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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

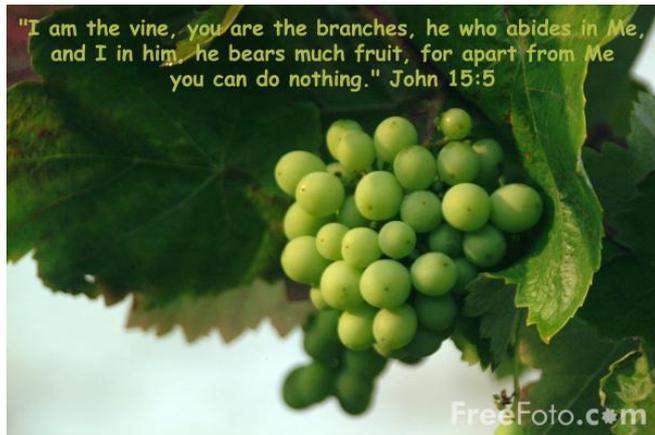
Mission Focus October: **Tim & Tricia Barrow**

St. Mark's Groups for October:
SPLAT! Saturdays

16th October 2016

Trinity 21

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



Theme: Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (7) 'Messenger of the Gospel'

Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-16

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 17th Oct: 7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark**, Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (4) 'Ministering Grace and Love' (for ages 13-18), POD (New Vicarage)
7.45pm **PCC meeting**, short meeting followed by Task Groups, Old Vicarage

Weds 19th Oct: 9.00am **Holy Communion** Church
9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage
1.15pm-2.45pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 20th Oct: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 21st Oct: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 22nd Oct: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

Next Sunday 23rd October 2016:

10.30am Holy Communion Fruitfulness on the Frontlines (8) 'The Journey On'

Sun 23rd Oct: 6.30pm Prayer Service - Please come and seek the Lord's wisdom on our church, our community and our world.



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

Thurs 27th Oct: 7.30pm-9.00pm **Prayer Evening in Church - focusing on the future of our various Children, Families and Youth Ministries. Please come and make a difference!**



Weds 26th Oct: 6.30pm-8.30pm **Celebrating the 5th 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.

Fri 4th Nov: 10.00am **Lydia** prayers, Old Vicarage - the next meeting will be Fri 9th Dec 2016

Sat 12th Nov: 7.30pm **Putting chairs & orders of service out ready for Remembrance Sunday - Please come and help!!!**

Sun 13th Nov: 10.30am **Remembrance Day Service**, Church. *Volunteers needed to help with transporting chairs etc. Please speak to Jo or Pauline if you can help...*
10.30am **All Age Gathering** for children's groups and families, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 24th Nov: 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night - Shipa Tandoori**, Canterbury Street

Mon 9th Jan 2017: 8.00-9.00pm **India Trip Meeting for April 18th 2018 in Church** - open to everyone who wishes to explore this opportunity to serve the Lord, more information to follow...

FAMILY NEWS

COULD YOU BE A MAINTENANCE FAIRY?? We are not necessarily looking for high levels of expertise, but there are always small repair jobs needing to be done in our various buildings and, while we have two or



three very committed folk we can rely on, we would ideally want to find half a dozen more.

If you fit this bill, please contact Pauline Jackson via email admin@stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk and we will add you to our 'emergencies list'. We will, of course, reimburse you for any materials purchased in order to carry out repairs. Many thanks. *Deano Standing, Church Warden.*



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"O LORD, I will praise You with all my heart and tell everyone about the marvellous things You do." Psalm 9:1 (Living Bible).

LORD please help us to tell everyone we meet something wonderful about You and Your saving grace. Thank you for all that You do every day in transforming us to be more and more like Jesus. Amen.

Pray for our Mission Partners, **Tim and Trish Barrow** for their USA & UK church visits as they present their new ministry direction... **Ask the LORD** to give them His wisdom and encouragement on long-term housing options... They write, "Praise for the ongoing love, care and support of churches and friends as God leads us through change."

Pray for **Gabby Barrows** as she travels to the USA and as she continues to explore her further educational options... **Praise** that **Sacha Barrows** has a full time teaching post in an East London primary school... **Ask the LORD** to be with her as she adjusts to this new responsibility.

Praise for **SPLAT! Harvest: Feeding the 5,000** and the many answers to prayer, fun and blessings... **Pray** for all those who took part will continue to meet the LORD in their daily lives.

Praise that the 'Wonderful Plan of God', Old Testament Selections Workshop that our Mission Partner, Katy Barnwell has been leading in Nigeria, "has been going VERY well... Devotional times together each morning have reflected deepening commitment... I sense that we have been much prayed for and I

greatly appreciate this."... **Pray** for Katy's mentoring and a strengthening relationship of a 'Consultant-in-Training and her work with the Yungur team from the North-eastern region of Nigeria.

Praise for the 228.7Kgs of food donated to **Foodbank** during our recent Harvest Celebration service.

Pray for the **PCC meeting** tomorrow (17th Oct) that the LORD will be in charge and His wisdom, love and blessings will be felt by everyone.

Pray for **Brexit negotiations**, which will affect everyone in this country and beyond.

Pray for the **Remembrance Day Service** happening on Sun 13th Nov, which is one of St. Mark's frontlines where our community comes in to remember those who have fallen in many different conflicts around the world... **Ask the LORD** to be in all the preparation, planning and words spoken on the day.

Continue to pray for **Syria** where continuing bombardment by Russia and the Assad regime in parts of Aleppo could kill everyone left by Christmas... **Ask the LORD** to show everyone involved a new way of bring peace to this troubled land... **Praise** that our God cares and will, "Show the wonder of Your great love, You who save by Your right hand those who take refuge in You from their foes." (Psalm 17:7)

Pray for those undergoing surgery or other new treatment: **Mo Chen... Keith Sheepwash... Mike Young** 31st October... **David Howlett** waiting dates... **Pray** for all those affected especially their family and friends.

Continue to pray for **Don & Dan Miller** for **Cathy Hall** for **Nev Piper** and **Anne Fordham** who are both suffering with leg ulcers... for **Richard & Jane Tolhurst**, and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission Partner for October: **Tim & Tricia Barrow... Please pray** for our St. Mark's Groups for October: **SPLAT! Saturdays**

Bible readings for October 2016

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 17 th	1	Exodus 22.21-27	1 Timothy 6.1-10
Tues 18 th	145	Isaiah Ch.55	Luke 1.1-4
Weds 19 th	119.1-32	Leviticus Ch.8	2 Timothy 1.1-14
Thurs 20 th	15	Leviticus Ch.9	2 Timothy 1.15-2.13
Fri 21 st	19	Leviticus 16.2-24	2 Timothy 2.14-end
Sat 22 nd	23	Leviticus Ch.17	2 Timothy Ch.3

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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!**