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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

24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

We  
were made  
for  
**WORSHIP!**

## 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, 1 Prospect  
Row, Brompton ME7 5AL.  
Everyone welcome!

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

**Other Services & Events:** 11.00am **Morning  
Worship**, St. Mary's Island  
7.30pm-9.15pm **Landmark**

**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.**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Start of **The Marriage Course** -  
seven sessions to help couples strengthen their  
relationship, at Gillingham Salvation Army.  
Contact [adandjamillest@btinternet.com](mailto:adandjamillest@btinternet.com) or 01634  
851224 for more details [www.themarriagecourse.org](http://www.themarriagecourse.org)

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 9.00am **Holy Communion**,  
Church  
9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage  
1.15pm **Parent & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**,  
Church

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 6.15pm **Kidz Klub** (for ages 7-11  
years), Old Vicarage

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**,  
Church

3.00pm **Ordination of Rev Amanda Maskell** @  
Rochester Cathedral - ticket only event.



6.30pm-10.00pm **India 2018  
Fundraiser - 'Freestyle Disco'**, in  
Church - Everyone welcome. Please  
come and have fun! £5 per  
person/family. Speak to Trevor Dyer for  
more information.

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

## NEXT SUNDAY - 1<sup>st</sup> October:

### Trinity 16



10.30am: **All Age  
Service** - 'Worship and  
Singing'

6.30pm: **Prayer Stream**

**Other Services:**  
11.00am **Morning**

**Worship**, St. Mary's Island.

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**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

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 7.45pm **PCC / Task Groups**

**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 has been  
postponed.** New date and details to follow.



**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct:** 7.30pm-9.00pm **Saints Alive  
2017 - Breaking the Chain** at Rochester  
Cathedral with guest speaker Cllr Gloria Opara,  
Deputy Mayor of Medway. Doors open 6.45pm.  
[www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/medway/](http://www.together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/medway/)

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** 7.30pm **Men's Curry Night** at  
the Bollywood Buffet. Speak to Dammy Oyinloye  
for more information and to confirm attendance.

## FAMILY NEWS

Our **Parent & Toddler Group** meet on  
Wednesday afternoons, 1.15pm-2.45pm in the  
Vicarage Hall and provide a much-needed  
resource in the community. **They will be short-  
staffed on 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup>  
November. Can you 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

**"I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to Him, as I rejoice in the LORD."**

*Psalm 104:33-34 (NIV Bible)*

**Wow LORD, we sing in praise of You and the amazing multi-verse of Your creating hands. We praise You for being the being You are – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – one God, one hope and one answer to our innermost needs. Please help us in times of unbelief (Mark 9:24) to really, "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ," (Ephesians 3:18) Amen.**

**Continue to pray** for the hurricane/typhoon seasons, especially the devastation caused by yet another category five hurricane Maria... **Praise** to our loving God who listens to our cries of, "Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in You my soul takes refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of Your wings until the disaster has passed." (Psalm 57:1) And brings deliverance!

**Continue to pray** for the **Rohingya Muslims** who are fleeing to Bangladesh due to extreme violence and persecution... **Ask the LORD** to transform the heart of the people in power their homeland of Myanmar, so they can go home in peace.

**Pray** for the aftermath of the **Mexico earthquakes**; the lives lost, homes and businesses toppled/destroyed and the people in great need, shock and grief.

**Pray** for our **Mission partner, Lucy Haslam** who writes, "Praise God for the great times in Uganda and Belgium [for all the] learning and teaching... Pray that I'd love my new flatmates well and make a new family at Oak Hill quickly. (All Lucy's flatmates from the past two years graduated in the summer, so she is missing her friends and starting afresh.)... Pray for wisdom in decisions about the future (post-Oak Hill and a potential Masters).

**Pray** for **Amanda & Jeff Maskell** and Amanda's Ordination on the 30<sup>th</sup> September... **Ask the LORD** to be in every aspect of this special day.

**Praise** for **Lynne Martin's** Licensing as **Medway Campus Chaplain** last Sunday, for all the answers to prayer... **Continue to pray** for her in this role especially at the start of this new academic year.

**Praise** for the **Medway Foodbank and CAP Prayer & Praise** last week and for all the blessings and answers to prayer... **Pray** for wisdom, protection and grace.

**Pray** for **The Family Trust's** work at the start of this new school year, especially the CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money: Kids Courses for Years 5 & 6 - teaching how people earn money, what families spend their money on, how to create a budget, the importance of saving (and giving) and the impact of debt on families, which Mike Haslam is delivering... **Praise** for the overwhelming response from school wanting this course... **Ask the LORD** for more volunteers and resources to cope with this important work.

**Praise** for a wonderful start to **St. Mark's Preschool** and for all the answers to prayer... **Continue to pray** for all the children, young people and adults who are settling into the new preschool/nursery, school, college or university year... **Ask the LORD** to be with all children, young people and adults who are suffering from stress or depression.

**Praise** that **Shanty Babwah** is feeling much better... **Continue to pray** for full 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: Foodbank.**

### Bible readings for September 2017

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	30	1 Chronicles 28.1-10	Mark 11.1-11
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	36	1 Chronicles 28.11-end	Mark 11.12-26
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	34	1 Chronicles 29.1-9	Mark 11.27-end
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	37	1 Chronicles 29.10-20	Mark 12.1-12
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	150	Daniel 12.1-4	Acts 12.1-11
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	42	2 Chronicles 1.1-13	Mark 12.18-27

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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!**