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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 June:
Francis & Diane Dognan

St. Mark's Group for June:
**Audio Visual Equipment
Team**

5th June 2016

Trinity 2

10.30am: All Age Service - led by
Theme: "Listening to God"

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Theme: "Hearing God in surprising places"
Reading: Exodus 3:1-15; 4:10-13

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

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.

Faith + Light



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?

Monday 6th June: 7.30pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage

Weds 8th June: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church
9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage
1.15pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall
7.00pm-9.00pm **Faith & Light**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 9th June: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 10th June: 6.15pm-7.30pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage/Hall

Sat 11th June: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church
10.30am-12noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

From 1.00pm **All are invited to watch St. Mark's Cricket Team vs. Otterden Cricket Team @ the Otterden Place Cricket Ground, Bunce Court Road, Faversham, ME13 0BU - Bring a picnic and drink to share.**

Sat 11th & Sun 12th June: 1.00pm-5.00pm **Bishopscourt is open as part of the National Gardens Scheme**, teas, homemade cakes & plant sale, Entry £3 @ **Bishopscourt, 24 St. Margaret's Street, Rochester**. All proceeds will go to NGS charities (see www.ngs.org <<http://www.ngs.org>>). Enquires: 07816 828439.

Next Sunday 12th June 2016: - Big Lunch

10.30am **Holy Communion**

12.30pm-2.00pm **St. Mark's 150th Anniversary Big Lunch**, Old Vicarage site - we need volunteers to help setup in the morning and help out during the afternoon - **please sign up at the back of church, thank you.**

6.30pm **Service of the Word**

Other Services: 11.00am **Morning Worship**, St. Mary's Island.
3.00pm Charing House
5.00pm St. Mark's House

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

Sat 18th June: 12.00noon-2.00pm **The Activity Loft's 10th Birthday** @ The Activity Loft, 11 The Vineries, Gillingham - Please come and celebrate with us especially those who have supported us during this adventure.

Fri 24th June: 10.00am-12.00noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage.

Fri 1st July: 4.00pm-6.30pm **'Let Loose'** free concert, Gillingham High Street. See noticeboard.

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

Sat 9th July: 4.00pm-5.30pm **SPLAT! Olympics** family fun in church. Volunteers needed to help with pre-planned crafts or chat to parents. **Cakes also needed, please let Jo know if you can help.**

Sun 17th July: **Family Picnic** after church, more details to follow.

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

FAMILY NEWS

Chequer Tree Camp is a residential camp run by The Family Trust at a school in Bodiam. It is open for all children in school years 4-7. There are still places available for Week 2, 30th July - 5th August. For more details, speak to Mike Haslam or Debra Lewis or www.familytrust.org.uk

THANK YOU
Mike and Denise Young would like to say a big thank you for all the prayers, encouragement and loving support they have received during Mike's illness.



Help is needed on **Fri 1st & Sat 2nd July** at food collections in **Tesco Gillingham and Strood**. 2-hour slots between 9am-5pm. If you can help please speak to Paul Smith or the church Office.

Churches together in Medway are holding a three-part gathering called "#celebrateMedway" consisting of: 'A Call for God's Mercy' on Mon 20th June; 'A Cry for God's Favour' on Sat 2nd July, which will be Prayer Boat trips on the river & two prayer walks. Also 'A Celebration of God's Goodness' which will be a relaxed time of fellowship. Full details nearer the time.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

'That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear His voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested Me in the wilderness."' (New Living Translation Bible)

Lord, please help us to tune into Your voice against a background of secular greed, selfishness and indifference to others needs. For You say, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." (Matthew 5:7)

Pray for Ethiopia where the effects of erratic rains, El Nino weather Cycle and climate change has meant lost harvests and rivers that have dried up... **Ask the Lord** to provide for the needy, encourage donor countries to help and show us what He wants us to do to help before it's too late... **Praise** that the country now has early warning systems and some food storage, which has improved since 1984.

Katy Barnwell, our Mission Partner asks us to pray for a) wisdom and insight, b) disciplined concentration, c) clarity in explaining technical issues and, d) inspiration, especially when choosing examples and illustrations while working on a new edition of her textbook for training Bible translators... **Praise** for the biblical scholars from a recent workshop, who are showing an interest in using their knowledge and skills to check the accuracy of translations in various Indian languages... **Ask the Lord** to help them hear His words more powerfully.

Praise the Lord for the **Audio Visual Equipment Team** who volunteer on Sundays and help to maintain and improve the system during the week.

Pray for our mission partners, **Francis & Diane Dognan** who are serving in a church in Lisieux, France... **Ask** the Lord to reach the secular society of

France with His powerful word and help the church to be united in love, worship and friendship.

Praise for **Becky Pedder & Steve England's wedding** yesterday... **Ask the Lord** to be close to them and help them through His word to become a united cord that cannot be broken.

Pray for the **St. Mark's Cricket Team** whose match is on Saturday 11th June... **Ask the Lord** to help everyone hear His voice and move further along their faith path into His holy Kingdom.

Pray for **Richard, Kathryn, Emily and Joannah England** who have moved to Crofton Parish, Stubbington (near Fareham, Hampshire), Richard will be licensed on Sunday 19th June... **Praise** for all the answers to prayer and for all the many blessings to come.

Pray for **Sophia & Milana Nicotra** and **Tyler Robbins** who were baptised last Sunday, **their parents, God parents, families and friends** that they may continue to sense God's Holy Spirit in their lives and come to know the Lord better.

Continue to pray for the **Christian Community in El Campello**, whose new premises needs significant changes to comply with Spanish legislation.

Pray for **St. Mark's 150th Celebration Big Lunch**.

Pray for **John and Ann Townsend** as John recovers from surgery... for **Angela Marlow** who has two broken ribs, pray that the adjusted medication will have no adverse side-affects... for **Neve Piper's mum Jeanne** who is 94, very frail and is due to undergo a breast op soon... **Annie Townsend, Richard Tolhurst, Mike Young, Bill Keast, Glyn Allen, Julie Hanning, Mo Chen, Karen Dyer, Ruby Palfreyman** who has on-going back problems, **Rose Miller**, who asks for prayer concerning the water tablets, which has given her side-affects that they will work and not cause a problem... for the **Haslam Family** and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission Partners for June: **Francis & Diane Dognan** ... **Please pray** for our St. Mark Group for June: **Audio Visual Equipment Team**

Bible readings for June 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 6 th	44	Judges Ch.2	Luke 13.1-9
Tues 7 th	48	Judges 4.1-23	Luke 13.10-21
Weds 8 th	59	Judges Ch.5	Luke 13.22-end
Thurs 9 th	57	Judges 6.1-24	Luke 14.1-11
Fri 10 th	51	Judges 6.25-end	Luke 14.12-24
Sat 11 th	100	Jeremiah 9.23-24	Acts 4.32-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!**