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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 July & August: **Katy Barnwell & All Mission Partners**

St. Mark's Groups for July & August:
Flower Arrangements and Displays Team & All St. Mark's groups

24th July – 4th September 2016

Trinity 9

10.30am: **Holy Communion**

Theme: Jesus at the Movies (1)

6.30pm: **Service of the Word**

Theme: Minor prophets with a major message (1) – Hosea speaks to our broken relationships

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.*

The Church Office will be closed from Monday 25th July and will reopen on Monday 8th August due to staff annual leave.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

Weds 27th July: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church *the next date after the summer break will be Weds 7th Sept*

7.30pm **Special Prayer for the Nation and the Neighbourhood** @ St. Justus Church, The Fairway, Rochester ME1 2LT

Thurs 28th July: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church, also open during August

Sat 30th July: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church, also open during August

7.30pm **Concert in aid of Tearfund by Jonica Love** – singer/songwriter, member of St. Mary's Island Church @ St. Margaret's Church, Rochester. Tickets £5 can be ordered in advance on 01634 8448900 or pay on the door.

Next Sunday 31st July 2016:

10.30am **All Age Friendly** – Jesus at the Movies (2)

6.30pm **Holy Communion** – Minor prophets, major message – Amos speaks to our corruption and injustice.

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

August services:

7th 10.30am Jesus at the Movies (3)
6.30pm Obadiah speaks to our betrayal

14th 10.30am Jesus at the Movies (4)
6.30pm Micah speaks to our self-centredness

21st 10.30am Jesus at the Movies (5)
6.30pm Zephaniah speaks to our regrets

28th 10.30am Jesus at the Movies (6)
6.30pm Habakkuk speaks to our questions and doubts

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

Fri 12th Aug: 10.00am-12.00noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage – *next date is 23rd Sept.*

Tues 6th Sept: 9.15am St. Mark's Preschool restarts, Vicarage Hall

Weds 7th Sept: 9.00am **Holy Communion** restarts in Church

Weds 7th Sept: 9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

Fri 9th Sept: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 10th Sept: 10.30am-12noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

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.



Sun 11th Sept: 10.20am **SOS Club**, Old Vicarage

Sun 11th Sept: 10.30am **Pathfinders**, Carers' Centre

Mon 12th Sept: 7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark** United, ages 13-18, Old Vicarage

Weds 14th Sept: 1.15pm-2.45pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

Weds 14th Sept: 7.00pm-9.00pm **Faith & Light**, Vicarage Hall

Mon 19th Sept: 7.45pm start **PCC**, Old Vicarage

Tues 27th Sept: 7.30pm **'One for All' Spring Harvest event** @ St Mark's Church, celebrating and strengthening the unity of God's Church. More details later.

Thurs 29th Sept: 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** – Shipa Tandoori, Canterbury Street, *and the next bi-monthly date is 24th Nov.*

FAMILY NEWS

It is with great sadness we report that Rose Miller passed away suddenly early Monday morning (18th July). Please remember Don, Dan, Charlotte and Jenny in your prayers, as well as the wider family members and her many friends. Funeral details will be announced once they are confirmed, thank you.

The Flower Team thank everyone for their prayers when they were the St. Mark's Group for prayer during July. They are always looking out for interested people to join their team, especially at times like Easter, Harvest and Christmas. Experience not necessary, just enthusiasm! Please speak to Keith Sheepwash or Jenny White.

Emma Ivy Bailey, a very long-standing member of our congregation, will be 100 on 24th August. Emma doesn't need any presents, but is happy for donations to Pembroke House, 11 Oxford Road, Gillingham ME7 4BS, where she now lives. There will be a card for folk to sign at the back of church from Sunday 31st July - please sign it even if you don't know Emma, it will be lovely for Emma to be remembered by her friends and brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Mark's. Thank you.

Andy Flintoff would like to welcome everyone in St. Mark's who have supported him during his Mission Year in the USA to a thank you lunch in church after the morning service on Sunday 4th September.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plough up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that He may come and shower righteousness upon you.'" Hosea 10:12 (NLT)

Lord please soften the hard, unploughed ground of our hearts, so that we can respond to Your wonderful life changing love and share what You are teaching us with our families, friends and neighbours. Amen.

Pray for our world and ask the LORD to melt hearts and bring His loving righteousness into the many tragic situations happening around the globe... Ask the LORD to give you a country/situation/person to pray for over the summer... Praise that the LORD says, "let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5:24)

Praise for all the answers to prayer, fun and friendship at the Church Picnic, the GYFC

Celebration & Thanksgiving Service and SOS Club at the Fun Drum Soft Play Centre that all last Sunday (17th).

Ask the LORD to give you a Mission Partner/St. Mark's Group to pray for during the summer holidays.

Praise for God's beautiful Earth and the rich diversity that the LORD has created for us to enjoy and how the Flower Arrangements and Displays Team bring this abundant blessing into the very fabric of our church life and worship.

Praise that Tim Barrow's job interview with SIM was successful... pray for ongoing discussions regarding a post for Trisha.

Pray for Mike Haslam, of The Family Trust and all The Family Trust family that the Lord will bless, encourage and give wisdom in everything they do for Him in bringing His message of love and salvation in all the schools they work in... Praise for God's provision in all circumstances and for the lives that He is transforming through them.

Pray for our Mission partner, Katy Barnwell's work on the new handbook for translation teams and how each team interacts with it and the Bible... Praise for God's holy word the Bible, His ability to constantly teach us new things through it and the many languages it is being translated in, which is enriching the whole world.

Pray for Rose Miller's family & friends especially Don & Dan at this sad time.

Pray for David Norton recovering well from heart surgery at St Thomas's... for Samson Bhatti's sister Talitha who is beginning to improve... for Nev Piper's mum Jeanne who is recovering from surgery... for Angela Marlow... for Richard and Jane Tolhurst, Mike Young, Bill Keast... for 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.

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Bible readings for July 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 25 th	7	2 Kings 1.9-15	Luke 9.46-56
Tues 26 th	48	1 Samuel 20.1-17	Acts 1.15-end
Weds 27 th	119.57-80	1 Samuel 20.18-end	Acts 2.1-21
Thurs 28 th	57	1 Samuel 21.1-22.5	Acts 2.22-36
Fri 29 th	51	1 Samuel 22.6-end	Acts 2.37-end
Sat 30 th	68	1 Samuel Ch.23	Acts 3.1-10

Bible readings from 1st August - 10th September are on a separate sheet at the back of church, please take one or ask a sides-person for a copy

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!