends

Thank you so much for the wonderful send-off you gave us on Sunday. Chris's song, your kind words and lovely gifts meant so much to us all. We wish you all the very best for the future. With love, Richard, Kathryn, Emily & Joannah

Can you please write in the Vistors Book at the entrance to church. It would be a great record to have everyone write something in this 150th year. Thank you.

The 150th Anniversary Brochure and St Mark's Story PowerPoint can be downloaded from the website: www.stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk. If you would like a hard copy of the Anniversary Brochure, please speak with Neville Piper.



... to everyone who helped to make the 150th celebrations be such a success. It was wonderful to see so many visitors catch up with us and each other. Without our St Mark's Church Family working together in

so many different ways, it would not have happened!

... to all those who cooked, served and cleared away for the Alpha Course. The meal is such an important part of the course and enables strangers to become friends.

... from Faith and Light for all the money donated to help them meet the cost of the coach hire for their Bristol Conference in August.

... from Sarah Rutherford for all your prayers. She has recently returned to Newhaven rehabilitation unit



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"[May the Lord] equip you with every good thing to carry out His will and strengthen you [making you complete and perfect as you ought to be], accomplishing in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen" Hebrews 13:21

Ask the Lord to help us to be open and willing to let Him change us into the people He wants us to be...

Continue to ask the Lord for His insight to where He wants us to be now and in the future... **Pray** for His blessing on the **Mission Action Plan (MAP) Group** as they and each one of us try to discern the way forward... *Please prayerfully consider the following questions:*

1. *"If you could picture St. Mark's in 3/5 years' time, what might it look like?"*
2. *"Where and how would Jesus be ministering if he was here in Gillingham now?"*
3. *"If we let God do what He wants with St. Mark's, in what ways might it look different in 3/5 years' time?"*

Praise for **Richard, Kathryn, Emily & Joanna England** for all that the Lord achieved through this

family in Gillingham and the Medway Towns... **Pray** for all the preparations for their move to Crofton Parish, Stubbington (near Fareham, Hampshire)... for their future needs and that all the family quickly settle in to this new stage in their lives... for Emily & Joanna, that they will quickly settle into school.

Pray for Faith & Light and Faith & Light Juniors... Praise for the way that these wonderful communities challenge and change perceptions in St. Mark's and the wider church... **Ask the Lord** to be close to all **Faith & Light** communities around the world and use these special people to transform and "perfect" their societies.

Praise that **Richard Tolhurst** has had positive test results following surgery, the cancer has not spread... **Pray** that Richard will not have horrible side effects from the chemotherapy.

Continue to pray for our ministry to the elderly especially for the Charing House and St. Mark's House volunteers... **Ask** the Lord to provide extra volunteers to replenish and provide extra cover with the view to starting another group for Park View unit... **Praise the Lord** for all that these elderly people have done in the past for our society and continue to do.

Pray for the **GYFC team** in light of the decision to draw a line and officially close GYFC... **Ask the Lord** to give His peace to everyone involved... **Praise** that when the Lord closes one door He always has new and exciting plans for the future.

Praise that **Landmark's weekend** at Penhurst Retreat Centre was such a success... **Ask** the Lord to continue to 'strengthen' them to 'carry out His perfect will' and grow more and more like Jesus.

Pray for the **Haslam family** as Mike's father has sadly died of liver cancer... *Wendy would like to thank us for our support and prayers during this difficult time...* **Remember in prayer Lucy Haslam**, our Mission Partner, who is currently studying at Oak Hill, London at this difficult time too.

Pray for **Megan Brouwer's best friend Artie** whose father passed away recently...for **Sheelagh Graves** following further surgery... for **Richard Tolhurst, Mike Young, Bill Keast, Glyn Allen, Julie Hanning...** for **Mo Chen** ... for **Rose Miller's** meeting with the respiratory team on 20th May... for **Mags & Jim Findlay and family** following the recent funeral of Mags' father... and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission Partner for May: **Lucy Haslam** ... **Please pray** for our St. Mark Group's for May: **Elderly Care: Charing House & St. Mark's House**

Bible readings for May 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 9 th	93	Numbers 22.1-35	Luke 7.36-end
Tues 10 th	99	Numbers 22.36-23.12	Luke 8.1-15
Weds 11 th	29	Numbers 23.13-end	Luke 8.16-25
Thurs 12 th	24	Numbers Ch.24	Luke 8.26-39
Fri 13 th	28	Numbers 27.12-end	Luke 8.40-end
Sat 14 th	16	1 Samuel 2.27-35	Acts 2.37-end