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MARKtime

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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus August: All
Mission Partners

St. Mark's Group/events for
August: All St. Mark's Groups

30th July – 10th September

Trinity 7

We warmly welcome Noah Tapson and Isobel Davis, their parents, families and friends, as they are baptised this morning.



10.30am: **Baptism Service**
'Encouraging One Another'

Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

6.30pm: **Worship Night**

Other Services & Events:
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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Weds 2nd Aug: 10.00 **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage, coffee & chat throughout August

Thurs 3rd Aug: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church and every Thursday including 7th Sept

Sat 4th Aug: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church and every Saturday including 9th Sept

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.

Please note that there will be **no evening services** during August.

Next Sunday 6th August:

10.30am **All Age Friendly** – The Kingdom of God – The Rich Man

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

Weds 9th August: 2-4pm **Social & Games** afternoon for everyone, Vicarage Hall. If interested and so we can get an idea of numbers, please sign up at the back of church or speak to Dorothy Brundle or Pauline Jackson. A second date to be confirmed.

Sunday 13th August:

10.30am **All Age Friendly:** The Kingdom of God – *The Sower & the Seed*

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

Sunday 20th August:

10.30am **All Age Friendly:** The Kingdom of God – *Jesus and John the Baptist*

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

Sunday 27th August:

10.30am **All Age Friendly:** The Kingdom of God – *The Hidden Treasure and the Pearl*

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

Sunday 3rd Sept:

10.30am **All Age Friendly:** The Kingdom of God – *The Persistent Widow*

6.30pm: **Prayer (3)**

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 5th Sept: 9.15am restart for **St. Mark's Preschool**, Vicarage Hall

Weds 6th Sept: restart for:

9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

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

Sat 9th Sept: 10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

Sat 9th Sept: **Ride & Stride** - sponsored cycle or walking event by Friends of Kent Churches. See Richard or Jane Tolhurst if you wish to help, take part or sponsor someone. Thank you.



Sun 10th Sept:

Trinity 13 – Introduction to Whole Life Worship

We warmly welcome Karmel Goddard, her Mum Gabriele, family and friends, as she is baptised this morning.



10.30am **All Age Welcome Service** to celebrate Shane & Chris Cordle and Amanda & Jeff Maskell joining us and the baptism of Karmel Goddard.

6.30pm **Bible Teaching (4)**

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

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St Mark's House

Fri 15th Sept: 6.15pm restart for **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sun 17th Sept: restart for Church groups:

10.30am **Creche** in Church

10.20am **SOS Club** at Old Vicarage

10.30am **Pathfinders** at Old Vicarage

7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark Social**

Sun 17th Sept: 6.30pm **Lynne Martin's licensing as Medway Campus Chaplain**, here at St. Mark's Church. Please come and support Lynne as she officially starts her new role.

Mon 18th Sept: 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Sat 30th Sept: 6.30pm-10.00pm India 2018 Fundraiser 'Freestyle Disco', in Church.

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 rate £4 until 29th Aug, standard ticket price £6.

FAMILY NEWS



Congratulations to Stephen and Akua Annor who have a new baby boy called Stephen Hienno Annor, born on Monday, 10th July, weighing 8lbs. Mum and baby are doing well. Praise the LORD!

A big thank you to Rachel, Esgrid and their families for the beautiful, amazing flowers in church today!



The Church Office will be open as usual during August!

*This is the last MARKtime before the summer break returning on Sunday 10th September. **Bible readings for August are on a sheet separate to Marktime, please make sure you pick one up!***

Pathfinders (11-14) leadership:

Katie is stepping down from leadership of the group at the end of summer holidays and Simon Morbey will be taking over. We are very excited about this and know he will do a great job! Pathfinders are recruiting volunteers to help run sessions that happen on Sunday mornings. If you feel God is prompting you to volunteer, or you are interested in youth work, please speak to Katie, Simon, Trevor, Saju or ring the church office. Thank you!

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV UK Bible)

Heavenly Father thank you that You are good, that You are loving and that You encourage each one of us daily to be more and more like Your Son, Jesus. Please help us to encourage each other to go deeper into You where our joy, hope and salvation lay. Amen.

Pray for any situation, group or individual that you know of who needs encouragement at this time... **Praise to Your holy Name Lord** and, "Let them know that You, whose name is the LORD – that You alone are the Most High over all the earth." (Psalm 83:18) And therefore nothing is too big for You (Luke 1:37) Amen.

Cover in prayer Shane & Chris Cordle as Shane starts work on 1st August and **Amanda and Jeff Maskell** as Amanda starts work on 4th September... for her ordination on 30th September at Rochester Cathedral (tickets only)... **Praise** for this new chapter in our lives here at St. Mark's and St. Mary's Island.

Praise for **Rachel & Esgrid's** Wedding yesterday (29th July)... **Pray** that the LORD will bless, protect and help them grow together in His wonderful love.

Ask the LORD to give you a Mission partner and a St. Mark's Group to pray for during August.

Pray for all those who are being baptised in the coming weeks... **Praise** for, "Blessed are those who dwell in Your house [LORD]; they are ever praising You." (Psalm 84:4)

Pray for the **Chequer Tree Camps** that are between 23rd July – 5th August.

Pray for the **Chatham Waters @ Gilligham Pier Project** and for all those involved... "**Blessed are those whose strength is in You [LORD], whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.**" (Psalm 84:5)

Pray for **Parveen Shadi** recovering from breast surgery...for **Ernie Mann**... for **Andrew Martin** (St Mary's Island Church) recovering from surgery... for **Rachel Littlewood**... for **Michael Stacey** now at home... and many others known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch...

Pray for All Mission Partners during August - Medway Night Shelter; India 2018; Tearfund; Lucy Haslam; Francis & Diane Dognon; Katy Barnwell; The Family Trust; Tim & Trish Barrow and Carri MacFarlane... **Please pray** for All St. Mark's Groups.

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!**