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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

22nd July 2018



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

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 25th July: 9.00am: Holy Communion, in Church

7:30pm-8:30pm – Evening prayer meeting, Church

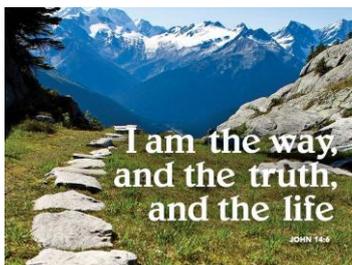
9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

Thurs 26th July: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, Church

Fri 27th July: 1.00pm-4pm 'Let Loose' outside music concert, Gillingham High Street. Please contact Mayowa or Graham Wilkins for more information.

Sat 28th July: 10.00am-12.00noon: Foodbank, Church

NEXT SUNDAY 29th July:



Trinity 9

10.30am: All Age Baptism Service

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life – Knowing God's Way'

John 14:1-7

6.30pm: Worship Night – Hymn Fest

Other Services:

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

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 be 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 29th July on a sheet separate to MARKtime, please make sure you pick one up!**

We have heard from Claire Coleman, one of our former Mission Partners who returned from the mission field to be with her Mum Sue suffering with cancer.

The thanksgiving service will be on the Thursday 26th July, for details please contact the office.

She writes, "Just wanted to let you know that my Mum went to be with Jesus over the weekend. Her passing was very peaceful and we're grateful to God for the past 4½yrs. Thank you to everyone who has kept us in their prayers."

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

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives."
Galatians 5:22-25 (New Living Translation)

LORD, thank you that You are the true vine and we can only bear Your fruit if we stay attached to You in thought, word and deed. Please help us to allow You to transform our sinful nature bit by bit until we reflect Your amazing loving, grace into our families, communities and the wider world, for Your glory's sake Amen.

Praise for the LORD's provision for **Foodbank** and how He meets everyone's needs in such wonderful ways... **Pray** for more volunteers to be trained to meet the needs of our local community.

Pray that our Mission Partner **Katy Barnwell** will have times of spiritual refreshment to enable her to do the work that the LORD has given her...

Praise for her new training manual which the LORD will use to equip future Bible translators in His Holy Word.

Pray for **Jill Callan, Neville Piper's sister** who has breast cancer and has just had an operation to remove a lump and lymph nodes. She is now waiting for radio therapy.

Pray for **Michelle Saunder's sister Rachael** who underwent surgery (16th) to have a small section of bowel removed.

Pray for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** who has lung and liver cancer... **Ask the LORD** to be with the whole Thom family at this time.

Continue to 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... **Ask the LORD** to fill the high street with His Holy Spirit bring His love, joy and blessing into every heart.

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,** *"But You, God, see the trouble of the afflicted; You consider their grief and take it in hand. The victims commit themselves to You, You are the helper of the fatherless."* (Psalm 10:14)

Pray for **Keith Sheepwash** who has ongoing health concerns and is due to see a consultant on the 26th July for his urology 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 grieving family and especially his mum following the sad news of his dad's death.**

Pray for: **Katie Barnwell & Foodbank**

Bible readings for July 2018

| Day | Psalm | 1 st Reading | 2 nd Reading |
|------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon 23 rd | 30 | 1 Samuel 14.24-46 | Luke 23.13-25 |
| Tues 24 th | 36 | 1 Samuel 15.1-23 | Luke 23.26-43 |
| Weds 25 th | 7 | 2 Kings 1.9-15 | Luke 9.46-56 |
| Thurs 26 th | 37 | 1 Samuel 17.1-30 | Luke 23.56b-24.12 |
| Fri 27 th | 31 | 1 Samuel 17.31-54 | Luke 24.13-35 |
| Sat 28 th | 42 | 1 Samuel 17.55-18.16 | Luke 24.36-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!**

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)