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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Francis & Diane
Dognon; The Fisherman Trust

St. Mark's Event:
Summit

23rd June 2019

1st Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: **Holy Communion**

Taboo 5: Death. You have it said "we shouldn't talk about death", but I say to you...

1.00pm-4.00pm **Bring your own picnic, gather with friends old and new from across Medway churches and pray for Medway @ Victoria Gardens, New Road, Chatham**

(opposite Fort Pitt Girls School).

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

6.30pm: **No evening service**

Other Services:

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

7.00pm-8.30pm: **Summit** - Games & Chill, Old Vicarage, this will be a late finish

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. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9.15am-3.15pm Weds & Fri 9.15am-12.15pm.

WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Weds 26th June: 9.00am **Holy Communion**, in church

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

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

7.30pm: **Exploratory Worship Jam Night**, in church. For those involved and those considering being involved in the Sung Worship life of St Marks. Speak to Graham Wilkins or one of the other worship leaders for more info. Please let

Graham know if you are intending to come.

Thurs 27th June: 1.00pm-3.00pm **Foodbank**, in church

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

Fri 28th June: 6.15pm-7.30pm **Kidz Klub**, Old Vicarage

Sat 29th June: 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.

The Accounts for 2018 have now been independently Examined and Approved. They can be viewed on the St. Mark's website under 'Resources'.

Glyn Allen, Treasurer

SUNDAY 30th June:

2nd Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: **Service of the Word**

Taboo 6: Valuing Age. You have heard it said "so and so is a Grumpy Old Man", but I say to you...



'Bring & Share Grandma's favourite recipes' after the service

6.30pm-8.00pm: **St. Mark's GOSPEL NIGHT** - refreshments served from 6.00pm.

Theme: POWER OF PRAISE

Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Service** - Theme: "Jesus hands over authority to the 72", St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: **Summit** - Outing (TBC)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 3rd July: 6.30pm-8.30pm Peace & Hope, (formerly Faith & Light), "Poverty", Vicarage Hall

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!

Sept 1st-8th: 24/7 Prayer Encounter, in church Making time and space to encounter God in prayer.

FAMILY NEWS

Grandma's Favourite Recipe is taking place after the service on Sunday 30th June. This is a bring and share lunch to which we are asking people to bring/make their grandma's favourite recipe. A sign up sheet is located at the back of church. Thank you

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 provide you with one.

Volunteers needed to join the Sound Desk Please Speak to Chris Blewitt. Thank you.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our LORD."
Romans 8:38-39 (NIV UK)

LORD Jesus we thank you for being the way, the truth and the light, by which we are saved through Your glorious sacrifice on the cross. The fact that You rose again and ascended into heaven to be with our Father has created the way for us to follow you, which no one can take away from us. So, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55) How can we ever praise You enough for Your salvation? All glory be to You Amen.

Continue to pray for BREXIT and the polarisation of our society... **Pray** for the victims of hate in whatever form that takes.

Pray for the **Fishermen Trust** and everyone involved will be encouraged this week, so much so that the LORD'S saving light will shine out from them without words... **Ask the LORD** to protect His workers from death threats, harassment and false reporting, so that they can help others in need... **Praise**, "Simon Peter answered Him (Jesus), 'LORD, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'" (John 6:68)

Pray for **Francis & Diane Dognon**, our Mission Partners in France and the Honfleur network where Francis is leading a group in Pont Audemer. This group meets every 2 weeks and the non-Christian people are 'quite open to the gospel'. **Ask the LORD** to show these people that He really is the only way, the truth and the light in this troubled world.

Pray for everyone who has been affected by flooding in various parts of the country... Remember other low lying areas of the world who are experiencing flooding due to high sea levels and more storms.

Continue to pray for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** and **Derick's cousin** who has recently lost his wife due to a massive heart attack... **Ask the LORD** to be with all members of the Thom family at this very difficult time.

Pray for **Frank & Ruth Howard** after the sudden loss of their niece Emma...**Ask the LORD** to be with Emma's grandparents Irene & Les, her husband, 4 children & the wider family who are finding it difficult at this time.

Pray for the leaders and members of **Summit** who will be enjoying 'games and chill' tonight... **Ask the LORD** to help each member feel a sense of belonging and grow together through Christ.

Pray for **Martin's Mum** who is in hospital with heart problems... also remember the wider family.

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... for **Cathy's Dad Alan**... for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy**... for **Trish Martin**... 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 the **family and friends of Rachel Littlewood**... 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... **LORD** thank you that, "You guide me with Your counsel, and afterwards You will take me into glory." (Psalm 73:24)

Please pray for: Francis & Diane Dognon; The Fisherman Trust & Summit

Bible readings for June 2019

| Day | Psalm | 1st Reading | 2nd Reading |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mon 24 th | 149 | Malachi 3.1-6 | Luke 3.1-17 |
| Tues 25 th | 36 | 2 Chronicles 34.1-18 | Romans 7.7-end |
| Weds 26 th | 34 | 2 Chronicles 34.19-end | Romans 8.1-11 |
| Thurs 27 th | 37 | 2 Chronicles 35.1-19 | Romans 8.12-17 |
| Fri 28 th | 31 | 2 Chronicles 34.20-36.10 | Romans 8.18-30 |
| Sat 29 th | 71 | Isaiah 49.1-6 | Acts 11.1-18 |

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)