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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 July: **Katy Barnwell**

St. Mark's Group for July:
**Flower Arrangements
and Displays Team**

3rd July 2016

Trinity 6

10.30am: All Age Service led by Pathfinders.

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Theme: "The Frontline Concern"

Reading: Acts 3:1-10



**4.00pm-6.00pm: Over 60's
Afternoon Tea, Old
Vicarage Garden/Hall**



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.*

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 4th July: 7.30pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage

Tues 5th July: 7.00pm **God's POWERhouse** - a member of Susan Carlsson's team will be leading another "prayer pack ideas for creative prayer", everyone welcome, venue: St. Mary's Island Church.

Weds 6th July: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

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

Thurs 7th July: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 8th July: 6.15pm-7.30pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage/Hall

Sat 9th July: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

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



Sat 9th July: 4.00pm-5.30pm **SPLAT!**

Olympics family fun in church. Volunteers needed to help with pre-planned crafts, serve refreshments or to chat to parents. **Cakes also needed, please let Jo Whittaker**

know if you can help.

Next Sunday 10th July 2016:

10.30am **Holy Communion**

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

Tues 12th July: 7.30pm an initial meeting of a **Depression Support Group** with a talk by Rev Lynda Cooke (lead chaplain @ Medway Maritime Hospital). Venue: Gillingham Baptist Church. Please contact Stephen on 01634 324275 or Tim on 01634 306770 for more information, thank you.

Fri 15th July: 6.00pm-8.00pm **Youth Music Jam**, 11-17 year olds, Brompton Academy, see notice board or speak to JT Mann or Saju.

Sun 17th July: **Family**

Picnic after church. Bring and share your own picnic, join in the games and have family fun! At Brompton Westbrook School grounds, Kings Bastion, Brompton, Gillingham ME7 5DQ - **Plenty of car parking space, lifts can be arranged please contact the Church Office, thank you.**



Thurs 21st July: 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** - (venue to be confirmed) *other bi-monthly dates are: 29th Sept & 24th Nov.*

Sat 10th Sept: **Ride & Stride** - sponsored cycle or walking event by Friends of Kent Churches. See Richard or Jane Tolhurst if you wish to help, take part or sponsor someone.



FAMILY NEWS

Well done to Sarah Boast and Tom Howlett who have both just been awarded 1st Class degrees.

Early warning! The last MARKtime before the summer break will be on Sunday 24th July and then will return on Sunday 11th September.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"LORD, what are human beings that You care for them, mere mortals that You think of them?" (Psalm 144:3 NIV UK Bible)

Lord, thank you that You show us love, grace, mercy and compassion all the time. Please help each one of us to reflect Your loving concern with everyone we meet this week. Amen.

Pray for the victims, their families and friends in the recent terrorist attack on **Istanbul Airport**... **Praise** that, "The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion." (Psalm 116:5)

Pray for **Brexit** and the resulting aftermath of the EU referendum... for all the political turmoil in the Tory and Labour parties, the UK and in Europe... **Ask the Lord** to bring stability, harmony and bring everyone together for the common good of all... **Praise** that, "The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." (Psalm 9:9)

Continue to pray for **SPLAT! Olympics** on Sat 9th July... **Ask the Lord** to equip everyone involved with His loving concern for our community... **Praise** for allowing us to share in Your great commission to save the hurting and the lost.

Pray for the Lord's blessing on the **Flower Arrangements and Displays Team**, so that all that they do glorifies Him... **Praise** for all the hard work that goes into each display for each one of us to enjoy.

Praise for answers to prayer concerning **John Townsend's** recent surgery... **Pray** for a swift recovery.

Pray for the **Over-60s Afternoon Tea** this afternoon (3rd July) and that this will be a blessing for all involved... **Praise** for all that this section of our church body do for the Lord and for us.

Praise for all the answers to prayer, blessings and fun concerning the **Churches together in Medway's prayer boat trips & celebration** yesterday (Sat 2nd July).

Lucy Haslam, our Mission partner writes, "Praise God that He's kept me through this first year at Oak

Hill"... Pray for safe travels... enough preparation time for mission trips and to be used by God to serve well there... for time to rest and process this year.

Praise for **Mayowa** and for the '**Let Loose**' concert last Friday (1st July) and all the answers to prayer concerning this event... **Pray** for all the new friendships/contacts made and ask the LORD to continue to bless Gillingham, the Medway towns and its people.

Pray for **Faith & Light** and **Faith & Light Juniors** happening in the week ahead.

Praise for the generous donations to Foodbank collections at Tesco, Gillingham and Strood on Fri 1st & Sat 2nd July... **Pray** for all the people that this will help and for stronger links to our community.

Pray for the **Church Picnic** on Sun 17th July... **Ask the LORD** for protection, fun, blessings and a greater sense of community.

Praise for all that the LORD has achieved through **Katy Barnwell**, our Mission partner during this year in translating the Holy Bible into so many more languages...**Pray** for protection in travel, from illness and discouragement... for the wonderful work to continue so that everyone has the opportunity to read God's word in their own language and praise Him in their own mother tongue.

Continue to Pray for **Sam Harrison** who is settling in to her new home.

Ask for God's blessing on **God's POWERhouse** this Tuesday (5th July).

Pray for **Angela Marlow**... for **Nev Piper's mum Jeanne** due to undergo a breast operation soon... for **Ian Graves** recovering from recent surgery... for **Richard Tolhurst, Mike Young, Bill Keast**... for **Glyn Allen, Julie Hanning, Mo Chen, Rose Miller** and **Ruby Palfreyman** waiting for a pain clinic appointment... and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

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Pray for our Mission Partners for July: **Katy Barnwell**  
... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group for July:  
**Flower Arrangements and Displays Team**  
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Bible readings for July 2016

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 4 th	126	1 Samuel Ch. 5	Luke 20.41-21.4
Tues 5 th	132	1 Samuel 6.1-16	Luke 21.5-19
Weds 6 th	119.153-end	1 Samuel Ch. 7	Luke 21.20-28
Thurs 7 th	143	1 Samuel Ch. 8	Luke 21.29-end
Fri 8 th	144	1 Samuel 9.1-14	Luke 22.1-13
Sat 9 th	147	1 Samuel 9.15-10.1	Luke 22.14-23

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!**