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# MARKtime

Mission Focus: Tearfund

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

St. Mark's Event:  
PCC

10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

1866-2016

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent.

**Simon Morbey and Chris Cordle will be commissioned at Rochester Cathedral this afternoon for children and young adults work.**

*Please note this is not an open event.*

**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)**

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

## WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March:** **9.00am Holy Communion**, in church

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

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

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

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March:** **1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank**, Church

**Office will close at 1.15pm due to training.**

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March:** **6.15pm Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March:** **7.00am-8.00am Standing in the Gap** - *Praying for families, youth & children's ministries*, Old Vicarage.

**9.30am-11.30am 'Who Let the Dad's Out'**, Vicarage Hall

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

## SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019:

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

**10.30am: Service of the Word - Holiness on the Long Walk**

Reading: Numbers 15:1-41

**6.30pm: Workshop Stream**

### Other Services:

**11.00am: Morning Worship**, 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.

**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

**Thursday 18 April:** **6.00pm-9.00pm** Passover Supper in the church. Limited numbers so please book tickets early. See Jane Tolhurst. Adults £2.50, children aged 2-11 £1.00

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> March:** **7.45pm PCC**, Old Vicarage

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

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> July:** **1.00pm-4.00pm LET LOOSE 2019.** It's the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and it's 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? Please 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.**

Baptism classes for Easter Sunday are to be held at Costa coffee, 4-6pm on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

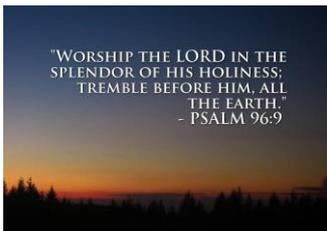
**Long Walk to Freedom booklet can be found on our webpage [www.stmarksgillingham.org](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org) under resources and then choosing documents.**



**POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**



"WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE  
SPLENDOR OF HIS HOLINESS;  
TREMBLE BEFORE HIM, ALL  
THE EARTH."  
- PSALM 96:9



**"I am the LORD; there is no other God. I have equipped you for battle, though you don't even know me, so all the world from east to west will know there is no other God. I am the LORD, and there is no other."** Isaiah 45:5-6 (NLT)

**LORD, there is no other like You! Thank you for the privilege of knowing You as our God, saviour and friend. Please help us to remember to bring everything to You, so that You can transform us to be more and more like Your Son Jesus, 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 **Tearfund's partner SAHAARA** who work with victims which have been trafficked into the sex industry... **Praise** for the places of safety they provide and the cell meetings, one-to-one prayer meetings and Christian courses, which help the victims to regain their self-worth and identity.

**Pray** that the LORD's hand will be on every decision made by the **PCC** concerning next week's meeting... **Ask the LORD** to protect, encourage and bring resolution to the many problems up for discussion.

**Pray** for all the young people affected by knife crime especially the families and friends of the two 17year olds who were murdered last week.

**Continue to pray** for wisdom, peace and understanding on both sides of the conflict between nations of India & Pakistan... **Praise** for all the answers to prayer so far.

**Bring to the LORD** any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about...**Praise** that, *"My whole being will exclaim, 'Who is like the LORD? You rescue the poor from those too strong for them, the poor and needy from those who rob them.'"* (Psalm 35:10)

**Praise** for **Simon Morbey** and **Chris Cordle's** commissioning for young adults and children's work... **Ask the LORD** to bless, encourage, protect and to remind them that He has 'equipped them for the battle' ahead through His grace, love, wisdom and perfect peace... **Praise** *"Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."* (Psalm 34:8 NIV UK)

**Praise** for **Bishop James** successful surgery and smooth recovery...**Pray** for his partial return at work this week and for all the support he has had and will continue to receive.

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

**Praise** that **Nev Piper's operation** & treatment went so well and he has follow-up care also pray that he will have a perfect knee... **Pray** for **Cathy's Dad** who is in hospital with a broken hip... for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy**... for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** who has 4 small tumours in her brain and will be receiving more radiotherapy... for **Keith Sheepwash** undergoing radiotherapy and will be awaiting results over the next few weeks... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Raymond Shergill's Dad**... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** that any remaining cancer cells will be destroyed and she fully recovers... 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 about 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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	98	Jeremiah 4.19-end	John 5.1-18
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	44	Jeremiah 5.1-19	John 5.19-29
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	6	Jeremiah 5.20-end	John 5.30-end
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	42	Jeremiah 6.9-21	John 6.1-15
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	22	Jeremiah 6.22- end	John 6.16-27
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	63	Jeremiah 7.1-20	John 6.27-40

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)**