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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Margaret
Weston

St. Mark's Event:
Foodbank

5th May 2019

3rd Sunday after Easter



10.30am: **All Age Service**

Theme: "May the 4th go with you?"

2.00pm-4.00pm: **Mental Health Workshop** with Karen Turnball, Church. Crèche will be available.

5.30pm: **8 things I learned from John Collins**

6.30pm: **Prayer Stream**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Holy Communion** -
Theme: "How do you know
what to do on your frontline?",
St Mary's Island



7.00pm-8.30pm: **Summit
(was Landmark), Can't
Cook Wont Cook**, meet in Old Vic

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.*

**Monday-Friday during term time, St. Mark's
Preschool, Vicarage Hall - Children need to be
registered first. Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9.15am-3.15pm
Weds & Fri 9.15am-12.15pm.**

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Weds 8th May: 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), Vicarage Hall

Thurs 9th May: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, in church

Fri 10th May: 6.15pm **Kidz Klub**, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

Sat 11th May: 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the Gap** - Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

10.00am-noon: **Foodbank**, in church

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

SUNDAY 12th May 2019:

We warmly welcome Dan McDonald and Lorraine Strong who manage the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) to our morning service. Saju will be interviewing them on the 'Park Bench' during the service and they will also give a short presentation straight after the service. Afterwards there will be opportunities for questions.

4th Sunday after Easter

Today's morning service starts our Taboo Series: A Bible Based Sermon Series exploring things we don't talk about!

10.30am: **Holy Communion**

Theme: Taboo 1: Mental Health - You've heard it said "Man Up!" but I say to you...

Reading: Matthew: 26:36-46

6.30pm: **Bible Study Stream** - Ecclesiastes

Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship** - Theme: "Handing over: Moses to Joshua", St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: **Summit (was Landmark) Glitter & Glue**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 16th May: 1.30pm-3.00pm **Office will be closed during this time for staff prayer afternoon**

7.30-10pm: **Men's Curry Night**, Bollywood Buffet in Canterbury Street, speak to Dammy for more information.

Saturday 18th May: 9.30am-11.30am **"Who Let the Dad's Out?"**, Vicarage hall

NO FOODBANK, wedding taking place in church

Fri 26th July: 1.00pm-4.00pm **LET LOOSE 2019**. It's the 5th anniversary and it is themed NEW BEGINNINGS. This is a fun, free event happening in Gillingham High Street!

FAMILY NEWS

If anyone has issues reading this font size, please give your email address to the church office and they will send you an edition via email. Alternatively, please indicate that you would like a large font version of MARKtime to collect on arrival. Thank you.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Cast your cares on the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken." Psalm 55:22 (NIV UK)

Thank you LORD for caring for each one of us so much that You willingly died on a cross for our sins. In Your resurrection promise we have Your righteous, mercy and saving grace. If You have redeemed us why should we doubt? Please help each one of us to remember, "When I am afraid. I put my trust in You." (Psalm 56:3) For Your glory's sake Amen.

Pray for our country's politics with BREXIT, local elections and possible European elections... **Praise** for our God who sustains us!

Pray for the family and friends of murdered journalist **Lyra Mckee** in Northern Ireland... **Praise** that there is some hope to a "doorway to a new beginning" for Northern Ireland for the talks to bring about regional government for the sake of everyone involved.

Pray for the staff running **Foodbanks** in the Medway Towns this week that they will be able to hear the LORD when they pray for the people who need help... **Ask the LORD** to help everyone involved 'cast their cares' on Him and come to know His wonderful love and provision.

Praise for the answers to prayer and blessings concerning the Easter Services in the **El Campello Christian Community** in Spain and for the people who gave their lives to Jesus... **Pray** for our Mission Partner, **Margaret Weston** as she and her team help lead, guide and teach this growing community through God's Holy Word and for new premises to meet the needs of this growing church in the location of God's choosing.

Praise for last Sunday's service and **APCM**... **Pray** that our church community will listen to the LORD and truly be thankful for His provision and the gifts/talents that He has equipped us with.

Pray for **Rachel Littlewood** who is now in a local hospice...**Ask the LORD** to be with her family and friends at this difficult time...**Praise** for answers to prayer for His provision, her pain control and for good palliative care. Pray that with pain under control she may move to a care home.

Praise that **Trish Martin's** skin grafts have taken well and getting regular visits from East Grinstead Community Nursing Team... **Pray** for her nerve damage to her foot which she is unable to lift properly and thus impedes her walking will heal... remember the wider family who still need prayer support.

Please pray for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** whose Specialist has informed her and her family that there is nothing more they can do for her. She is deteriorating... **Derick** thanks us for our continued prayers and asks us to pray for God's peace to be with Iris and her family.

Continue to pray for **Michael Stacey** and what happens next in his care package.

Praise that **Nev Piper** is now receiving physio to aid his recovery... **Pray** for **Bishop James** in his recovery... **Pray** for **Vicky Govier** grieving loss of her Mum Emma Bailey and her husband Ray...**Pray** for **Cathy's Dad** who may be moving... for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy** awaiting an urgent scan... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Steve & Kath Burtrand's dad Reg** now moved in a nursing home... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** as her chemo is now underway... for **Kate Delaney**... for **Promise Anga and his family**... for anyone you know who needs the LORD at this time for whatever reason.

Bring to the LORD any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about... **Praise** that, "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18)

Please pray for: Margaret Weston & Foodbank

Bible readings for May 2019

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 6 th	96	Deuteronomy 5.1-22	Ephesians 1.1-14
Tues 7 th	98	Deuteronomy 5.22-end	Ephesians 1.15-end
Weds 8 th	105	Deuteronomy 6	Ephesians 2.1-10
Thurs 9 th	136	Deuteronomy 7.1-11	Ephesians 2.11-end
Fri 10 th	107	Deuteronomy 7.12-end	Ephesians 3.1-13
Sat 11 th	110	Deuteronomy 8	Ephesians 3.14-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 9.15am-1.15pm (by appointment only)

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