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Mission Focus: Tearfund

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

St. Mark's Event:
PCC

17th March 2019

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

1866-2016

2nd Sunday of Lent.



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

10.30am: Service of the Word – Holiness on the Long Walk

Reading: Numbers 15:1-41

6.30pm: Workshop Stream about communications

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, prayer teams are available in the small chapel at the front of church.*

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Mon 18th March: 9.00am-12 noon **Open Church Worship Morning.** Open for the community to listen to worship, pray and share a cup of tea or coffee

7.45pm PCC, Old Vicarage

Weds 20th March: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 21st March: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, in church

Fri 22nd March: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 23rd March: 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the Gap – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries**, Old Vicarage

10.00am-12.00noon: Foodbank, in church

SUNDAY 24th March 2019:

3rd Sunday of Lent

10.30am: Holy Communion – Providence on the Long Walk

Reading: Numbers 20:1-13

5.30pm: Church in the Pub – King George V, Brompton

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

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

Thurs 18th 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

Sun 28th April: 10.30am **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** following a short service

Fri 26th July: 1.00pm-4.00pm **LET LOOSE 2019.** The 5th anniversary concert is themed 'New Beginnings' and is aimed at giving hope to victims of abuse and glorifying God's name. This is a fun and 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 17th & 31st March & Sunday 4th April.

The Long Walk to Freedom series booklet can be found on our webpage

www.stmarksgillingham.org under 'resources', then 'documents'.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it." Isaiah 35:8 (NIV UK)

LORD Jesus, thank you that You are our 'highway to the Way of Holiness'. Without Your precious saving blood being shed on the cross for our sins, none of us could reach the way to salvation. Please help us to allow You to show us how to live lives of 'Godliness with contentment' because it is pleasing to You and is of 'great gain' to our spiritual health and wellbeing (1 Timothy 6:6). Thank you for loving us beyond measure 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 partners** like **SAHAARA** who work with those in need, those who are homeless, hungry frightened and abused... **Praise the LORD** for His provision and care.

Pray that the LORD's hand will be on every decision made by the **PCC** at tomorrow's meeting (18th March) ... **Ask the LORD** to protect, encourage and bring resolution to the many issues up for discussion.

Pray for all those who have not got access to clean water around the world.

Pray for all the young people affected by knife crime especially the families and friends of the many young people who are murdered week by painful week... **Praise** for the extra money from the government to help tackle this issue.

Continue to pray for wisdom, peace and understanding on both sides of the conflict between the nations of India & Pakistan... **Ask the LORD** to bring a fair and lasting solution to this crisis.

Pray for sisters Diep & Ha who were badly beaten up by villagers in Vietnam for refusing to deny their faith in Jesus... **Ask the LORD** to bring healing for physical and emotional problems...

Praise that a local pastor was able to help with basic medical issues.

Ask the LORD to remind you of His blessings this week and give Him praise.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about... **Praise** that "The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love." (Psalm 33:5)

Praise for **Bishop James'** successful surgery and smooth recovery... **Pray** for his partial return at work this week and for all of 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... for **Nev Piper's** ongoing recovery... **Pray** for **Cathy's Dad** recovering and being cared for... for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy** awaiting an urgent scan... 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** who has finished radiotherapy, pray that side effects are minimised and for his complete and swift recovery... for **Steve Burtrand** needing an angiogram & possible treatment on 21st March... 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 and his family** mourning the loss of his mother's younger sister... 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 </p></div>
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<h3>Bible readings for March 2019</h3>
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| Day | Psalm | 1st Reading | 2nd Reading |
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| Mon 18th | 32 | Jeremiah 7.21-end | John 6.41-51 |
| Tues 19th | 147.1-12 | Isaiah 11.1-10 | Matthew 13.54-end |
| Weds 20th | 35 | Jeremiah 8.18-9.11 | John 6.60-end |
| Thurs 21st | 34 | Jeremiah 9.12-24 | John 7.1-13 |
| Fri 22nd | 41 | Jeremiah 10.1-16 | John 7.14-24 |
| Sat 23rd | 25 | Jeremiah 10.17-24 | John 7.25-36 |

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<p>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!**</p>
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<h4>New Church Office Hours are:</h4>
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<p>**Mon & Thurs 10.00am-3.00pm, Tues & Weds 10.00am-2.00pm, Fri 9.15am-1.15pm (by appointment only)**</p>
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