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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: Katy Barnwell

St. Mark's Event/groups:
Foodbank

15th July 2018



Trinity 7

10.30am: Service of the Word

"I am the Good Shepherd –
Knowing God's Care"

John 10:1-10

6.30pm: Prayer meeting

Other Services:

11.00am: All Age 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

Weds 18th July: 9.00am: Holy Communion, in Church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall, last one before the summer break

7.30pm-8.30pm: Prayer Meeting in Church

Thurs 19th July: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, Church

Fri 20th July: 6.15pm: Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage, last one before the summer break

Sat 21st July: 9.30-11.00am: 'Who Let the Dad's Out?' for all children aged 0-6years and the men in their lives, Vicarage hall, last one before the summer break

10.00am-12.00noon: Foodbank, Church

10.15am-2.30pm: Walk for Peace Medway – walking for oneness of humanity. Please see church notice board for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY 22nd July:

Trinity 8

10.30am: Holy Communion

'I am the True Vine –
Knowing God's Power'

John 15:1-8

5.30pm: Church in the Pub,
King George V, Brompton

6.30pm: No Evening Service

Other Services:

11.00am: All Age Worship, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: Landmark

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PLEASE NOTE: The Church office will be closed on Thurs 2nd – Fri 3rd Aug and Fri 17th Aug for annual leave. Thank you.

We are due to see the return of Alpha this September! Dates will be starting weekly from Thursday 27th September from 7pm running through until the beginning of December. This will include one double session running on a Saturday focusing on The Holy Spirit, a day not to missed! The evenings will start with a sit down supper followed by a dvd and discussion. Whether you have a relationship with God or not, why not sign up, come along, take the opportunity to spend time with others, ask questions and build on your faith.

Please speak to Keith Sheepwash or call Katie in the office for more details.



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

FAMILY NEWS

The last MARKtime before the summer break will be on Sunday 29th July and returns on Sunday 9th September. Bible readings for August will be issued on Sunday 5th August on a sheet separate to Marktime, please make sure you pick one up!

Paul Smith would like to say a Big Thank You for all the donations to Foodbank that were given during last Sunday's All Age Service. He says, "It will make a positive difference in peoples' lives in our community."



Confirmation Classes for under 18's will be held on the 11th, 18th & 25th November 4pm-6pm. Please contact the office to register interest. Led by Saju & Monica Shergill.

Siju and family would like to say a big thank you to everyone over the last few weeks for reaching out to them, kind messages, prayers, visits and those who attended the service of Revd Samuel's burial and the general meaningful support from the church. Lucy Day says "thank you for prayers that have been answered. My mum Sarah has been fully



discharged from hospital/rehab today and moved to star care lodge residential home, which is an amazing supportive home X"



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"The LORD is the strength of His people, a fortress of salvation for His anointed one (Jesus). Save Your People and bless Your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them for ever." Psalm 28:8-9 (NIV UK)

Thank you LORD Jesus that You are the true, loving and faithful 'Good Shepherd' that You foretold in Your Holy Word, the Bible. Please help us to truly listen to only You and allow You to work through us to be Your loving, blessing reflection in our hurting, seeking world. Amen.

Pray for wisdom, protection and God's blessing for **Foodbank** and all its volunteers and staff this week... **Praise** for the way that the LORD is meeting the needs of the weak, needy and vulnerable members of our community.

Continue to pray for the communities in Amesbury and Salisbury after the recent poisonings by Novichok nerve agent.

Praise that the 12 boys & their football coach have been rescued from the cave complex in Thailand and that no more lives were lost in the process.

Pray for our Mission Partner **Katy Barnwell** as she meets the new challenges ahead... **Pray** for the work of the Mbembe project and for Ern Ebak and John Afro their leaders and staff as they make known the word of the LORD our 'Good Shepherd' through the Holy Bible in their own language.

Cover the Prayer Meetings this month in prayer protection.

Pray for the **Zimbabwe elections** on Monday 30th July will be fair and safe from intimidation... that the military, which has consolidated their positions of power in many of the key organs of state after the coup in November 2017, will allow Godly change to bring peace, reconciliation and improved living standards for all people.

Pray for the **Chequer Tree Camp** weeks at Claremont Senior School, Bodiam... **Ask the LORD** for protection, fun, all the correct resources and that every individual will come to know Jesus in a new and exciting way.

Pray for the **'Let Loose' outside music concert** happening on Fri 27th July between 1.30pm-4.00pm outside WH Smiths in Gillingham High Street.

Continue to pray for our government, the EU and all the people affected by the Brexit negotiations... **Ask the LORD** to bring His Godly wisdom on the many issues including the Northern Irish border.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about...**Praise that we can say,** "You who answer prayer, to You all people will come. You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds, God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth and the farthest seas," (Psalm 65:2 & 5)

Pray for **Keith Sheepwash** who has ongoing health concerns and is due to see a consultant on the 24th July for his neurology results...for **Derick, Terry & the Thom family** ...for **Paul Smith**... for **Charmaine's husband Leon**... for **Lorraine Schultz** ... for **Trevor Bloor**...for **Helen Standing**... for **Kelvin Summoogum's Dad**.

Pray for: **Katie Barnwell & Foodbank**

Bible readings for July 2018

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 16 th	1	1 Samuel 10.1-16	Luke 22.24-30
Tues 17 th	5	1 Samuel 10.17-end	Luke 22.31-38
Weds 18 th	119.1-32	1 Samuel 11	Luke 22.39-46
Thurs 19 th	15	1 Samuel 12	Luke 22.47-62
Fri 20 th	19	1 Samuel 13.5-18	Luke 22.63-end
Sat 21 ST	23	1 Samuel 13.19-14.15	Luke 23.1-12

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!**

New Church Office Hours are:

Mon & Thurs 10.00am-3.00pm, Tues & Weds 10.00am-2.00pm, Fri 10.00am-2.30pm (by appointment only)