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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 June & July:
**Francis & Diane Dognon &
Katy Barnwell**

St. Mark's Groups for June &
July: **Audio Visual
Equipment Team & Flower
Arrangements and
Displays Team**

26th June 2016

Trinity 5

10.30am: **Holy Communion**

6.30pm: **Service of the Word**

Theme: "The Frontline Community"

Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Other Services: 11.00am **Family Service**, 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 27th June: 7.30pm **Landmark**, Club Night, Old Vicarage

Weds 29th June: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

Thurs 30th June: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 1st July: 2.00pm-5.00pm 'Let Loose' free concert, Gillingham High Street. See noticeboard.

6.15pm-7.30pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage/Hall

Sat 2nd July: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

Sat 2nd July: Churches together in Medway are holding Prayer Boat trips on the river & one more prayer walk. Also 'A Celebration of God's Goodness' which will be a relaxed time of fellowship. See notice on the Community Events board for more details.

Next Sunday 3rd July 2016:

10.30am **All Age Service**

4.00pm-6.00pm **Over-60s Afternoon Tea**, Old Vicarage Garden/Hall - **Please let the office know if you have not received your invitation and please remember to RSVP for catering, thank you.**

6.30pm **Holy Communion**

Other Services: 11.00am **Holy Communion**, 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

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.

Sat 9th July: 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 or chat to parents. **Cakes also needed, please let Jo Whittaker know if you can help.**

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 your own picnic, join in the games and have family fun! Brompton Westbrook School field.

Thurs 21st July: 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** - 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

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



Thank You!

Steve and Becky England 'would like to thank everyone who made their wedding day so special. They've been completely overwhelmed by the support, good wishes and generosity they have received. The day was full of joy and the flowers, music, sound desk, reading, refreshments, set-up and ceremony were all just right!'

Peter and Michele Guinness are delighted to announce the arrival of a new baby grandson, Gabriel (Gabe), 8lbs 7ozs, born to Abby and Ben, at 00.50am Tuesday 14th June 2016. Mother and baby are home doing well.





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.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (Matthew 5:16 NIV UK Bible)

Lord thank you for equipping us with a variety of gifts to serve our frontline communities, which, when combined, make us Your holy church in action. Please help us to remember that we are saved by Your loving grace and not by good works for "if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace." (Romans 11:6)

Pray for SPLAT! Olympics on Sat 9th July... Ask the Lord to renew friendships... for protection of everyone involved... for enough resources and volunteers... Praise for this opportunity to serve a frontline in our community for the Lord's glory.

Pray for the aftermath of the EU Referendum last Thurs 23rd June and the possible political/economic upheaval... Ask the Lord to bring His harmony where there is division and help our country to rebuild relationships whatever the result.

Pray for the family and friends of the murdered politician, Jo Cox... Give thanks for all that politicians do in support of their constituencies, charities and good causes.

Praise for the Flower Arrangements and Displays Team, which help to make our church beautiful and enriches our church community.

Pray that the Lord will equip the Audio Visual Equipment Team with every encouragement and blessing as they help us worship Him together in a united community.

Praise for the blessing of the Honfleur Small House Group consisting of 15 adults and 9 children, who are united, hospitable and mature in faith... Pray that

they along with our mission partners, **Francis & Diane Dognon** will be equipped with enough energy, enthusiasm, encouragement, blessings and resources to make Jesus known in their community and build His church in their hearts.

Praise for John Townsend's successful eye surgery... pray for a swift recovery.

Pray for the Over-60s Afternoon Tea on Sunday 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 us.

Praise for the safe arrival of Gabriel, born on June 14th to proud parents Abby & Ben Kinslow and proud grandparents, Peter & Michele Guinness.

Cover in prayer Churches together in Medway's prayer boat trips & celebration on Sat 2nd July... Ask for protection, fun and for God's love to flow through the Medway Towns for everyone to see.

Pray for Mayowa and for the 'Let Loose' concert... that the plans/arrangements will be trouble-free and that the concert will glorify the Lord.

Pray for the Foodbank collections at Tesco, Gillingham and Strood on Fri 1st & Sat 2nd July between 9am-5pm... Ask the Lord to bless the givers and receivers in this enterprise, as well as creating/strengthening friendships made.

Pray for Sam Harrison who has recently moved into a new home that she will settle in quickly and get on with others in the house.

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 who is back in Medway Maritime Hospital... 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.

Pray for our Mission Partners for June & July: Francis & Diane Dognon & Katy Barnwell ... Please pray for our St. Mark Groups for June & July: Audio Visual Equipment Team & Flower Arrangements and Displays Team

Bible readings for June/July 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 27 th	98	1 Samuel 1.1-20	Luke 19.28-40
Tues 28 th	106	1 Samuel 1.21-2.11	Luke 19.41-end
Weds 29 th	71	Isaiah 49. 1-6	Acts 11.1-18
Thurs 30 th	115	1 Samuel 2.27-end	Luke 20.9-19
Fri 1 st July	139	1 Samuel 3.1-4a	Luke 20.20-26
Sat 2 nd	121	1 Samuel 4.1b-end	Luke 20.27-40

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!**