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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Jon Friday short-term Mission to India

St. Mark's Event:  
Film Club

17<sup>th</sup> February 2019



### 3<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent.

10.30am: Service of the Word – What made Joshua and Caleb different?

Bible Reading: Numbers 13:1-33

6.30pm: "Stress Proof" your life taster session, Church

#### Other Services:

11.00am: Morning Worship, St Mary's Island

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:

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.00am-12 noon **Open Church Worship Morning.** Open for the community to come in sit and listen to worship, pray and share a cup of tea or coffee

**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.00am **Holy Communion** in church

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Feb:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank,** Church

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the Gap** – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage.

8.45am-10.45am: **Men's Breakfast,** continental style breakfast to be held in the Vicarage Hall. Speak to Dammy for any additional information.

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

### SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019:

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



10.30am: **Holy Communion** – Saju Muthalaly's **Licensing Service** by the Archdeacon of Rochester **Andrew Wooding Jones**

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)**

**Small Groups/Home Groups** meet in various locations at different times throughout the week. Please contact Pauline at church if you would like more information.

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

Please beware that there are mousetraps around the church. No harm will come from touching them but please don't let children play with them.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** The office will be closed from 11.45am and will re-open on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.45pm-9.30pm **Ladies Social,** Charity Swap Shop, Old Vicarage more details to follow



### FAMILY NEWS

**JOB OPPORTUNITY – Ministry Intern and Administrator @ St Mark's Church, Gillingham:** This will be for 4 hours per day, 5 days a week on an 11 month fixed term contract. Salary: 11,252 p.a. The closing date for applications is Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 with interviews during the week of the 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.

The successful candidate will be exploring the possibility of ordained ministry and thus will have the opportunity to shadow and work closely with the Vicar to gain a fuller understanding of the role. The role will also include Vicars Personal Assistant and aspects of Operations Management, so needs to have excellent computer and organisational skills. They would have the ability to work independently or as part of a team.

Further details from Saju Muthalaly (vicar) or Helen Towers (Church Warden) and an Application Form can be obtained from Ellie Oparaku in the Church Office.

Are you single? Would you like support from Christians who are in the same situation? Want to look deeper into how to serve God in Singleness? Then speak to Samuel Wilkins for more details.

### Preparation of New Electoral Roll 2019

We are currently preparing a new Electoral Roll. This has to be done from scratch every six years.

Please see the accompanying sheet giving details of the preparation of the new roll. Remember if you are currently on the Electoral Roll of St. Mark's Gillingham you will have to re-apply to be on the new roll. If you are not currently on the roll please apply.

Detailed requirements to be on the roll are shown on the separate sheet.

**Believers full immersion Baptism** – to be held on **Easter Sunday.** If you are in a place with God

where this feels right for you, please speak to Saju, Amanda or Katie.

**Long Walk to Freedom** booklet can be found on our webpage [www.stmarksgillingham.org](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org) under resources and then choosing documents.



**POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

*"Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; therefore He will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!"*  
Isaiah 30:18 (NIV UK)

**LORD thank you that You long to be gracious to us even though we are sinful and mess up. Please help us to accept Your saving grace, seek Your justice and learn to wait on You for all things, for Your Glory's Sake Amen.**

**Continue to pray** for BREXIT as time is running out for a fair and just agreement for all.

**Pray** for protection for **Jon Friday** in his **short-term Mission to India** and that he will know the LORD's peace and keep his eyes on Jesus... **Praise** for all the plans that the LORD has made for this mission.

**Pray** for protection, fun and a closer sense of community for **Film Club** next month... **Praise** for all the blessings and answers to prayer that the LORD is showering on Film Club.

**Pray** for the "Stress Proof" your life taster session happening in Church tonight at 6.30pm.

**Praise** that **Monday Church Worship (MOW)** had 5 people come in from the streets last Monday and that Dammy and Mayowa are happy to run MOW during the school holidays... **Ask the LORD** to bring the people He wants to come and that He will reach their hearts with His loving grace.

**Pray** for the interviews for the **Ministry Intern and Administrator's position** happening this week coming.

**Pray** for protection for the young people in the **El Campello Christian Community** who the LORD has blessed with growth from 3 to 25/30 and are feeling discouraged will know that the LORD called them to Him and loves them beyond measure... Remember the young people who go to our youth group **Summit** in your prayers.

**Pray** for the **Reach Team** as the LORD shows His love, grace and compassion on the communities of Reach Pier and Chatham Waters... **Ask the LORD** for encouragements and opening this week.

**Bring to the LORD** any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about...**Praise** that, "No one who trusts in You [LORD] will ever be disgraced, but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others." (Psalm 25:3 New Living Translation)

**Pray** for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy** who had her gallbladder removed on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, suffered major complications, and has had more surgery on 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. She is in uncontrollable pain... Please LORD we place Wendy in Your loving hands and ask for Your best in these circumstances.

**Pray** for **Nev Piper** who has an operation date of 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to replace his left knee, will go ahead safely... for **Keith Sheepwash** whose recent checks are ok for radiotherapy to go ahead... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Raymond Shergill's Dad** still weak but recovering... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** who had her operation early and awaits results and further treatment... for **Kate Delaney** ... for **Promise Anga**... for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris**... for **Sheryl Gowan** now doing well on medication... 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:** Jon Friday short-term Mission to India, Film Club Unity >

**Bible readings for February 2019**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	44	2 Chronicles 2.1-16	John 17.1-5
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	48	2 Chronicles 3	John 17.6-19
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup>	119.57-80	2 Chronicles 5	John 17.20-end
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	57	2 Chronicles 6.1-21	John 18.1-11
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	54	2 Chronicles 6.22-end	John 18.12-27
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	68	2 Chronicles 7	John 18.28-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 through the second door on the left, at the front of church (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)**