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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
Barrow

St. Mark's Event:
ALPHA

20th October 2019

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER:

18th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: **Service of the Word**

Theme: A United Team

Nehemiah 3

Park Bench Conversation – Emily Mann: Praying through the gift of prophecy

6.30pm: **Workshop Stream –**

Buildings & Fabrication

Other Services:

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

6.30pm: **Summit**, Film Night, 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:

Mon 21st Oct: 7:45pm-10.00pm: **PCC meeting**, Old Vicarage

Tues 22nd Oct: 9.00am-noon: **Church is open – Please speak to Dammy for details.**

ALPHA is at the Old Vicarage from 10am-noon & from 7.00pm-9.30pm at church.

Weds 23rd Oct: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in church

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

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

Thurs 24th Oct: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank**, in church

Sat 26th Oct: 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 31st Oct: 1.30pm-3.00pm: **Church office will be closed during this time for staff prayer.**

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 a special emphasis on the

persecuted church in various parts of the world. Our very own Rev Saju Muthalaly is the guest speaker.

Sun 3rd Nov: 6.30pm **Soup Night prayer evening** for the rough sleepers – please prayerfully consider if you can be involved, as many 'hands on deck' will be needed... More information to follow...

Sat 9th Nov: 8.00pm **Putting chairs out & orders of service out in church ready for Remembrance Sunday – Please come and help!**

Sun 10th Nov: 10.30am **Remembrance Service** – Please note that there will not be a creche or refreshments due to space requirements. **Help is also required to transport all the chairs back to the Old Vicarage site and put the church back to normal! Speak to Lynn Trebill, or Rob Byrne and Katie Jenkins at the church office if you wish to volunteer.**



SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER:

Last Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: **Holy Communion**

Theme: A Courageous Soul – Nehemiah 4

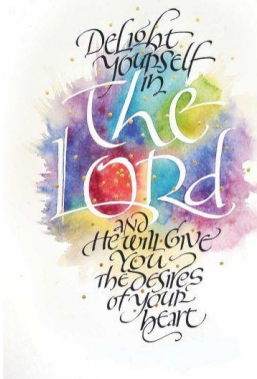
5.30pm: **Church in the Pub – King George V, Brompton**

There will be **no evening service or Summit**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Family Service,**

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 - thank you.

Volunteers are needed between January – March 2020 for the 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.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Those who listen to instruction will prosper; those who trust the LORD will be joyful." Proverbs 16:20 (New Living Translation)

LORD, please help us to listen to Your instructions through Your Holy Spirit working within us. The world will then see Your glorious kingdom on earth and look to You to be saved. Thank you LORD for equipping us for this purpose so that all may know Your loving grace, joy and salvation. Amen.

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

Pray for our **Mission Partners, Tim & Tricia Barrow**, especially Tricia, who combines serving as SIM UK Health Coordinator and nursing at Maidstone Hospital. *"Her days, nights and weeks are long and intense; please remember her."*

Pray for **Chris Cordle** who also combines working for the **Family Trust** and nursing as well as volunteering for children's ministry at St Mark's...

Ask the LORD to encourage, strengthen and bless her with wisdom as she combines all these important areas of her life.

Pray for all those who are on the **ALPHA** course, that they will continue to learn, experience and trust in Jesus our LORD and see their lives transformed through His loving grace... **Ask the LORD** to be with everyone on the Holy Spirit day 2nd Nov and that this will be a day of renewal, blessing and joy.

Pray for all those seeking justice like the family and friends of Harry Dunn... *"The LORD loves*

righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love." (Psalm 33:5)

Pray for conflict zones like Syria and Yemen where foreign governments are fighting proxy wars which harm their citizens, causing them to flee to safer areas... **Ask the LORD** to, *"secure justice for the poor and uphold the cause of the needy."* (Psalm 140:12)

Continue to pray for the victims of knife crime and their families and ask the LORD to transform the lives of those who use weapons instead of dialogue.

Pray for the **Remembrance Service** next month will glorify the LORD and meet the needs of our community... **Ask the LORD** to provide enough volunteers to put the chairs out and put the church back to normal!

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

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 **Derick & Terry Thom** and the whole family especially nieces, nephew & grandchildren... for **Trish Martin**... for **Keith Sheepwash** and **Paul Smith**... and 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... *"Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me. My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught."* (Psalm 55:1-2) **Praise** that the LORD not only hears us, but loves and cherishes each one of us.

Please pray for: Tim & Tricia Barrow; ALPHA

Bible readings for October 2019

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 21 st	80	Ezekiel 14.12-end	Mark 15.1-15
Tues 22 nd	89.1-18	Ezekiel 18.1-20	Mark 15.16-32
Weds 23 rd	119.105-128	Ezekiel 18.21-32	Mark.15.33-41
Thurs 24 th	92	Ezekiel 20.1-20	Mark 15.42-end
Fri 25 th	88	Ezekiel 20.21-38	Mark 16.1-8
Sat 26 th	97	Ezekiel 24.15-end	Mark 16.9-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)