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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Medway Night
Shelter

St. Mark's Event:
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

13th January 2019

Baptism of Christ – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany



10.30am: All Children's groups restart

10.30am: **Holy Communion** - Introduction to the Long Walk to Freedom

Bible Reading: Numbers 10:1-13

6.30pm: **Bible Study Stream** Songs of Songs with Stephen Greasley, led by Bernie Pinner

Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship**, St Mary's Island

3.00pm: **Charing House**

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

7.30pm-9.15pm: **Summit (was Landmark)**

Prayer Ministry: If you would like to pray or share concerns with someone, then prayer teams are available in the small chapel at the front of church.

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Weds 16th Jan: 9.00am **Holy Communion** church

9.45am: **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

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

6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope**, (formerly Faith & Light) returns in Vicarage Hall

Thurs 17th Jan: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 18th Jan: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

7.30pm: **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, Salem Church of the Nazarene, 5 Nelson Road, Gillingham ME7 4LH

Sat 19th Jan: 7.00am-8.00am: **Standing in the Gap** – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage.

9.30-11.00am **'Who Let the Dads Out?'** for all children aged 0-6years and the men in their lives, Vicarage hall

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

7.30pm: **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, St. Mark's Church

SUNDAY 20th Jan 2019:

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am: **Service of the Word** – Bewilderment on the Long Walk
Bible Reading: Numbers 10:14-36

6.30pm: **No Service- Week of Prayer for**

Christian Unity, The Salvation Army, 50 green St. Gillingham, ME7 1XA

Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship**, 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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 21st Jan: 7.30pm **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, Gillingham URC, 3 Balmoral Rd, ME7 4PU

Tues 22nd Jan: 7.30pm **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, St. Augustine's Church, 192 Rock Ave, Gillingham ME7 5PW

Weds 23rd Jan: 7.30pm **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, Gillingham Baptist Church, 6 Green St. ME7 5TJ

Thurs 24th Jan: 7.30pm **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, St Luke the Evangelist Church, 2 Virginia Rd, Gillingham ME7 1PB

Fri 25th Jan: **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, King's Church Gillingham, 77 Skinner St. ME7 1LD

Sun 27th Jan – Sat 2nd Feb: **Listening Week** at St Mark's, watch this space for more details

FAMILY NEWS

Vanessa Beck would like to say "thank you" to the many prayer warriors who lifted her in prayer during a difficult time in hospital. She is now almost fully recovered and is waiting tests to ascertain possible causes etc. She remains very grateful for your love and support.



Marriage Course- 7 week course starting Valentine's Day 14th Feb 2019

Could your marriage be even better than it already is?

Why not join the Marriage Course taking place at Pepe's Tea Room, Gillingham. Looking at points such as knowing each other to build strong foundations, learning to communicate effectively and more.

Speak to Saju or Amanda if you would like to know more and to sign up.



Belivers Baptism – to be held on **Easter Sunday**, a full emersion Baptism. More details coming soon.

POINTS

FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"What sorrow awaits you who say to wooden idols, 'Wake up and save us!' To speechless stone images you say, 'Rise up and teach us!' Can an idol tell you what to do? They may be overlaid with gold and silver, but they are lifeless inside." Habakkuk 2:19 (New Living Translation)

LORD we are sorry when we look to idols, social media and false gods to give us guidance instead of humbly turning to You in faith, trust and awe. Praise and thank you that, "When I called, You answered me; You greatly emboldened me." (Psalm 138:3) for Your Glory's sake Amen.

Bring to the LORD any situation or circumstance you know of where there is a great need to seek the LORD's guidance and teaching... **Praise** that we are emboldened in love through the LORD's Holy Spirit.

Pray for our government and that all MPs will feel safe to speak their minds without fear of abuse, attack or otherwise silenced... **Ask the LORD** to be with everyone involved in **BREXIT** in making wise decisions that will affect everyone in years to come.

Praise for all the **Christmas Services and celebrations** and for many people who came will continue to seek the true LORD of ALL in their lives and not through other activities or false idols.

Praise for all the various Night Shelters around the country and for the many organisations and volunteers that help with the homeless... **Pray** for more government and council action in dealing with the causes, so that we can grow to be a fairer society.

Pray for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** and that the LORD will bring all His Church together in love to share His saving message of hope, love and salvation... **Ask the LORD** to bless Gillingham High Street and the wider community.

Pray for the services at **St. Mark's House** and **Charing House** happening today will bring blessings on all involved... **Praise** for all the LORD is doing through the volunteers involved.

Pray for our **Home Groups** and that they will be a blessing to all involved.

Pray for all those affected by knife crime in our wider community and country... **Ask the LORD** to be with parents who fear for the lives of their children due to street gangs, drugs and youth culture... **Praise** for the communities that the LORD is building to meet this need.

Pray for all those who are experiencing bullying or intimidation of whatever kind... **Praise** that, "I call on the LORD in my distress, and He answers me." (Psalm 120:1)

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)

Praise the LORD that **Vanessa Beck** is 'almost fully recovered'.

Pray for **Raymond Shergill's Dad** who has been admitted to hospital in Lahore, Pakistan with pneumonia & for the families here and in Pakistan at this time... for **Promise Anga** whose niece died recently, pray for all members of the family at this time... for **Kate**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris**... for **Sheryl Gowan** ...for **Gill Marchand and family** ... for **Terence Herbert**... for **June Bloor and family**...for **Michael Stacey**... anyone you know who needs the LORD at this time for whatever reason.

/// **Please pray for: Medway Night Shelter & Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** ///

Bible readings for January 2019

| Day | Psalm | 1 st Reading | 2 nd Reading |
|------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon 14 th | 2 | Amos 1 | 1 Corinthians 1.1-17 |
| Tues 15 th | 9 | Amos 2 | 1 Corinthians 1.18-end |
| Weds 16 th | 20 | Amos 3 | 1 Corinthians 2 |
| Thurs 17 th | 21 | Amos 4 | 1 Corinthians 3 |
| Fri 18 th | 67 | Amos 5.1-17 | 1 Corinthians 4 |
| Sat 19 th | 33 | Amos 5.18-end | 1 Corinthians 5 |

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)