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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus September: The
Family Trust

St. Mark's Group/event for
September: Foodbank

10th September 2017

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 Service including welcome to Shane & Chris Cordle and Amanda & Jeff Maskell and the baptism of Karmel Goddard.

6.30pm: Bible Teaching (4)

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

3.00pm Charing House

5.00pm St Mark's House



8.00pm: The Gathering, a meeting for young adults @ The New Vicarage – supper included!

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:

Please note that the Church Office will only be open on reduced hours from **Thurs 7th - Thurs 21st Sept** due to staff annual leave (particularly on Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

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

Weds 13th Sept: 9.00am Holy Communion, Church

9.45am Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

7.30pm Pre-School Management Committee Meeting, Old Vicarage

Thurs 14th Sept: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

7.00pm for refreshments, 7.30pm start Prayer for Medway and 'Just One' Event @ Emmaus Church, Clover Street, Chatham ME4 4DT

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

Sat 16th Sept: 10.00am-12.00noon Foodbank, Church

Small Groups/Home Groups meet in various locations at different times throughout the week – please contact the Church Office if you would like to be in a mid-week group.

NEXT SUNDAY – 17th September:

Trinity 14 - SOS Club and Pathfinders restart this morning in the Old Vicarage and Creche in Church

10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: Worshipping Engages Our Whole Lives

Bible Reading: Romans 12:1-2

5.30pm: Tea/Coffee & Snacks available before...



6.30pm: Licensing Service for Lynne Martin as Medway Campus Chaplain

Please do come and support Lynne as she officially starts her new role.

For catering purposes please sign up on the list at the back of church if you are coming, thank you.

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

7.30pm-9.15pm: Landmark Social



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Weds 20th Sept: 7.00pm for 7.30pm Foodbank Prayer & Praise at St. Mark's Church

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

Tues 3rd Oct: The Church Office will be closed for staff training

Tues 17th Oct: 6.45pm The Wisdom House – Live, Care for the Family with speaker Rob Parsons @ The Vine, Boughton Lane, Maidstone ME15 9QF – standard ticket price £6.

7.30pm 'Home for Good' information evening @ St Mark's to raise awareness of the need for foster and adoptive parents and how the Church can welcome them. More details to follow – see also www.homeforgood.org.uk

Sat 21st Oct: India 2018 Fundraiser – Bollywood Experience. More details to follow but reserve the date in your diary now!

FAMILY NEWS

The annual Ride & Stride sponsored cycle and walking event, by Friends of Kent Churches, took place yesterday. It's still not too late to sponsor someone - please see Richard or Jane Tolhurst..

Pathfinders (for 10-13's) need more leaders. Is the LORD trying to tell you something? Could you be the person this wonderful group needs? If so, please see Simon Morbey as soon as possible.





POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked."

Jeremiah 21:13 (NIV Bible)

LORD, thank you that in a confused, frightening and needy world You are the solid foundation we can totally rely on. Please help us to praise Your holy name in all circumstances, so that we open ourselves to Your loving and healing grace to transform us into the people You created us to be. Amen.

Pray for the hurricane season, especially the devastation caused by Harvey, Irma and now with storm/hurricanes Jose and Katia following on... **Ask the LORD** to be with everyone affected and for a Godly response to the massive rebuilding of lives, property and communities needed... **Praise** that each one of us can say, "Hear my prayer, LORD; let my cry for help come to You." (Psalm 102:1) *And He will answer!*

Pray for the **Mike Campbell Foundation** in its courageous fight in helping to rebuild Zimbabwe on Godly standards... **Ask the LORD** to restore justice, mercy and hope into the hearts of the people.

Praise that the LORD has blessed the young church of **El Campello** in Spain so much that they either hold more services or look for bigger premises again... **Margaret Weston writes**, "I have been overwhelmed with thankfulness to God for all He is doing... We have had around 50 Spanish speaking teenagers and around 30 English speaking teenagers at Bible Schools during July and August... There have been baptisms on the beach – with many curious spectators [asking questions]!... New Christians have been inviting others to come and hear the good news about Jesus... God has answered so many of your prayers. Thank you so much for standing with us and for praying for us. Praise the LORD and rejoice with us for all He has done – and is still doing."

Pray for **Shane & Chris Cordle and Amanda & Jeff Maskell** as they all get to know us and settle in to this new chapter in their lives here at St. Mark's and St. Mary's Island... **Ask the LORD** to protect, nurture, encourage and bless them in this new season of their lives.

Pray for **Lynne Martin's** Licensing as **Medway Campus Chaplain** on 17th Sept... **Ask the LORD** to be in every aspect of this special day.

Pray for all the volunteers who help with **Foodbank** and ask the LORD to increase the number to meet the great need in our community.

Pray for **Karmel Goddard** being baptised this morning... **Praise** that when we are, "planted in the house of the LORD, [we] will flourish in the courts of our God." (Psalm 92:13)

Praise for all the answered prayers concerning **The Family Trust's Chequer Tree Camps** during July and August... **Pray** that all the lives touched by the LORD will continue to flourish in His Holy Name.

Pray for **The Gathering** this evening... for all the children and young people settling in/back to preschool/nurseries, schools, colleges and universities.

Pray for **Shanty Babwah** currently in hospital on morphine pain relief. She recently had a CT Scan & MRI during last week... **Ask the LORD** to be with her and her family and guide her doctors to the correct course of action for her full well-being and healing.

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 Our Mission Partner For September: The Family Trust... **Please pray our St. Mark's Group/Event Foodbank.**

Bible readings for September 2017

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 11 th	126	Proverbs 25.1-14	Mark 8.11-21
Tues 12 th	132	Proverbs 25.15-end	Mark 8.22-26
Weds 13 th	119.153-end	Proverbs 26.12-end	Mark 8.27-9.1
Thurs 14 th	2	Genesis 3.1-15	John 12.27-36a
Fri 15 th	144	Proverbs 30.1-9, 24-31	Mark 9.14-29
Sat 16 th	147	Proverbs 31.10-end	Mark 9.30-37

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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!**