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St. Mark's Church, Gillingham
with St. Mary's Island Church

*Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together*

Mission Focus November: **Carri Macfarlane**

St. Mark's Group for November:
Remembrance Day Service

6th November 2016

3rd Sunday before Advent

10.30am: All Age Service

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Theme: Purpose & Values: Following Jesus

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 7th Nov: 7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark** Fruitfulness on the Frontlines 5, Old Vicarage

Tues 8th Nov: 7.30pm **Depression Support Group**, talk on healing, forgiveness and reconciliation by William Mundy (aged 95) based on his experiences as a Japanese Prisoner of War, Gillingham Baptist Church, Green Street, Gillingham ME7 5TJ

Weds 9th Nov: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church
9.30am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage
1.15pm-2.45pm **Parents & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall
6.30pm-8.30pm **Faith and Light**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 10th Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

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

Sat 12th Nov: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

7.30pm **Putting chairs & orders of service out in church ready for Remembrance Sunday - Please come and help!**

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.

NEXT SUNDAY 13th November

10.20am **All Age Gathering** for children's groups and families at the Vicarage Hall.

10.30am **Remembrance Day Service** in Church. *Volunteers needed to help with transporting chairs back to the Old Vicarage site. Please speak to Jo or*

Pauline if you can help.



6.30pm Holy Communion

Other Services: 11.00am **Remembrance Sunday** St. Mary's Island.

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St. Mark's House

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 21st Nov: 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Weds 23rd Nov: 2.00pm-3.30pm **Celebrating Five Years of Medway Foodbank** at The Vines Church, The Terrace, Victoria Street, Rochester ME1 1XN. *Please speak to Pauline in the church office if you would like to attend or need a lift.*

Fri 25th Nov: 3.45pm-5.00pm **Christmas lights switch-on for Gillingham**, Smith Square, High Street, Gillingham.

Sun 4th Dec: 6.30pm-9.00pm **Carols @ the Canterbury Tales Pub**, 96 Canterbury Street, Gillingham ME7 5TS

Fri 9th Dec: 10.00am **Lydia Prayers**, Old Vicarage

Sun 11th Dec: 6.30pm-9.00pm **Carols @ the Dog & Bone Pub**, 19 Jeffery Street, Gillingham ME7 1DE

Mon 9th Jan 2017: 8.00-9.00pm **India 2018 Meeting** in Church.

This is an open meeting for anyone who wishes to explore further this opportunity to serve the Lord. More information to follow.... but speak to Saju if interested.

FAMILY NEWS

The Mission to Seafarers are making up Christmas parcels for seafarers who visit the Medway Ports and would value donations of male toiletries i.e. shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving & shower gels etc.

Ian Graves will be collecting any donations today, please speak to him if you have forgotten to bring your contribution!

Can you help collating the Remembrance Orders of Service this week during office hours? If so please contact Pauline @ the Church Office. Many thanks.



COULD YOU BE A MAINTENANCE FAIRY?

There are always small repair jobs that need doing around our various buildings - high levels of expertise not needed but could you help out in any way?! If so, please speak to Pauline Jackson or contact her in the church office or by email admin@stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk and she will add you to the list.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"O LORD, our LORD, what a wonderful GOD You are! In every part of the world You have revealed Your glory. I look at the sunset, and I marvel. LORD, how can such beauty be? How is it that Your enemies cannot see Your power and beauty there? Even a small child looks and exclaims with wonder." Psalm 8:1-2 (Our Mission Partner Katy Barnwell's personal translation)

LORD Jesus, please help us to remember that You made a beautiful world that is full of Your glory. When doubts, troubles and fear seem to be taking hold of us remind us to look to You for our rescue, salvation and peace for You are our only God. Amen.

Ask the LORD to give you a children's/young people's group to pray for this week... **Pray** for encouragement and God's leading for each leader... for each child/young person in the group to grow closer to Jesus... for each community to be a place of safety, acceptance and flowing in God's love... **Praise** that when this happens, *"the land will yield its harvest, and GOD, our GOD, will bless us. GOD will bless us, and the ends of the earth will fear Him."* (Psalm 67:6-7)

Praise for the service last Sunday morning and for **James Boston's baptism**... **Ask the LORD** to continue to teach us more and more about Him through our worship, the sermon and all aspects of our time together.

Praise for the fantastic **evening of Testimonies** last Sunday evening and the many wonderful ways that the LORD is working through us for His glory's sake.

Pray for the presentation of our **new Purpose Statement** throughout our services in November... that we are a church who 'live for Jesus, love Gillingham and learn together'... **Ask the LORD** to help each one of us to be open to His leading and to be listening to what He wants us to do.

Pray for God's blessing on every person working for **Medway Foodbank**... **Ask the LORD** to raise more volunteers to help with this vital work... **Give thanks and praise** for the upcoming 5th 'birthday' celebrations and all the wonderful work they have achieved through the LORD... **Pray** for a time when Foodbank is no longer needed in our society.

Continue to pray for everyone in the **central region of Italy** which has experienced several strong earthquakes recently and many after shocks... **Ask the LORD** to provide places of safety that are well equipped to meet the needs of everyone who needs them... to help the people affected make wise decisions on whether to move to other regions especially as this will badly affect whole communities.

Ask the LORD to be with the refugees from the **Calais Jungle Camp**, who are being transported to various regions in France and the UK.

Pray for **Steve Burtrand** who is still in Medway Maritime Hospital... His wife Kath writes: *Can I just say thank you to the church family for prayer support and practical help which Steve and I have greatly appreciated. He still hasn't been transferred to St. Thoma's as he has to have an infection treated first, but they seem geared up to get him over there as soon as he's clear. He is currently remaining stable. Love in Jesus."* Kath.

Pray for God's blessing on the **Remembrance Day Service** on Sunday 13th November in church and the **All Age gathering** in the hall... **Ask the LORD** to touch hearts, heal wounds and transform lives.

Continue to pray for **Mosul in Iraq** which the Iraqi army and their Kurdish allies are fighting to retake from IS... for **Syria** and any other place of conflict that the LORD brings to mind.

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

Pray for **Don Miller** who is being treated for stress, he will be going back to work this week a new job and is anxious to do well... **Ask the LORD** to continue to be close to Don and to help him cope with the situation.

Continue to pray for **Zipporah Muthalaly**... for **Cathy Hall** and **Anne Fordham**... for **Nev Piper** whose mum Jeanne Waters passed away this week... for **John Townsend**... for **Richard & Jane Tolhurst**, and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission Partners November: **Carri Macfarlane** and for the protection of the young girls she teaches in India... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group November: **Remembrance Day Services**

Bible readings for November 2016

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 7 th	20	Daniel 4.19-end	Revelation Ch.5
Tues 8 th	24	Daniel 5.1-12	Revelation Ch.6
Weds 9 th	23	Daniel 5.13-end	Revelation 7.1-4, 9-end
Thurs 10 th	26	Daniel Ch.6	Revelation Ch.8
Fri 11 th	32	Daniel 7.1-14	Revelation 9.1-12
Sat 12 th	76	Daniel 7.15-end	Revelation 9.13-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!**