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# MARKtime

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

26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

10.30am: **Holy Communion**



Theme: Taboo 3: Poverty  
- You've heard it said  
"People are poor because  
of their own bad choices"  
but I say to you...

2.00pm-4.00pm: **Mental Health Workshop -  
part four: Checking into your own life  
(mindfulness)** with Karen Turnball, Church.  
Crèche will be available.

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

6.30pm: **No evening service**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Family Service** - "Another Hero", St  
Mary's Island

**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:

**Weds 29<sup>th</sup> May:** 9.00am **Holy Communion**, in  
church

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> May:** 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, in  
church

1.30pm-3.00pm: **Church Office will be closed  
during this time for staff prayer afternoon**

7.30pm-8.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM COME'** St.  
Mark's Church, ME7 5JP

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May:** 7.30pm-8.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM  
COME'** Gillingham Salvation Army ME7 1XA

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June:** 7.00am-8.00am **Standing in the  
Gap** - *Praying for families, youth & children's  
ministries*, Old Vicarage

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

2.00pm-4.00pm: **Cinema Club at the Vicarage  
Hall due to Rachel Littlewood's  
Thanksgiving Service in church**

3.00pm-4.30pm: **Rachel  
Littlewood's Thanksgiving**

**Service** held at St. Mark's Church to  
celebrate her life and all the  
wonderful work she carried out.

7.30pm-8.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM COME'**  
King's Church, Skinner Street, Gillingham ME7  
1LD



**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.

## SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> June:

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

10.30am: **All Age Service**

6.30pm: **'THY KINGDOM COME'** St. Mark's  
Church, ME7 5JP

Other Services:

11.00am: **Holy Communion - John steps  
down** - Theme: "Five things you probably don't  
know about John Bloor", St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: **Summit** - Board game café,  
Old Vic

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June:** 6.15pm-7.30pm **Kidz Klub**, Old Vic

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June:** 10.00am-11.30am **Homegroup  
leaders breakfast**, Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June:** 1.30pm-3.00pm **Church  
Office will be closed during this time for staff  
prayer afternoon**

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June:** 9.30am-11.30am **'Who Let the  
Dad's Out?'** Vicarage hall

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> June:** 6.30pm-8.00pm **St. Mark's  
GOSPEL NIGHT** - refreshments served from  
6.00pm. Theme: POWER OF PRAISE

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

### FAMILY NEWS

#### Gift Aid

If you require a Gift Aid certificate to enable you  
to complete your 2018/2019 tax return please  
let John Beck, the Gift Aid Secretary, know and  
he will gladly provide you with one.

This may be beneficial to you, especially if you  
are a Higher Rate taxpayer, since your Personal  
Allowance may be increased, meaning you pay  
less Income Tax.

Email: [jabeck42@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jabeck42@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Medway Foodbank will be doing a Summer  
Collection @ Tesco Gillingham between  
9.00am-5.00pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June &  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. They need volunteers for  
2 hour slots. Please can you let them know if  
you can help by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, thank you.**

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



## POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

**"Speak up for people who cannot speak for themselves. Protect the rights of all who are helpless. Speak for them and be a righteous judge. Protect the rights of the poor and needy."**

**Proverbs 31:8-9 (Good News Translation)**

**LORD Jesus thank you that You speak up for me before the throne of God, paid the sentence for my sin on Your Holy Cross and protect me in this life and the next. If You can do all this for me please help me to 'speak and protect the rights of the poor and needy' for Your Glorious Name's Sake Amen.**

**Continue to pray** for our country's politics with BREXIT, European elections where political parties are near to melt down and people are feeling ignored, angry and disillusioned.

**Pray** for the clients of **Foodbank** who often face difficult situations in life... Remember the Centre Managers of the 8 Medway Foodbanks in prayer as they help the poor and needy... **Ask the LORD** to give the Trussell Trust (umbrella organisation of Foodbanks) wisdom to change the current government policy of making clients wait 5 weeks before they receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Universal Credit Benefit thus getting into greater debt.

**Pray** for **Margaret Weston** and **El Campello Christian Community** in Spain who urgently need bigger premises and for the wisdom to find an interim solution while the search continues... **Ask the LORD** to be with every young person in the community who seem to be under spiritual attack right now with some becoming discouraged.

**Pray** for the abduction by Zimbabwe state agents of the outspoken **Chief Felix Ndiweni**, who returned to the country after working for more than 20 years in the UK to take up this hereditary position and is 'speaking up for his people who cannot speak for themselves'... **Ask the LORD** to bring good governance, justice and protection to

Zimbabwe citizens for the sake of the poor and needy. Prices continue to sky rocket, fuel queues are very long, electricity is sporadic and hunger is stalking the land... **Pray** for protection for everyone connected to the **Mike Campbell Foundation** in Zimbabwe where torture has again become a way of life... **Praise the LORD** for all the wonderful work they do in His Holy Name.

**Continue to pray** for the family and friends of **Rachel Littlewood** at this deeply difficult time... **Praise** for all the many ways the LORD enriched and blessed us through Rachel over the years.

**Continue to pray** for **Trish Martin's** nerve damage to her foot will heal... remember the wider family who still need prayer support.

**Continue to pray** for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris**... **Derick** asks us to pray for God's peace to be with Iris and her family.

**Pray** for **Frank & Ruth Howard** after the sudden loss of their niece Emma...please also **Pray** for Emma's grandparents Irene & Les, her husband, 4 children & the wider family finding it difficult at this time

**Pray** for **Michael Stacey**... 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**... for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Steve & Kath Burtrand**... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** ... 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... *"Because You [LORD] are my help, I sing in the shadow of Your wings. I cling to You; Your right hand upholds me"* (Psalm 63:7-8)

**Please pray for:** Margaret Weston & Foodbank

### Bible readings for May/June 2019

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	65	Deuteronomy 26	1 Peter 4.1-11
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	126	Deuteronomy 28.1-14	1 Peter 4.12-end
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup>	132	Deuteronomy 28.58-end	1 Peter 5
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	110	Isaiah 52.7-end	Hebrews 7.[11-25] 26-end
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	85	1 Samuel 2.1-10	Mark 3.31-end
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> June	47	Deuteronomy 30	1 John 2.7-17

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)**