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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus January & February:
Medway Night Shelter & India 2018

St. Mark's Event/Group January &
February: Our Community Unsung
Heroes & 'Who Let the Dad's Out?'

28th January 2018

Epiphany 4

We warmly welcome Omosede and Oyenmwosa, their parents, families and friends, as they are baptised this morning. Please stay and join the families for refreshments.



10.30am: **Baptism Service:** 'At the House of Jairus,' Luke 8:40-56.

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:

11.00am: **Family Service**, 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

Mon 29th Jan: 9.00am-4.00pm **Staff Away Day, office closed.**

Weds 31st Jan: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, church

9.45am **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

Thurs 1st Feb: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

7.30pm **CAP Release Course (1)**, Old Vicarage. Please call Mark Anderton for more information 07963 099587.

Fri 2nd Feb: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

6.00pm **Prayer Vigil** @ United Reformed Church, Gillingham

Sat 3rd Feb: 9.30am-11.00am 'Who Let the Dad's Out?' (Introductory session, then 3rd Saturday of each month) - For Dads and children (0-7years) to meet for a fun time together. Speak to Shane for more information. Vicarage Hall.

10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church



NEXT Week 4th February Tearfund Sunday

2nd Sunday before Lent

tearfund

10.30am: **All Age Service:** 'Asking God for what you need' Luke 11:5-13 - followed by a simple bread & cheese lunch, donations to Tearfund

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 @ St. Mary's Island:

11.00am: **Family Service**

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**

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

Small Groups/Home Groups meet in various locations at different times throughout the week. Please contact Pauline at church or in the Church Office if you would like to know more about being in a mid-week group.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 6th Feb: 7.00pm for 7.30pm start **Gillingham Deanery Synod**, Church

Tues 6th Feb: 7.30pm **JustOne Dedicated joint Prayer Meeting** @ Emmaus Centre, Clover Street, Chatham

Weds 7th Feb: 7.00pm-8.15pm **Faith & Light Party**, Vicarage Hall

Sat 10th Feb: 10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

Sat 10th Feb: 1.00pm-3.30pm (soup/roll & tea/coffee). **Small/home group review prayer & discussion**, Vicarage Hall. The two sessions (this one and Tues 13th Feb) are the same, just choose which one to attend!

Sun 11th Feb: 8.00pm-10.00pm: 'The Gathering' for young adults. Speak to Saju or Amanda if you want to know more!

Tues 13th Feb: 7.00pm-9.30pm (share pancakes together) **Small/home group review prayer & discussion**, Vicarage Hall.

Sat 17th Feb: 9.30-11.00 **Who Let the Dads Out?** For Dads and children (0-7 years) to meet for a fun time together. Speak to Shane for more information, Vicarage Hall.

Fri 23rd Feb: 10.00am-12noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage - next meeting Fri 23rd March

Sun 25th Feb: 10.30am **Ben Freeth** is our guest preacher and will update us on the situation in Zimbabwe.

Sun 11th March: 10.30am **Mothering Sunday with Holy Communion**, Church

Thurs 22nd March: **Men's Curry Night**, details to follow.

Sun 25th March: APCM following a short service
 - NOTE the early date!

FAMILY NEWS

OPERATIONS MANAGER wanted for St. Mark's Church, Gillingham. 15 hours a week. This is a strategic role to oversee the operational management of a growing church. The successful applicant would be supporting church activities, developing system and process to ensure the smooth running of the church.

Closing Date: Mon 16th Feb 2018.

Interview Date: Weds 28th Feb 2018

Please contact Mrs Jo Whittaker PA to vicar
 Phone no. 01634 570489 or email
Jo.whittaker@stmarksgillingham.org

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR wanted for St. Mark's Church, Gillingham. 18 hours a week. The successful applicant would be the first point of contact for the church; handling queries and correspondence; providing administrative support for church activities.

Closing Date: Mon 16th Feb 2018.

Interview Date: Mon 5th March 2018

Please contact Mrs Jo Whittaker PA to vicar
 Phone no. 01634 570489 or email
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POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and power to do what pleases Him." (Philippians 2:12-13 New Living Translation)

Thank you LORD that sinful as we are You through Your loving Grace never give up on us. Please help us to reflect Your love and speak of Your salvation, so that all may be saved. Amen.

Continue to pray for all those affected by the liquidation of Carillion.

Praise for Our Community Unsung Heroes who have helped to make our church a welcoming place with beautiful banners, music and flower arrangements... for all the little jobs such as tidying etc. before and after the service... for everyone who helps us worship as a community and the sheer pleasure of meeting the LORD in each other.

Praise for the Medway Night Shelter... Pray for better funding to meet the needs of the homeless and God given help for each one to a proper place to call home.

Pray for all those going on **India 2018... Ask the LORD** to encourage, protect and heal all those going and to protect their families and friends while they are away.

Pray for the new **'Who Let the Dads Out?'** initiative starting this Sat 3rd Feb... for Shane and the team heading this up to be encouraged and know the LORD's leading in every aspect of the day.

Pray for those known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch... for **Ruth Howard** awaiting biopsy results... **Michael Stacey** for a quicker post-operative healing... for **Dennis** (Charley Burston's Dad) that he heals well and has no further complications after surgery... for **Megan Brouwer...** for all those who have been ill over the Christmas and New Year period and who are finding recovery more prolonged than they would like.

Pray for: Medway Night Shelter, India 2018, Our Community Unsung Heroes & 'Who Let the Dad's Out?'

Bible readings for January/February 2018

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 29 th	57	Genesis 18.1-15	Matthew 27.11-26
Tues 30 th	93	Genesis 18.16-end	Matthew 27.17-44
Weds 31 st	95	Genesis 19.1-3, 12-29	Matthew 27.45-56
Thurs 1 st Feb	110	Genesis 21.1-21	Matthew 27.57-end
Fri 2 nd	48	Exodus 13.1-16	Romans 12.1-5
Sat 3 rd	147	Genesis 23	Matthew 28.16-end

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!**