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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 September: **Word  
on the Street**

St. Mark's Group for September:  
**Foodbank**

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

## Trinity 17

**Services: - 10.30am: Service of the Word  
6.30pm: Holy Communion**

Theme: Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (3) – Making  
Good Work

Readings: Genesis 1-2; Colossians 3:22-4.1

**Other Services:** 11.00am **Morning Worship**, 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 19<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark** United,  
**Fruitfulness on the Frontlines 1** (for ages 13-18),  
Old Vicarage

7.45pm start **PCC**, Old Vicarage

**Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** 9.00am **Holy Communion** in  
Church

9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

1.15pm-2.45pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

7.00pm for 7.30pm start **Medway Foodbank**

**Prayer and Praise Evening** @ Magpie  
Centre, 33 Magpie Hall Road, Chatham ME5  
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**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**,  
Church

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept:** 10.00am-12.00noon **Lydia Prayer  
Meeting**, Old Vicarage

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

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**,  
Church

## Next Sunday 25<sup>h</sup> September 2016:

10.30am **Holy Communion**

6.30pm **Worship Night - hosts JT & Katie** in  
Church

**Other Services:** 11.00am **Family Service**, 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

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 6.45pm-9.15pm **The Marriage  
Course** (7 sessions in total, but these sessions are  
not intended to be a 'marriage prep' course) @ The  
Salvation Army, Green Street, Gillingham ME7 1XA.  
See the Community Events noticeboard for full  
details or contact Julie & Andy Millest on 01634  
579004 or [adandjamillest@btinternet.com](mailto:adandjamillest@btinternet.com).



**Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 7.30pm  
**'One for All' Spring  
Harvest event** @ St  
Mark's Church, celebrating  
and strengthening the

unity of God's Church. Tickets £5 in advance from  
the Church Office or online, or £7 on the door.

**Weds 28<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 7.00pm-9.00pm **Faith & Light**,  
Vicarage Hall

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



**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** 10.30am service  
**Harvest collection for Medway Foodbank.** Please  
pick up a 'Harvest shopping list' from the Welcome  
Table of very low stock level items, NOT required due  
to very high stock levels - soup, baked beans, pasta,  
rice, rice pudding, tinned meat and tea, thank you.

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 10.30am-12noon **Faith & Light  
Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 7.00pm-10.00pm **Coping With  
Dyslexia Event** run by Jonica Thomas (from St.  
Mary's Island Church). Venue: 'Café @ 172', 172  
High Street, Rochester ME1 1EX. See Community  
Events noticeboard for more details.

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 9.00am **Small Group Leaders  
Meeting**, Vicarage Hall

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct: SPLAT! Harvest.** We will be  
looking for the usual helpers on the day -  
bakers, chatters, servers and crafters!  
Please speak to Jo Whittaker if you can  
help in any way.



**Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 6.30pm-8.30pm  
**Celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mike  
Campbell Foundation** at the Royal Geographical  
Society, London, England. Tickets are £20 each or  
£15 for groups of 10 people. Please see notice on the  
Community Events noticeboard for more details.

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 7.30pm-9.00pm **Prayer  
Evening in Church - put this date in your  
diary and be part of building up the  
future of our church family and our  
outreach in to our community.**



## FAMILY NEWS

### CRE SOUTH-EAST

The Christian Resource Exhibition is coming to Kent Event Centre (Detling) on Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Oct & Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. For more info see [www.creonline.co.uk](http://www.creonline.co.uk).

Please speak to Lynne Martin ASAP if you are interested in attending on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. Tickets booked in advance £4.



### POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

*"Instead you thrill to God's word, you chew on scripture day and night. You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month, never dropping a leaf, always in blossom." Psalm 1:2-3 (The Message Bible)*

**Thank you Lord for helping us to understand that we can serve You in everything we do. Help us to be 'fruitful on our frontlines' whatever the task. Please show us ways to spread Your loving grace to all we meet. Amen.**

**Pray** for the **Medway Foodbank Prayer and Praise Evening** this week (Weds 21<sup>st</sup>)... **Ask the LORD** to bless this event with His wonderful presence and encourage everyone involved... **Praise** that **Foodbank** is being a 'fruitful' blessing in our community.

**Pray** for Machel Jagan Babwah who was baptised last Sunday, his parents Nicky & Katie, their family and friends... **Praise** for this blessing for all the family and ask the Lord to continue to bless Machel and his family and everyone who came to his baptism.

**Praise** for our Mission Partner, **The Word on the Street** is providing "many life changing opportunities to deprived children and young people" through **Activity Loft**, their Community House on The Vineries Estate... **Pray** for protection, finance, encouragement and abundant splashes of God's love, peace and joy.

**Pray** for our PCC meeting tomorrow (19th).

**Continue to pray** for the **new intake of university students** at the Medway Campus... for Orientation days, Freshers events, and the regular activities such as World Café and TABLEtalk and anyone who is struggling for whatever reason... **Ask the Lord** to

bless **Lynne Martin** and the chaplaincy team and give them His love, strength and wisdom for the term ahead.

**Praise** that **St. Mark's Preschool** had an enjoyable first week back... **Ask the LORD** to continue to bless, protect and encourage the staff, children and volunteers involved.

**Pray** for the new **Fruitfulness on the Frontline services** to come... **Praise** that "it is not the one who commends himself who is approved, but the one whom the LORD commends." (2 Corinthians 10:18)... **Ask the LORD** to help us work for His approval and not the world's.

**Pray** for God's wisdom for all those in authority who make decisions that affect our community... **Ask the LORD** to give you a person, organisation or situation to pray for this week.

**Praise** that our Mission Partner, **Katy Barnwell** is "seeing much answered prayer!"... **Pray** for the new translation teams in Nigeria that are part of Katy's workshop... for wisdom, insight and the ability to communicate well across languages... that they will develop their skills for future work... for encouragement and deep fellowship as they work together... "that everything will be done in a way that truly honours the LORD.

**Continue to pray** for **Rose Miller's family** & friends especially **Don & Dan** at this time.

**Pray** for **Nev Piper** who damaged his knee while going for a bus and is in a leg/knee splint & crutches. He may require surgery... **Ask the Lord** to help him, as he searches for work... **Praise** that Nev's mum is doing ok.

**Pray** for **Emma Bailey** now home from hospital... for **Wendy Haslam**... for **Samson Bhatti's sister Talitha**... for **Cathy Hall** who is suffering with leg ulcers... for **Angela Marlow, Richard & Jane Tolhurst, Mike Young, 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.

Pray for our Mission Partner for September: **Word on the Street** ... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group for September: **Foodbank**

### Bible readings for September 2016

<b>Day</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	71	1 Kings Ch. 21	Acts 21.37-22.21
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	73	1 Kings 22.1-28	Acts 22.22-23.11
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup>	49	1 Kings 19.15-end	2 Timothy 3.14-end
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	78.1-39	2 Kings 1.2-17	Acts 24.1-23
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	55	2 Kings 2.1-18	Acts 24.24-25.12
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	76	2 Kings 4.1-37	Acts 25.13-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!**