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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 September: The  
Family Trust

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

17<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Trinity 14 – SOS Club restarts** this morning in the Old Vicarage and Crèche in church



**10.30am: Holy Communion**

Theme: Worshipping Engages Our Whole Lives

Bible Reading: Romans 12:1-2

**We welcome to our service this evening the Rt Rev James Langstaff,**

**Bishop of Rochester, Lynne Martin, her family and friends as she is licensed as the Medway Campus Chaplain**

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

**6.30pm: Licensing Service for Lynne Martin**

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

**7.30pm-9.15pm Landmark Social**

**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 is open on reduced hours until Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept due to staff annual leave.**

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

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage

**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 9.00am **Holy Communion**, Church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

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



7.00pm for 7.30pm **Medway Foodbank and CAP Prayer & Praise** in Church. *Come and hear the latest news, pray for the way forward and give thanks for hope restored in people's lives.*

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept:** 6.15pm **Kidz Klub** (for ages 7-11 years), Old Vicarage

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 24<sup>th</sup> September:

**Trinity 15**

**10.30am: Holy Communion**

Theme: Worshipping Offers Us Fresh Insight

Bible Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

**5.30pm: Church in the Pub @ King George V Pub, 1 Prospect Row, Brompton ME7 5AL. Everyone welcome!**

**6.30pm: No Evening Service in St Mark's**

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

**7.30pm-9.15pm: Landmark**

**We were made for WORSHIP!**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Start of **The Marriage Course** – seven sessions to help couples strengthen their relationship, at Gillingham Salvation Army. For more details see [www.themarriagecourse.org](http://www.themarriagecourse.org)

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 6.30pm-10.00pm **India 2018 Fundraiser - 'Freestyle Disco'**, in Church



**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct:** The Church Office will be closed for staff training

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 9.30am-1pm **Launch of the 'Just One' Event with J John**, at Kingsway International Christian Centre (KICC), Buckmore Park, Chatham ME5 9QG

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 6.45pm **The Wisdom House – Live**, an evening with bestselling author, Rob Parsons OBE (Care for the Family) @ The Vine, Boughton Lane, Maidstone ME15 9QF – tickets £6 [www.careforthefamily.org.uk/wisdomhouselive](http://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/wisdomhouselive)

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 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. See [www.homeforgood.org.uk](http://www.homeforgood.org.uk)



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

## FAMILY NEWS

It's not too late to sponsor someone for last week's annual Ride & Stride cycle and walking event. Please speak to Richard or Jane Tolhurst.

Our **Parent & Toddler Group** meet on Wednesday afternoons, 1.15pm-2.45pm in the Vicarage Hall and provide a much needed outreach in our community. **They will be short-staffed on 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November. Are you able to fill the gap on any of these days, to ensure we don't have to close?**

Please speak to Sheelagh Graves or Shane Cordle.



### **POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

**"Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name."**

*Psalm 103:1 (NIV Bible)*

**Thank you LORD, that You not only love, accept and forgive all that we are, but also give us the amazing gift of Your Holy Spirit, so that we can become more like You. Please help each one of us to worship You, so that You can truly reach all of our inmost parts thus making us alive in You for Your Glory's Sake, Amen.**

**Continue to pray** for the hurricane/typhoon seasons, especially the devastation caused by Harvey, Irma, Talim and Doksuri... **Praise** that each one of us can say, *"my eyes are dim with grief, I call to You, LORD, every day; I spread out my hands to You."* (Psalm 88:9) **And the LORD listens, understands and in His great loving mercy answers.**

**Pray** for the **Rohingya Muslims** who are fleeing to Bangladesh due to extreme violence and persecution... **Ask the LORD** to bring justice, food and the right to citizenship in their homeland of Myanmar.

**Praise** for the many blessings that the LORD has poured out on the young **church of El Campello** in Spain... **Margaret Weston writes**, *"I have been overwhelmed with thankfulness to God for all He is doing... We have had around 50 Spanish speaking and 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*

*our 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** and all the meetings, groups and events they are involved in over the next few weeks... **Praise** for the blessing they are to our church community and the Medway Towns.

**Praise** for **Lynne Martin's** Licensing as **Medway Campus Chaplain** today... **Ask the LORD** to be in every aspect of this special day and her ongoing ministry with local students.

**Pray** for the **PCC Meeting** tomorrow (18<sup>th</sup> Sept).

**Pray** for **Foodbank** and ask the LORD to increase the number of volunteers to meet the great need in our community... **Ask the LORD** to equip each volunteer with His love, understanding and peace to meet the needs of the people who come.

**Praise** for **Karmel Goddard's** baptism last Sunday morning... **Ask the LORD** to continue to bless, protect and encourage her in her continued relationship with Him.

**Pray** for **The Family Trust's** work in the new school year... **Praise** for all the lives touched, friendships made and situations transformed.

**Pray** for all the children, young people and adults who are settling in to the new preschool/nursery, school, college or university year.

**Praise** for the young adults' group, **The Gathering**, last Sunday... **Ask the LORD** how He wants this group to grow.

**Praise** that **Shanty Babwah** was able to join us in the Sunday morning service last week... **Pray** for 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**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b>
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	1	1 Chronicles 10.1-11.9	Mark 9.38-end
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	5	1 Chronicles 13	Mark 10.1-16
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	119.1-32	1 Chronicles 15.1-16.3	Mark 10.17-31
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	49	1 Kings 19.15-end	2 Timothy 3.14-end
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	19	1 Chronicles 21.1-22.1	Mark 10.35-45
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	23	1 Chronicles 22.2-end	Mark 10.46-end

Except for the first or fifth 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!**