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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: Family Trust

St. Mark's Event:  
Wednesday Holy Communion

8<sup>th</sup> September 2019



## SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> September:

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: **Holy Communion**

Theme: A Dislocated Heart –  
Nehemiah 1:1-4

6.30pm: **Bible Stream**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship, St Mary's Island**

5.00pm: St. Mark's House

**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 11<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 9.00am **Holy Communion** in church

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

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

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

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank**, in church

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 6.15pm-7.30pm: **Kidz Klub**, Old Vicarage restarts

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 7:45pm-10.00pm: **PCC meeting**, Old Vicarage

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sept:** **ALPHA Courses** start 10.00am-12noon Old Vicarage & 7.00pm-9.30pm St Mark's Church. **Please contact Katie Jenkins email: [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org) or phone 01634 570489 to sign up or ask for more details. Thank you.**

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Dementia Café**, Old Vicarage – this will be running 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesdays of the month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson for more details, thank you.

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Sept:** 6.30pm-8.00pm: **ST. MARK'S GOSPEL NIGHT** – refreshments served from 6pm in Church

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct:** 6.30pm: **Confirmation & full immersion Baptism Service** conducted by Bishop James Langstaff – the deadline to let us know if you wish to be either baptised or confirmed is Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. Classes will be held on Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Sept between 4.00pm-6.30pm at Costa Coffee.

**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> October:** 7.30pm-9.00pm: **Saints Alive** held at Rochester Cathedral with guest speaker Rev Saju Muthalaly!



**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov:** **Soup Night Prayer** for the rough sleepers – Please prayerfully consider if you can be involved as many 'hands on deck' are needed... More information to follow...



## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> September:

### 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

**All Children's and Youth Groups restart today.**

10.30am: **Service of the Word**

Theme: A Broken Spirit –  
Nehemiah 1:5-11

6.30pm: **Workshop Stream – Prayer Ministry Training**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship, St Mary's Island**



## FAMILY NEWS

**If anyone would like to go on the prayer list for Saju's sabbatical please email Katie in the church office on [admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org) - thank you.**

Volunteers are needed to join the **Sound Desk** Please speak to Chris Blewitt. Volunteers are also needed for **Bible Stream**. Please speak to David Wilkins or Rob Byrne if you can help out.

**Please help Foodbank by donating food items/dry goods as demand is outstripping supply! Find the items needed either on the Foodbank website, Twitter account or look at**



**the list stapled to this MARKtime. There will be a box at the back of the church with a sign saying 'Foodbank Collection Point'. Thank you.**

**Please clean up after yourself**

Please tidy up after your children and keep God's House - our church - clean. There is a dustpan and brush at the back of the church and ask any of the duty staff if you need a vacuum cleaner.

**God calls us to serve each other, to love and care for each other**

**POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**



**"I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. When I was in distress, I sought the LORD at night I stretched out untiring hands and I would not be comforted." Psalm 77:1-2 (NIV)**

**LORD thank you that You allow us to question You when we are hurting and listen as we cry out to You in our suffering. Please help us to remember that You alone can heal us and bring comfort and joy which we will never find in any other place. Praise to Your Holy Name. Amen.**

**Pray** for our government that MPs will work together for the sake of all our people and not as an investment in further career improvements... **Ask the LORD** to bring His wisdom, justice, peace and love into this difficult situation... Remember various places around the world where people are not free to express their thoughts, feelings or themselves.

**Praise** for the **24/7 Prayer Encounter** and all the answers to prayer.

**Pray** for **Wednesday Holy Communion Service** that it will continue to meet through the LORD's strength the needs of everyone who takes part...

**Praise** for **Graham Davis** who leads this important community and for the huge blessing he and his wife Melanie are to St. Mark's Church.

**Pray** for the **Family Trust** as a new school year starts... **Ask the LORD** for all the resources needed... to further important contacts that have been made and create new opportunities for His Holy Word, the Bible to be heard in our schools...

**Pray** for protection for the staff in all the various situations they find themselves in.

**Pray** for **ALPHA** starting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September in the morning and in the evening...

**Ask the LORD** to prepare hearts and minds ready to engage with Him through His Holy Spirit, so that they can be freed from every chain that crushes them.

**Pray** for all those who are starting new schools, colleges and universities... **Ask the LORD** to be with each one as they begin the process of settling in and finding their way around.

**Pray** for all the people who need Foodbank over the summer holidays... **Ask the LORD** to be with the volunteers and everyone involved during this time.

**Pray** for **Margaret Howlett**... for **Michael Stacey** for a care package that improves his quality of life... for **Martin's Mum**... for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy**... **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris**, his **cousin** and the whole Thom family... for **Karen Dyer's sister Debbie**... for **Trish Martin**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Steve 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... **LORD** thank you that, *"Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart and free me from my anguish."* (Psalm 25:16-17)

**Please pray for:** Family Trust; Wednesday Holy Communion

**Bible readings for September 2019**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	98	Micah 7.1-7	Mark 6.45-end
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	106	Micah 7.8-end	Mark 7.1-13
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	110	Habakkuk 1.1-11	Mark 7.14-23
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	113	Habakkuk 1.12-2.5	Mark 7.24-30
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	139	Habakkuk 2.6-end	Mark 7.31-end
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	2	Genesis 3.1-15	John 12.27-36a

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)**