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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus July: Katy
Barnwell

St. Mark's Group/events for
July: St. Mark's Preschool

2nd July 2017

Trinity Sunday 3



10.30am: All Age Service 'Serve One Another'

Reading: Galatians 5:1-15

6.30pm: Bible Teaching Stream

Other Services & Events:

11.00am Baptisms 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 5th July: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

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

Thurs 6th July: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** - @ the Bollywood Buffet, Canterbury Street, Gillingham (just along from St. Mark's)

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

Sat 8th July: *NO Foodbank* due to wedding.

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

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 - 9th July

Trinity Sunday 4



10.30am: Holy Communion 'Carrying One Another's Burdens'

Reading: Galatians 6:1-10

6.30pm: Bible Teaching Stream

Other Services/Events:

11.00am Holy Communion St.

Mary's Island

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St Mark's House

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark, POD**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 12th July: 4.30pm **St. Mark's Cricket Match** against **King's School** @ Satis House, Boley Hill, Rochester ME1 1TE

Sat 15th July: 1.30pm **St. Mark's Cricket Match** against the **Nasir Mosque** @ Holborough Anchorians Cricket Club, Holborough Park, Holborough, Kent ME6 5PJ

Thurs 20th July: 7.00pm for 7.30pm **Foodbank Prayer & Praise** at St. Justus Church, The Fairway, Rochester, ME1 2LT

Fri 21st July: 1.00pm-4pm **Let Loose concert**, Gillingham High Street.

Fri 28th July: 10.00am **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Tues 17th Oct: doors open 6.45pm for 7.30pm-10.00pm **The Wisdom House - Live, Care for the Family** with speaker Rob Parsons @ The Vine, Boughton Lane, Maidstone ME15 9QF - early bird trade £4 until 29th Aug, standard ticket price £6.

FAMILY NEWS

Book your place at this year's Chequer Tree Camp now! For children currently in years 4,5, 6 and 7.



Week 1 Sunday 23rd July - Saturday 29th July @ www.ctc2017week1.eventbee.com

Week 2 Sunday 30th July - Saturday 5th August @ www.ctc2017week2.eventbee.com or phone 01403 710712 for more information and booking.

If you can help cook for these camps please see Mike Haslam, thank you.



1) Gillingham Foodbank needs volunteers to help once or twice a month for two hours either on a Thursday from 1pm-3pm or a Saturday morning from 10am-12noon. Please speak to Paul

Smith as soon as possible.

2) HELP needed this Wednesday 12.45pm to help set up and/or clear away at 2.30pm for Parents & Toddlers in the Hall, which will be short-staffed due to helpers' holiday. Please speak to Sheelagh Graves if you can help.

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV UK Bible)

Thank you LORD for all the gifts you have given to us Your Church, so that we can reflect Your love, grace and strength in our wider community. Please LORD help us to see, hear, touch, taste and smell just how important each one of us is to You and how precious we are in Your sight. LORD, You say, "Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am GOD, and there is no other." (Isaiah 45:22) May we Your Church always praise Your Holy Name Amen.

Continue to pray for the victims, their families, friends and the wider community after the **fire at Grenfell Tower, West London**... the grief, anger and despair at the authorities as they try and deal with this tragic incident... **Remember** the terrorist attacks on **London** including **Finsbury Park Mosque, Kabul, and Manchester**... **Bring to the LORD** any person, community, situation, or country that you heard of this week, which needs His healing hand... **Praise** that the LORD said, **"For He [God] will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help."** (Psalm 72:12) *Because Our God is compassionate, kind and loving.*

Continue to pray for **Amanda and Jeff Maskell** and for **Shane and Chris Cordle** as they prepare to join St Mark's staff... **pray** especially for Shane's visa application to be expedited.

Pray for **St. Mark's Preschool**, so that they can continue to operate and support the 40 families in their preschool community... for protection, blessings and encouragement... **Praise** for those who have offered to serve on the Management Committee... **praise** for the Good OFSTED and for all the hard work involved in achieving this result.

Pray for our Mission Partner, **Katy Barnwell** who is in Nigeria from 22nd June-28th July. **She asks**, *"Pray that ways will open for reconciliation between organisations, to put past wrongs right, and to heal broken relationships."* **Praise** that 20 well-qualified 'Biblical Scholars' who are currently serving in responsible teaching positions have responded to the need for more help in checking translations for the many languages in Nigeria.

Katy will be responsible for several presentations... **She asks**, *"Pray that I can communicate clearly, presenting essential truths about Bible translation, and how to check translations, in a stimulating way. It will be a time of much discussion and interaction."*... **Pray** that everyone involved is blessed, feels part of God's holy team, accepted and loved... that they hold praise parties to the LORD God who hears and saves. Alleluia!

Pray for **Medway Council** who are closing the Early Years Team from December. This will have a terrible impact on children, families, preschools, nurseries and their staff... **Praise** for the wonderful work that Medway Early Years Team has achieved over many years.

Pray for the **Men's Curry Night** on Thurs 6th July and for upcoming **St. Mark's Cricket Matches**... **Ask the LORD** to be central in every aspect, so that His will is accomplished.

Pray for the **Chatham Waterfront Project** which was announced last Sunday and for Terry & Jo Whittaker's commitment to lead a team... **Ask the LORD** to create/grow His team and to provide all the resources... for all the glory to go solely to Him.

Pray for **Mayowa and team** as they organise another **LET LOOSE** concert on July 21st 2017... for all the resources, volunteers and protection, so that God is glorified and His love, grace and salvation is visible to all.

Pray for **Nev Piper** after an arthroscopy on his knee... for **Brenda & David Norton** following Brenda's sister's funeral... for **Jenny White's sister Brenda** recovering from surgery and home from hospital... for **Rachel Littlewood**... for **Michael Stacey** now at Victory Care Home, Chatham... for **Michelle Saunders' dad** undergoing radiotherapy... and others known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch...

Pray for our Mission focus for July: **Katy Barnwell**... Please pray for our St. Mark's Group for July: **St. Mark's Preschool**...

Bible readings for July 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 26 th	92	2 Samuel 15.17-21	John 11.1-16
Tues 27 th	73	Job 28	Romans 12.1-8
Weds 28 th	77	Job 29	Romans 12.9-end
Thurs 29 th	78.1-39	Job 30	Romans 13.1-7
Fri 30 th	55	Job 31	Romans 13.8-end
Sat 1 st July	76	Job 32	Romans 14.1-12

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!**