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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

20th January 2019

3rd Sunday of Epiphany



<u>10.30am:</u> **Service of the Word -** Bewilderment on the Long Walk Bible Reading: Numbers 10:14-36

<u>6.30pm:</u> **No Service- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, The Salvation Army,50 green St. Gillingham,ME7 1XA

Other Services:

<u>11.00am:</u> **Morning Worship,** St Mary's Island <u>7.30pm-9.15pm:</u> **Summit (was Landmark)**

<u>Prayer Ministry:</u> 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:

<u>Mon 21st Jan:</u> 6.00pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Gillingham URC, 3 Balmoral Rd, ME7 4PU

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

<u>Weds 23rd Jan</u>: 9.00am Holy Communion in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

<u>1.15pm:</u> Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall <u>7.30pm:</u> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Gillingham Baptist Church, 6 Green St. ME7 5TJ

<u>Thurs 24th Jan:</u> 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

<u>7.30pm:</u> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, St Luke the Evangelist Church, 2 Virginia Rd, Gillingham ME7 1PB

<u>Fri 25th Jan:</u> 6.30am: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, King's Church Gillingham, 77 Skinner St. ME7 1LD

7.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, St Barnabas, Nelson Rd, Gillingham, ME7 4ST 6.15pm Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

<u>Sat 26th Jan:</u> 7.00am-8.00am: Standing in the Gap – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage.

10.00am-12.00noon: Foodbank, Church

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.

SUNDAY 27th Jan 2019:

4th Sunday of Epiphany



<u>10.30am:</u> **Holy Communion** – Complaint on the Long Walk Bible Reading: Numbers 11:1-15

5.30pm: Church in the Pub - King George V, Brompton
6.30pm No Evening Service

Other Services:

<u>11.00am:</u> **Family Service,** St Mary's Island <u>7.30pm-9.15pm:</u> **Summit (was Landmark)**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Sun 27th Jan – Sat 2nd Feb:</u> Listening Week at St Mark's, please see attached rota for when the church will be open for this.

<u>Weds 30th Jan:</u> 6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope**, (formerly Faith & Light) returns in Vicarage Hall

<u>Sat 23rd Feb:</u> <u>Men's Breakfast</u>, Time and venue TBC speak to Dammy if you are interested.



FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Kelvin and Marcella on the birth of baby Jensen Harry Summoogum. Mummy and baby doing ok and he is keeping daddy awake.

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.



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

Long Walk to Freedom booklet can be found on our webpage www.stmarksgillingham.org under resources and then choosing documents.

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His Glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (NIV UK)

LORD thank you that when we turn to You and seek You with all our heart You have promised to meet all our needs. Please help us not to feel bewildered by life's events, but remember that You are the only constant, non-changing loving being around! May Your Holy Name be honoured in our lives. Amen.

Pray for our government that all MPs will work together towards a clear, wise agreement that meets the needs of all our people concerning BREXIT... **Pray** for Labour MP Tulip Siddiq who has delayed having her Caesarean section so that she can represent her constituency of Hampstead and Kilburn in the important BREXIT votes... **Ask the LORD** to be with mothers everywhere in similar circumstances especially where there is no money to pay for medical bills or no medical help available.

Pray that everyone who needs the various **Night Shelters** around the country will have access especially as the weather is turning much colder... **Praise** that, "The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble." (Psalm 9:9)

Praise for the opportunities to join together in the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity... Ask the LORD** to to bring His church together for revival for the sake of the Medway Towns and our country... **Pray** for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are suffering persection will have all their needs met by our loving, gracious LORD.

Pray for the **Marriage Course** happening next month and that it will bless everyone taking part.

Pray that our **Home Groups** will continue to be safe places in which everyone can truly be themselves before God... **Praise** that our LORD has infinite resources to meet our every need.

Continue to pray for all those affected by knife crime in our wider community and country.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about...**Praise LORD because**, "For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction." (Psalm 1:6)

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

Pray for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** who is awaiting further tests and surgery for breast cancer... **Ask the LORD** to be with their **son Russell** and family as they support her.

Pray for **David Wilkins** who will be moving so that he can continue his internship in Strasberg... **Ask the LORD** to meet David's needs especially future employment.

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 undergoing neurological tests... 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 & family...for Michael Stacey... for 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	1⁵t Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 21 st	146	Amos 6	1 Corinthians 6.1-11
Tues 22 nd	132	Amos 7	1 Corinthians 6.12-end
Weds 23 rd	81	Amos 8	1 Corinthians 7.1-24
Thurs 24th	76	Amos 9	1 Corinthians 7.25-end
Fri 25 th	66	Ezekiel 3.22-end	Philippians 3.1-14
Sat 26 th	122	Hosea 2.2-17	1 Corinthians 9.1-14

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)