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Mission Focus: Tearfund

St. Mark's Event:
PCC

3rd March 2019

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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

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Sunday next before Lent.

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10.30am: All Age Service - Lent
6.30pm: Prayer Stream
Other Services:
11.00am: Holy Communion, 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 4th March: 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 6th March: 9.00am **Ash Wednesday Holy Communion** in church

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

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

Thurs 7th March: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, Church

Fri 8th March: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

7.45pm-9.30pm: **Ladies Social**, Charity Swap Shop, Old Vicarage more details to follow

Sat 9th March: 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the Gap** - Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage.

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

SUNDAY 10th March 2019:

1st Sunday of Lent

10.30am: Holy Communion - Rebellion and Prayer on the Long Walk

Reading: Numbers 14:1-19

6.30pm: **Bible Stream**, looking at the Gospel of John

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)**

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

Sat 16th March: 9.30am-11.30am 'Who Let the Dad's Out', Vicarage Hall

Mon 18th March: 7.45pm **PCC**, Old Vicarage

Sun 31st March: 6.30pm-8.00pm **GOSPEL NIGHT** PRESENTS A NIGHT OF GOSPEL MUSIC - SING OUT @ St. Mark's

Fri 26th July: 1.00pm-4.00pm **LET LOOSE 2019.** It's the 5th anniversary and its themed **NEW BEGINNINGS**, the concert is aimed towards giving some hope to victims of abuse, for God's name to be glorified. This is a fun, free event happening in Gillingham High Street!

FAMILY NEWS

Thank you for your responses to Listening Week at St Mark's. Saju and the team are appreciative of everybody's participation and are currently digesting the information which has been received. This will be presented to the PCC in due course.

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

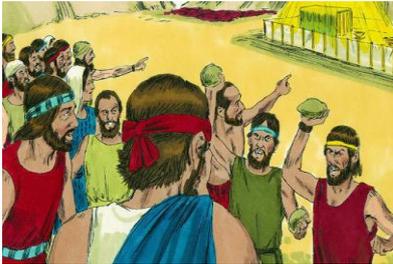
We are currently preparing a new Electoral Roll. This has to be done from scratch every six years.

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 available at the back of church.

Full immersion Baptism being held on **Easter Sunday.** Application forms are now available from the office and must be returned by Sunday 10th March. Baptism classes are to be held at Costa coffee, 4-6pm on Sunday 17th & 31st March & Sunday 4th April.

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

"He [the LORD] paid a full ransom for His people. He has guaranteed His covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring name He has!" Psalm 111:9 (NLV)

Thank you LORD, that when we were lost You sent your Son Jesus to die for our sins and thus 'paid the full ransom' for us. Please help us to remember this and travel with You through lent, Easter and through the rest of our lives for Your glory's sake. Amen.

Praise for Saju Muthalaly's Licensing as Vicar of St. Mark's that happened last Sunday and for all the answers to prayer.

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

Pray for Tearfund and all the work that this organization does with its partners around the world... Praise for enabling African and Syrian refugees to access health, nutrition and job-creation services with its Egyptian partners.

Pray for the PPC meeting in March and for all the decisions that need to be made before the APCM in April... Praise for all the commitment needed to achieve what the LORD wants in His church of St. Mark's.

Pray for wisdom in tackling knife crime... Ask the LORD to be with every family and friend that has been affected by this especially those who are grieving the deaths of loved ones.

Pray for our high streets that are suffering neglect, closures and other problems... Ask the LORD to bring new ideas so that these areas can flourish again... Praise that High Streets provide places that people can meet especially the lonely.

Pray for all those who are forced to sleep rough and for the many dangers that they face.

Pray for wisdom, peace and understanding on both sides of the conflict between nuclear nations India & Pakistan.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about...Praise that, "In my alarm I said, 'I am cut off from Your sight!' Yet You heard my cry for mercy when I called to You for help." (Psalm 31:22)

Pray for the commissioning of Simon Morbey and Chris Cordle, happening on 10th March, and for all they do in our children's & young adults work.

Pray for Trish Martin (Claire Banner's Mum) following a serious fall; pray for Trish will have the correct treatment at the right hospital.

Pray for Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris who has 4 small tumours in her brain and will be receiving more Radiotherapy... Ask the LORD to be with her and her family and that she will know His presence, saving grace and peace.

Praise that Nev Piper's operation & treatment went so well and he has follow-up care.

Pray for Cathy's Dad who is in hospital with a broken hip... for Lucy Day's sister Wendy who is home, slowly recovering but still in pain, awaiting further consultation... for Keith Sheepwash who is to undergo radiotherapy soon... for Steve Burtrand... for Raymond Shergill's Dad still weak but recovering... for Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung that her wound heals well; the LORD be close to her as she has further treatment; that any remaining cancer cells be destroyed... for Kate Delaney who thanks everyone for their prayers and has now been diagnosed with a severe form of epilepsy and is on stabilising medication - please continue to pray concerning the effects on her job... for Promise Anga... 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: Tearfund & PCC

Bible readings for March 2019

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 4 th	80	Jeremiah 1	John 3.1-21
Tues 5 th	89.1-18	Jeremiah 2.1-13	John 3.22-end
Weds 6 th	38	Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19	1 Timothy 6.6-19
Thurs 7 th	77	Jeremiah 2.14-32	John 4.1-26
Fri 8 th	3	Jeremiah 3.6-22	John 4.27-42

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 9.15am-1.15pm (by appointment only)

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