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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus April & May: All Mission
Partners & Lucy Haslam

St. Mark's Group/events for April &
May: Easter Services & Prayer meetings

30th April 2017

3rd Sunday of Easter

A very warm welcome to Megan, Max, Chikazie and Monachismo, their families and friends, as they are baptised this morning.

10.30am: Service of the Word including baptisms

Reading: Matthew 14:22-33 & Jeremiah 29:11-13

Please Note: SOS & Pathfinders (3-13 year olds) are meeting in the Old Vicarage this morning.

6.30PM: NO EVENING SERVICE TODAY

Other Services & Events: 11.00am Family Service St. Mary's Island.

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage

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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Monday-Friday during term time 9.15am-12.15pm, St. Mark's Pre-school, Vicarage Hall - Children need to be registered first

Weds 3rd May: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

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

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

Thurs 4th May: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 5th May: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

8.00pm **Table-Tennis Club** - All St Mark's over-18's welcome, Vicarage Hall

Sat 6th May: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

Small Groups/Home 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 - 7th May

4th Sunday of Easter

10.30am: All Age Service 'Building Up One Another' series starts

6.30pm: Prayer Stream

Other Services/Events: 11.00am **Holy Communion** St. Mary's Island.

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark**, Old Vicarage

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 13th May: 10.30am-12.00noon Faith & Light Juniors, Vicarage Hall

Mon 15th May: 7.30pm 'Changing Our World - One Prayer at a Time'. An inclusive prayer event arranged by Simon Burton-Jones & Rochester Diocese World Mission Forum, at St Matthew's Church, Wigmore ME8 0NX; see poster.

Weds 17th May: 7.00pm for 7.30pm **Foodbank Prayer and Praise** @Pip 'n' Jims, King George Road, Walderslade ME5 0TZ

Sun 21st May: 6.30pm-8.00pm start of **Everybody Welcome Course** more details to follow.

Fri 26th May: 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage - future dates are: 30th June & 28th July

'THY KINGDOM COME'



Join the global wave of prayer at these churches, from 7.30pm-8.30pm.

Thurs 25th May: St. Peter's, Bredhurst ME7 3JZ

Fri 26th May: St. Thomas', Rainham ME8 7RH

Sat 27th May: Holy Trinity,

Twydall ME8 6JU

Sun 28th May: St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham ME7 1SS

Mon 29th May: Gillingham Methodist ME7 2LU

Tues 30th May: Salem Church of the Nazarene, Nelson Road ME7 4LH

Weds 31st May: Gillingham URC, ME7 4PU

Thurs 1st June: Kings, Skinner Street, Gillingham ME7 1LD

Fri 2nd June: Gillingham Salvation Army ME7 1XA

Sat 3rd June: Gillingham Baptist, Green Street, Gillingham ME7 5TJ

Sun 4th June: St Mark's, Gillingham ME7 5TP
United Pentecost Service, 6.30pm

See flyers for more details.

FAMILY NEWS

We are delighted to announce that Shane Cordle has been appointed as our new Head of Youth, Children & Families. Please pray for him and his wife Chris, as they prepare to move to Medway.



Pray also for Amanda Maskell, our new curate, and her husband Geoff as they prepare to join us in the autumn.



David Norton is still collecting used postage stamps in aid of the Leprosy Mission.



India 2018 fundraiser

Katy and Saju are running the Belfast Marathon on Monday 1st May. Please support them prayerfully and/or financially. Sponsorship are forms are at the back of church and in the church office or go online to

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/india2018>



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"The Path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day." Proverbs 4:18

We praise You Heavenly Father for the fact that we can only be righteous in Your Holy Spirit and strength. Help us learn to allow You more and more into our lives until we reach "the full light of day" in heaven with You. Amen.

Margaret Weston asks for our prayers, she writes, "My next book - 'One More For The Kingdom?' should be published in July. I need your prayers so much because I only want to do HIS will and point to Jesus. Please pray that I do not get in the way of what God wants to do and that I will walk with Him and hear His voice." ...

Praise for all that the LORD is doing through Margaret and the writing talents that He has given her... **Praise** that the El Campello Christian Community that Margaret is part of in Spain, "continues to grow - the Lord is adding those who are already Christians and continues to bring in people who are interested but do not know Jesus." ... **Pray** for the economic situation in Spain and for the many families and individuals affected and for the provision of finance due to this.

Pray for the new PCC members, Churchwardens and Deanery Synod members following our APCM last Sunday... **Give thanks** for those who have stepped down from these positions and **ask the LORD** to protect, encourage and give each person all they need in this new season... **Praise** that, "The earth is filled with Your love, LORD, teach me Your decrees." (Psalm 119:64)

Pray for our **Mission Partner, Lucy Haslam** as she studies at Oak Hill, so that she can reach out to students with Jesus' loving message of love, hope and transformation... **Praise** that when we, "Hold onto [GOD'S] instruction [and] do not let it go [and] guard it well" (Proverbs 4:13) we will mature into the people that God created us to be.

Praise for the slight relief from pain for **Lucy Day...** **Pray** for continued healing and that she will feel the benefits of her current treatment so that surgery is not needed.

Pray for the outcome of the **French Presidential Election... the UK May & June Elections... the German Elections in September** that His will be done and communities will be more united.

Praise that **Shane Cordle** has been appointed as our new 'Head of Youth, Children & Families'... **Pray** for him and his wife, Chris, joining our church community... **Ask the LORD** to speed visa requirements etc. so they can join us soon... **Pray** for family who will be left behind in Ohio.

Pray for the 'Thy Kingdom Come' **Prayer Gatherings** from Thursday 25th May to Sunday 4th June and all the other Prayer meetings in May... **Ask the LORD** to prepare our hearts so that we can listen to Him and act on what He wants us to do at the time of His choosing.

Pray for **Rachel Littlewood...** for **Michael Stacey** in Medway hospital... for **Gary & Chris Atkins and family** following the recent death of Gary's father and having to relocate his Mum... for **Saju's Mum** ... for **Nev and Tina Piper** both awaiting dates for surgery... for **Luke Prankard...** for **Lynda Smith...** for **Rob Byles...** for **Michelle Saunders' dad...** for **Don Miller...** and for others known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch.

Pray for our Mission focus for April & May: **All Mission Partners & Lucy Haslam...** **Please pray** for our St. Mark's Group/events for April & May: **Easter Services & Prayer Meetings...**

Bible readings for May 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 1 st	5	Proverbs 4.10-18	James 1.1-12
Tues 2 nd	37:23-end	Deuteronomy 5.22-end	Ephesians 1.15-end
Weds 3 rd	30	Deuteronomy 6	Ephesians 2.1-10
Thurs 4 th	28	Deuteronomy 7.1-11	Ephesians 2.11-end
Fri 5 th	61	Deuteronomy 7.12-end	Ephesians 3.1-13
Sat 6 ^h	84	Deuteronomy 8	Ephesians 3:14-end

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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, 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!**