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St. Mark's Church, Gillingham
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Mission Focus March: Tearfund

St. Mark's Event for March:
Easter Services

4th March 2018



Lent 3

10.30am: **All Age Service** 'Sabbath Meal at a Pharisee's House'
Reading: Luke 14:1-24

6.30pm: **Prayer Stream:** A New Beginning – The Banquet

Other Services:

11.00am: **Holy Communion**, 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.

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Tues 6th March: 7.30pm 'Just One' Evangelism Training run by Andrew Hawkins of the Philo Trust at Gillingham Baptist Church. If you missed the sessions at the end of 2017, come along and discover how to share your faith naturally before the Just One event at Priestfield on Sat 9th June. If you would like to go please contact Minister Stephen Greasley on 324275.

Weds 7th March: 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 **JustOne** Dedicated Joint Prayer Meeting @ Emmaus Centre, Clover Street, Chatham

Thurs 8th March: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

7.30pm **CAP Release Course (5)**, Old Vicarage. Please call Mark Anderton for more information 07963 099587.

Fri 9th March: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 10th March: 10.00am-12.00noon **Foodbank**, Church

10.30am-12.00noon **Faith & Light Juniors**, Vicarage Hall

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.

NEXT SUNDAY 11th MARCH

Lent 4

10.30am: **Mothering Sunday, SOS & Pathfinders will join us in Church for Holy Communion**

'Parable of the Surprise Party' – Luke 15:11-32

6.30pm: **Bible Teaching Stream** – Book of Acts, Graham Wilkins teaching with Tim Barrow leading the evening and hosting the question time.

Other Services:

11.00am: **Mothering Sunday Service**, St Mary's Island

3.00pm: **Charing House**

5.00pm: **St Mark's House**

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Landmark**

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 17th March: 9.30am-11.00am 'Who Let the Dad's Out?' for all children aged 0-6 years and the men in their life, Vicarage Hall

Sun 18th March: 6.30pm **Prophecy Workshop part 2**, Church

Mon 19th March: 7.45pm **PCC Meeting**, Old Vicarage

Thurs 22nd March: 7.00pm **Men's Homemade Curry Night**, in the Old Vicarage - £5.00 donation. Come, bring your friends, but for catering purposes please confirm attendance to Dammy Oyinloye either in church or on 07405 738783.

Fri 23rd March: 10.00am-12noon **Lydia Prayer Meeting**, Old Vicarage – next meeting Fri 27th April

Sun 25th March: **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** following a short service (see note in Family News).

Group Leaders – don't forget to send your reports to Jo Whittaker ASAP! 😊

Sun 25th March: after the APCM to 2.30pm **Worship Jam Session**. A chance to meet, pray and worship together, learn new songs and practise. Bring instruments, bring lunch and enjoy! Speak to Lorraine Schulze for more details.

Thurs 29th March: 6.30pm **Passover Supper** in church. Tickets only - available from Pauline in church on Sunday mornings or church office.

Fri 30th March: 10.30am-11.30am **Good Friday Meditation**, Church

11.45am: **Walk of Witness** from Gillingham Library to Smith Square

Sun 1st April: **6.00am Sunrise Service**, St. Mary's Island Church

10.30am: **Easter Sunday Family Communion**, St Mark's Church

11.00am: **Easter Day Service**, St. Mary's Island Church

Fri 6th April: 6.00pm-Midnight **Prayer Vigil** at the Salvation Army, Green Street, Gillingham

FAMILY NEWS

Medway Foodbank February/March shortages shopping list available from the Welcome Desk.

Sun 25th March: 10.30am **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** in Church as part of our worship.

We need to nominate and elect 4 PCC members and choose 2 Churchwardens – please think and pray for wisdom as to who might fill these vacancies. Nomination forms will be available soon.

Application forms for the 'Electoral Roll' are available at the back of church or in the office. **The list will close following today's service (Sunday, 4th March) until after the APCM.**

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love Him. They are the people He called, because that was His plan" (Luke 18:7 NCV Bible)

LORD, thank you that no matter what happens to us in life You always transform it for good. Please help us to always remember that when we are hurting, fearful or in despair. Amen.

Praise for the words of encouragement that **Ben Freeth** of the **Mike Campbell Foundation** gave us in last Sunday's service... **Continue to pray** for Ben, his family, friends and the people of Zimbabwe, as the LORD transforms the concerns, hopes and prayers of its people into His holy plan for their country.

Praise for God's provision for **India 2018** and the many answers to prayer... **Pray** that everyone

going will be equipped, fit and healthy to do the work that the LORD has planned for them to do...

Pray that our **Tearfund partners SAHAARA** will have the finance, staff and protection to be a blessing in the communities that they operate in...

Praise for the LORD says, "*Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.*" (Psalm 31:24)

Continue to pray that all charities will be open, honest and safe to work in and for the vulnerable people they help each day... **Praise** for all the good work that they do to relieve suffering, provide practical help and bring hope to those in need... **Pray** that everyone who works in this area will be encouraged to continue to work for the good of all those in need... **Praise** the new willingness in reporting abuse issues.

Pray for all those affected by the adverse weather conditions... for those elderly, ill or alone that they will not be forgotten by family, friends or neighbours.

Pray for the **APCM** on Sunday 25th March will praise our wonderful God and celebrate all the blessings that He has poured over us during this past year.

Continue to pray for **Eastern Ghouta in Syria**, which the UN Secretary General has called a "hell on earth"... **Ask the LORD** to melt hearts, so that humanitarian aid can get through and the civilians be allowed to escape.

Pray for the forthcoming **Easter Services**... **Ask the LORD** to help each one of us to marvel at His loving, saving grace and the transforming power of the cross.

Pray for those known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch... for **Ian Graves** ... for **Rachael Savage**... for **Richard and Jane Tolhurst & son Graham** following the funeral of their daughter-in-law **Kathryn**... for **Gregory Keating** (Gillingham Baptist Church) and his family... for **Ruth Howard**... for **Michael Stacey**... for **Megan Brouwer**... for all those who are finding recovery more prolonged than they would like.

Pray for: Tearfund and Easter Services

Bible readings for March 2018

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon 5 th	7	Genesis 47.1-27	Hebrews 4.14-5.10
Tues 6 th	9	Genesis 47.28-end of 48	Hebrews 5.11-6.12
Weds 7 th	38	Genesis 49.1-32	Hebrews 6.13-end
Thurs 8 th	56	Genesis 49.33-end of 50	Hebrews 7.1-10
Fri 9 th	88	Exodus 1.1-14	Hebrews 7.11-end
Sat 10 th	97	Exodus 1.22-2.10	Hebrews 8

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!**