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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Carri MacFarlane

St. Mark's Event:  
Remembrance Service

18<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent



10.30am: Service of the Word – BELLS  
SERIES: Learn

Bible Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

6.30pm: Workshop Stream –  
Discipleship & Learning

### Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: Summit (was 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 DURING THIS WEEK:

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Nov:** 8.00pm-9.00pm in Church, You are invited to observe the PCC meeting from 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm, after which Confidential business would be discussed in the closed meeting.

**Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Nov:** 9.00am Holy Communion, in Church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov:** 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

7.00pm-9.15pm: ALPHA, Old Vicarage

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** 6.15pm: Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Nov:** 7.00am-8.00am: Standing in the Gap, an early morning intercessory session seeking God's face in families, youth & children's ministry, Old Vicarage. Please contact Dammy or Tim for more info.

10.00am-12.00noon: Foodbank, Church

## NEXT SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> Nov:

### Sunday before Advent

10.30am: Service of the Word – BELLS SERIES: Sent

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

### Other Services:

11.00am: Family Service, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: Summit (was 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



### Open Church Prayer Week

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Dec-Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec: 9.00am-4.00pm

We are opening the doors of our church to invite anyone in the community to come and sit and pray, sit in silence, reflect and be in the presence of God. If you can help during this week by having your presence in the church and being available to those who come in, please speak to Katie or Ellie.

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 7.30pm Carol Singing outside the Ship and Trades Pub, St Mary's Island

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 7.30pm Men's Curry Night, Old Vicarage. This is a bring and share event. Please speak to Dammy for more information.

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec:** 10.30am Traditional Carol Service, St. Mark's Church

3.00pm Empty Chair Service - A reflective Service for anyone missing a loved one this Christmas, St. Mark's Church

5.30pm Carols in the Pub, King George V, 1 Prospect Row, Brompton ME7 5AL

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 5.00pm FOLLOW THE STAR – A

Christmas Festival of carols, drama, community choir and refreshments, St. Mark's Church

11.00pm Christmas Eve Midnight Service, St Mary's Island

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 10.30am Christmas Day CELEBRATION – All Age Service with Holy Communion, St. Mark's Church

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Dec:** 11.00pm WATCH Night Service – a service to look back with grateful hearts for all that God has done in 2018 and a hearty celebration in anticipation for all God is going to do in 2019

## FAMILY NEWS

Steve & Lynn Trebill and Margaret Green would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part, helped in anyway before, during and after last Sunday's Remembrance Service.

We would also like to thank everyone who came to the service itself, as this is a meeting point between our St. Mark's church family and the wider community of the Medway Towns before our wonderful God.



We again received many positive comments. Everyone's presence makes this a very special service.

Please find the link to the website for Reach: [https://stmarksgillingham.org/Articles/530774/Reach\\_at\\_Gillingham.aspx](https://stmarksgillingham.org/Articles/530774/Reach_at_Gillingham.aspx) thank you

Please note the office will be closed until 1pm on Weds 21<sup>st</sup> November due to out of office training.

### POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"At the same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and He said, 'O Father, LORD of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased You to do it this way.'" Luke 10:21 (New Living Translation)

O LORD thank you that we don't need to be 'wise' & 'clever' by human standards, but just trust You in a 'childlike' way, so that we grow in faith, joy and Your blessed peace in the knowledge that only in You is there complete answers to our every need when we accept Your amazing salvation through grace. Please help us to learn more about You and Your Holy Word to keep us from becoming more like the world around us. Instead help us to reflect Your love, generosity and mercy to all we meet. Amen.



Give thanks for all the answers to prayer concerning the Remembrance Service last Sunday... Pray for all those who felt the LORD's presence during the service and especially during Saju's sermon that they will learn more about our wonderful God.

Pray for our government as they consider the BREXIT negotiations that have been reached so far... Ask the LORD to give them wisdom in making the correct decision for the good of the country and not put politics or careers first.

Praise for all that the LORD has been doing through ALPHA these past weeks... Pray for protection for everyone involved as they make decisions on what they have learned.

Praise for all that our Mission Partner, Carri MacFarlane does for the LORD in India... Pray for all those who are encountering our risen LORD for the first time will want to learn more about Him.

Pray for the PCC meeting happening in church tomorrow (19<sup>th</sup> Nov).

Pray for Nev & Tina Piper's son Jon Piper who is going on a week's teaching mission to Myanmar (formerly Burma) with 2 colleagues... Ask the LORD for protection, wisdom, encouragement and that everyone involved will learn more about Him and His Holy Word... for lives to be transformed through His loving grace.

Pray for all those who are persecuted for their religious beliefs or are abused for their life style choices or their culture in this country and around the world.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about... Praise LORD because, "The LORD is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made." (Psalm 145.9)

Pray for Sheryl Gowan recently diagnosed with lung cancer... for Keith Sheepwash... for Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris having cancer treatment... for Gill Marchand and family ... for Terence Herbert who has cancer... for June Bloor and family... anyone you know who needs the LORD at this time for whatever reason.

Please pray for: Carri MacFarlane & the Remembrance Service

### Bible readings for November 2018

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	47	Daniel 8.1-14	Revelation 10
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	52	Daniel 8.15-end	Revelation 11.1-14
Weds 21 <sup>st</sup>	56	Daniel 9.1-19	Revelation 11.15-end
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	62	Daniel 9.20-end	Revelation 12
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	63	Daniel 10.1-11.1	Revelation 13.1-10
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	78.1-39	Daniel 12	Revelation 13.11-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)