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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

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> September:

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

10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: A Radical Faith – Nehemiah 2:1-3

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

6.30pm: No Evening Service

Other Services:

11.00am: Family Service, 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.

**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:

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Sept: ALPHA** 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: 9.00am Holy Communion** in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage restarts

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

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.

6.30pm-8.30pm: Peace & Hope, Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank,** in church

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: 6.15pm-7.30pm: Kidz Klub,** Old Vicarage

**Sat 28<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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct: 1.30pm-3.00pm Church Office** will be closed during this time for staff prayer afternoon

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct: 6.30pm: Confirmation Service** conducted by Bishop James Langstaff.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October: 4.00pm-9.00pm Stop the Hate** free community cohesion event in Medway held here at St Marks. Speak to Trevor Dyer for more info.

**Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> October: 7.30pm-9.00pm: Saints Alive at Rochester Cathedral** On this evening, we will be gathering to Celebrate Faith Across The Nations with special emphasis on the persecuted church in various parts of the world. In solidarity with these nations, we want to specially encourage all believers across the nations to turn out in their national attires, dresses, colours, costumes and anything else that will help celebrate the Christian heritage of these nations. We look forward to a colourful spectre as we join in the worship of our saviour in one voice, one place and one accord.

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: 6.30pm 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 29<sup>th</sup> September:

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity – Michael and All Angels

10.30am: Service of the Word – An Evangelical Service with Children's Baptisms

Theme: A Strategic Plan – Nehemiah 2:4-8

6.30pm-8.30pm: ST. MARK'S GOSPEL NIGHT – refreshments served from 6pm in Church

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 as demand is outstripping supply! Find the items needed either on the Foodbank website or Twitter account. 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

**"Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; You display Your power among the people. With Your mighty arm You redeemed Your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph."**

**Psalm 77:13-15 (NIV)**

**LORD thank you that You took the radical step of rescuing us by becoming a man and dying on a cross to take away our sins, when we were helpless, lost and in despair. We can never save ourselves; we need You to do that every day of our lives. Thank you for redeeming us and for providing a perfect pathway back home to You. Please help us to fully appreciate what You have achieved in our lives. Amen.**

**Continue to pray** for our government, judges and the rule of law which protects the weak, vulnerable and society at large... **Praise** that, *"The LORD loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love."* (Psalm 33:5)

**Pray for Wednesday Holy Communion Service** that everyone who attends will feel the LORD's peace, love and blessing.

**Praise** for all the seeds that the LORD is planting in the hearts of children & staff as the **Family Trust** regularly provide services/talks day by day ... **Pray** that all the staff hear what the LORD wants to teach and are able to go where He wants them to be with the correct resources needed to glorify Him.

**Pray** for all those who are on the **ALPHA** courses will begin to hear the LORD's message of love and salvation... **Praise** that, *"LORD my God, I called to You for help and You healed me."* (Psalm 30:2)

**Pray** for **ST MARK'S GOSPEL NIGHT** on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September that all will know the power of the risen redeeming LORD God and saviour... for lives to be transformed.

**Pray** for the **Dementia Café** starting up on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September will be able to reach all those in need of this service... for protection, wisdom and God's love... for the LORD to build a loving, safe community.

**Pray** for 1<sup>st</sup> year university students who are far from home and all those who are finding university life difficult for whatever reason.

**Pray** for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** who has cancer all over her body. Derick says, *"It seems regrettably that her life may be coming to an end. Could we please pray that this would be peaceful."* Remember the Thom family too.

**Pray** for **Michael Stacey** for a care package that improves his quality of life... for **Martin's Mum...** for **Karen Dyer's sister Debbie...** for **Trish Martin** will have more mobility... for **Keith Sheepwash...** for **Steve Burtrand...** for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung...** for **Kate Delaney...** for **Promise Anga and his family...** for **Paul Smith...** 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**, *"The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know Your name trust in You, for You, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek You."* (Psalm 9:9-10)

**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 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1	Zechariah 4	Mark 9.38-end
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	5	Zechariah 6.9-end	Mark 10.1-16
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup>	119.1-32	Zechariah 7	Mark 10.17-31
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	15	Zechariah 8.1-8	Mark 10.32-34
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	19	Zechariah 8.9-end	Mark 10.35-45
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	23	Zechariah 9.1-12	Mark 10.46-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)**