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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus February: **India 2018**

St. Mark's Group/events for
February: **Prayer Ministry Teams**

12th and 19th February 2017

3rd Sunday before Lent

10.30am: Holy Communion

6.30: Service of the Word

Theme: "Missional in Philadelphia"

Reading: Revelation 3: 7-13

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

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St Mark's House

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 this week
Monday, 13th – Friday, 17th February.**

WHAT'S ON WEEK BEGINNING 13th FEB

Weds 15th Feb: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

6.30pm-8.30pm **Faith and Light**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 16th Feb: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Thurs 16th Feb: 7.00pm-9.30pm **Alpha** with supper included. *Please speak to Keith Sheepwash, Richard or Jane Tolhurst for more details...*

Can you help Alpha by cooking a simple meal for 15+ people (two dates left) or set up tables & chairs prior to Alpha each week and/or clear up after the meal – if you can help please speak to Lynda Smith or Keith Sheepwash.



Alpha

Fri 17th Feb: 8.00pm **Table-Tennis Club** - All St Mark's over - 18's welcome, Vicarage Hall

Sat 18th Feb: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY

2nd Sunday before Lent

10.30am: All-Age Friendly, with The Family Trust

6.30pm: Holy Communion

Theme: "Lukewarm in Laodicea"

Reading: Revelation 3:14-21

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

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage (*note change from Monday to Sunday, as from today.*)

WHAT'S ON WEEK BEGINNING 20th FEB

Mon 20th Feb: Pre-School restarts after the holiday

7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage.

Weds 22nd Feb: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

10.00am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

10.30am **Funeral of David Smith**, St. Michael Le Belfry, York and burial at Rufforth Cemetery

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

Thurs 23rd Feb: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

7.00pm-9.30pm **Alpha** with supper included.

Fri 24th Feb: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

8.00pm **Table-Tennis Club**

Sat 25th Feb: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 26th Feb: 12.30pm **India 2018 Fundraising 'Auction of Gifts, Talents and Services'** in Church. Soup and bread lunch. Bring your purses/wallets/chequebooks/bank details – no money, no voucher 😊 Check out our **India Board** for more information on gifts and talents on offer! Any final offers to Lynne Martin by 15th Feb latest.

Weds 1st March: 9.00am-10.00am **Ash Wednesday Holy Communion** in Church

7.30pm-8.30pm **Ash Wednesday Meditation and Communion** in Church

Fri 3rd March: 1.00pm **Women's World Day of Prayer**, United Reform Church, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. *If you would like to help by reading at the service, please contact Pam Tolhurst before 26th February: ptolhurst02@gmail.com or 07889 941092.*

Sat 4th March: 7.00pm for 7.30pm **India 2018 Tearfund Concert** with Jonica, in Church. Tickets £5 on the door. **See poster on India Board.**

Sun 5th March: Tearfund Sunday – includes cheese and bread lunch after the service, please bring some money to donate the amount you'd pay for lunch to help the people of our connected church!

Thurs 16th March: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start **Foodbank Prayer & Praise** meeting at the Salvation Army, Church Street, Chatham ME4 4BT

Fri 31st March: 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

FAMILY NEWS



Congratulations to Rachel Mann and Esgrid Sikahall on their engagement!

There is an audio download of the India Trip Meeting (9th Jan 2017) on St. Mark's Church website, which can be found under "other audio" or looking on the general media database for those who are interested.

'Lent Bible Feast' – daily readings for Lent, available from today!



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"But let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You"

Psalm 5:11 (NIV)

LORD thank you that when we open our hearts and minds to You in praise and thanksgiving, You transform our thoughts, attitudes and actions in line with Your holy word. Please help us to be the people You created us to be, so that You can unlock all our talents and gifts for Your praise and glory. Amen.

Give praise for something that the LORD has given you this week... for something you have heard about, which fills you with joy... **Pray** for the, "Peacemakers who sow in peace" will reap "a harvest of righteousness." (James 3:18) and be God's blessing on a confused, fearful and hurting world.

Praise for the 13 people who came to the Alpha introduction... **Pray** that they all will make friends... feel committed to finish the course... and meet the LORD in a powerful and life changing way.

Continue to pray for the **Medway Campus Chaplain interviews** on Feb 15th... for the **PCC Meeting** on Feb 20th... for **Medway Night Shelter**...

Pray for **WOTS (Word on the Street) staff** who are being made redundant on March 31st due to their housing contract not being renewed... **Ask the LORD** to be very close to each individual involved and to reveal His future plan for their lives... **Praise** that the LORD our God, "will never leave us nor forsake us." (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Praise the LORD for the way He leads, blesses and encourages the **Prayer Ministry Teams** week by week... **Pray** that each team member will listen wisely, "add to their learning" and gain the LORD's discernment and guidance, so that they glorify Him in all they think, do and say. (Proverbs 1:5)

Praise for the **£205.00** raised for Tearfund from the Christmas card donations!

Pray for **India 2018** and the first fundraising event on Sunday 26th February... **Ask the LORD** to be in every detail, so that we all do His will in everything we do.

Pray for **Sarah**, Lynne Martin's sister-in-law... for **Michael Stacey**... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Mo Chen**... for **Derick & Terri Thom & family**... for **Anne Fordham**... for **Nev Piper**... for **Don Miller**... for **Richard & Jane Tolhurst**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **David Howlett**... for **Mike Young** and others known to us who are in need of God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission focus February: **India 2018**... **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group for February: **Prayer Ministry Teams**...

Bible readings for February 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 13 th	44	Ecclesiastes 1	John 17.1-5
Tues 14 th	48	Ecclesiastes 2	John 17.6-19
Weds 15 th	119.57-80	Ecclesiastes 3.1-15	John 17.20-end
Thurs 16 th	57	Ecclesiastes 3.16-end of 4	John 18.1-11
Fri 17 th	51	Ecclesiastes 5	John 18.12-17
Sat 18 th	68	Ecclesiastes 6	John 18.28-end
Mon 20 th	71	Ecclesiastes 7.1-14	John 19.1-16
Tues 21 st	73	Ecclesiastes 7.15-end	John 19.17-30
Weds 22 nd	77	Ecclesiastes 8	John 19.31-end
Thurs 23 rd	78.1-39	Ecclesiastes 9	John 20.1-10
Fri 24 th	55	Ecclesiastes 11.1-8	John 20.11-18
Sat 25 th	76	Ecclesiastes 11.9-end of 12	John 20.19-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!**