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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Tim & Tricia
Barrows

St. Mark's Event:
ALPHA

6th October 2019

HARVEST SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER:

16th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: All Age Service – Tearfund Sunday -

There are Tearfund collection envelopes and leaflets available at the back of church. Please place into the yellow tubs marked Tearfund. Thank you.

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We warmly welcome Bishop James and all those who are being confirmed, their families and friends to our evening service.

6.30pm: Confirmation Service conducted by Bishop James Langstaff

Other Services:

11.00am: Holy Communion, St Mary's Island

7.00pm-8.30pm: Summit, Glitter n Glue, Old Vicarage



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 8th Oct: ALPHA 10.00am-12noon Old Vicarage & 7.00pm-9.30pm St Mark's Church.

Weds 9th Oct: 9.00am Holy Communion in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage restarts

1.00pm-3.00pm: Dementia Café, Old Vicarage – this will be running 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson for more details, thank you.

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

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

Thurs 10th Oct: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, in church

Fri 11th Oct: 6.15pm-7.30pm: Kidz Klub, Old Vicarage

Sat 12th Oct: 7.00am-8.00am: Standing in the Gap – praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 17th Oct: 1.30pm-3.00pm Church Office will be closed during this time for staff prayer afternoon

Thurs 31st 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 encourage all believers to wear their national attires, dresses, colours, costumes and anything else that will help celebrate the Christian heritage of these nations. We worship our saviour in one voice, one place and one accord.

Sun 3rd 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 13th OCTOBER:

17th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: A Personal Commitment – Nehemiah 2:9-16

6.30pm Bible Stream-Gospel of Matthew

Other Services:

11.00am: Morning

Worship, St Mary's Island

5.00pm: St. Mark's House

7.00pm-8.30pm: Summit, Bowling social, 6.30pm for 11-18yr olds. Please contact Simon Morbey on simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org



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 - thank you.

Volunteers needed January – March 2020 for Medway Night Shelter which is due to run from Monday 6th January – Tuesday 31st March. One session of training is mandatory. Please email Belinda at medwayshelter@gmail.com or check out the website <http://medwayshelter.org> for more details. Thank you.

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

"He (Jesus) said to His disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the LORD who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields." Matthew 9:37-38 (New Living Translation)

Thank you LORD Jesus that You came into the world to die on a cross for us - "the harvest" and accomplished our salvation by rising from the dead to sit at the right hand side of the Father and be our advocate in heaven (1 John 2:1). Please help us to tell others what You did and continue to do for us day by day, so that all the harvest will be saved for Your glory's sake. Amen.

Continue to pray for our government as it makes decisions that affect us all for years to come.

Pray for our **Mission Partners, Tim & Tricia Barrows** especially the 'SIM UK's ENGAGE programme which "seeks to recruit and place gospel workers, very often from the global south with UK receiving churches" reaching the surrounding ethnic communities with God's powerful message of salvation... **Ask the LORD** to bring in His harvest through everyone involved.

Pray for all those who are on the **ALPHA** courses will not only respond to Jesus' message of love, hope, grace and salvation, but will be able to tell others too.

Praise for **Tearfund** and all the different ways it helps spread God's message of hope through projects, aid programmes and education.

Pray for all those being confirmed this evening will feel God's presence, His blessing, grace and love, so much so that they know that, "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Pray for the **Medway Foodbanks** that they will receive enough food donations to meet the need.

Pray for the **Dementia Café** that the LORD will bring all those He wants to come... for His loving encouragement on this new ministry.

Derick Thom writes, "It is with sadness and with some relief that Iris passed away in her sleep @ 1.30am today. Monday 23rd September 2019. Thank you for all your prayers for Iris and the family. Could you please continue to pray for her son and two daughters and the grandchildren and indeed the wider family. Thank you all once again. Derick."

Pray for **Michael Stacey**... for **Vera Adams** who is making progress following her fall and her optician may prescribe spectacles to improve the effect of macular degeneration... for **Trish Martin**... for **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** who has finished radiotherapy - that may she be able to tolerate well the long-term drugs that she has been given... for **Kate Delaney**... 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,** "Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help, You turned my wailing into dancing; You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy." (Psalm 30:10-11)

Please pray for: Tim & Tricia Barrows; ALPHA

Bible readings for October 2019

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 7 th	44	Ezekiel 1.1-14	Mark 12.28-34
Tues 8 th	48	Ezekiel 1.15-2.2	Mark 12.35-end
Weds 9 th	119.57-80	Ezekiel 2.3-3.11	Mark.13.1-13
Thurs 10 th	57	Ezekiel 3.12-end	Mark 13.14-23
Fri 11 th	51	Ezekiel 8	Mark 13.24-31
Sat 12 th	68	Ezekiel 9	Mark 13.32-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)