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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Carrie  
Macfarlane

St. Mark's Event:  
Remembrance Sunday

24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:

### Sunday next before Advent



10.30am Holy Communion – A Finished Wall and the Word Read - Nehemiah 6.15-7:4 & Nehemiah 8.1-8.12

6.30pm-8.00pm: Gospel Night – gospel music led by a gospel

**band.** Refreshments from 6pm, St. Mark's Church

#### Other Services:

11.00am: Family Service, St Mary's Island

7.00pm: Summit, TV Games Show, 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 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: 9.00am-noon: **Church is open – Please speak to Dammy for details.**

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

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Nov: 9.00am **Holy Communion** in church

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

1.00pm-3.00pm: Dementia Café, Old Vicarage – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson for more details.

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank**, in Church

1.30pm-3.00pm: Church office will be closed during this time for staff prayer

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: 6.15pm-7.30pm: **Kidz Klub**, Old Vicarage

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nov: 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

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: 6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Hustings will be taking place at St Mark's. Doors open at 7.00pm when refreshments will be served, the evening will then begin at 7.30pm to finish at 9.00pm.

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: 7.00pm-8.15pm **The Music Man Project CHRISTMAS CONCERT** @ St. Georges Centre, Pembroke Road, Chatham Maritime ME4 4UH free parking, no entrance fee, just a retiring collection.

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: 6.00pm: **Christmas Connect 2019 Live Concert** – carols for all the family organised by Churches Together in Medway. This includes WE CAN Sing UK Chor, Live Gospel Choir & Primary School Competition Finalists @ Prayer City, Buckmore Park, ME5 9QG. Parking available

## Christmas Services at St. Mark's Church

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: 10.30am **All Age Christingle Service** – A family friendly candlelit ceremony

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: 3.00pm **Empty Chair Service** – For those who have lost loved ones

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Dec: 5.00pm **Beyond the Star** – Our huge annual Christmas festival!

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: 10.30am

**Traditional Carol Service** – A chance to sing some seasonal hymns

Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Dec: 10.30am **Christmas Day** – All Age Holy Communion Service

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 11.00pm **Watchnight Service** – Glorifying the LORD as we see in the New Year!



## SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> December:

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

10.30am: All Age Service Holy Communion

6.30pm Prayer Stream – Christmas Carol Reflections

Other Services:

11.00am: Holy Communion, St Mary's Island

7.00pm: Summit, Christmas Cakery

## FAMILY NEWS

Steve & Lynn Trebill and Margaret Green would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part or helped in anyway before, during and after last Sunday's Remembrance Service.

Praise the LORD for the many positive comments given and His answers to prayer.



We raised £59.60 for the **tearfund** October Harvest, thank you to all those who donated.



**Thank you** to all those who filled shoeboxes. It was a short deadline but we received 22 plus an extra 13 thanks to a donation from our mission link task group!

*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**



**"Everything you do or say, then, should be done in the name of the LORD Jesus, as you give thanks through Him to God the Father." Colossians 3:17 (Good News Translation)**

**LORD Jesus please help us to realise that only when we do everything in Your holy name and with Your mighty strength can we really say a job well done. We praise You for being our loving God and friend as we walk together to eternity in Your holy Kingdom and our real home. Amen.**

**Praise the LORD** for the opportunity to host **Remembrance Service** on the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov... **Pray** that hearts & minds will continue to be open to the LORD Jesus' message of hope, grace & salvation.

**Pray** for the elderly and vulnerable at this time of distraction burglary's taking place in the area. **Pray** that communities look out for one another, that those committing the crimes are caught and stopped.

**Continue to pray** for the general election on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and the Hustings here at St Mark's on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Pray** that our **Mission Partner, Carrie MacFarlane** will be a blessing and be able to "do or say in the name of the LORD Jesus"... **Ask the LORD** to continue to protect, encourage and give her His words for all occasions (Matthew 10:19).

**Pray** for **Gay Gower** whose results from MRI Scans are "worrying" She praises the LORD in these difficulties and can see His planning, timing and presence in her life... Gay asks us to pray for Bethesda Medical Centre Doctors Surgery in Margate, which is, "a shining light as a Christian Surgery, but is heavily trodden on by the devil," and reports that people working there are struggling.

**Pray** for all those who are carers for relatives and friends, especially those who give up paid work or employment opportunities due to this role... **Ask the LORD** to change attitudes in regard of paid carer's leave etc. **Praise** for the many blessings these people are to our wider community.

**Pray** for the **Gospel Night** happening tonight (24<sup>th</sup> Nov) and give thanks for this God given opportunity to meet with Him.

**Pray** for **Vera Adams** as her sight deteriorates. Ask the LORD to bring His healing love and power to arrest this degeneration and give His wisdom to the specialist she is due to visit at Maidstone Eye Hospital in Maidstone near to Christmas.

**Pray** for **Michael Stacey... for Trish Martin... for Paul Smith and Keith Sheepwash...** 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... *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"* (Philippians 4:6)

**Please pray for:** Carrie MacFarlane; Remembrance Service

**Bible readings for November 2019**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	96	Isaiah 14.3-20	Matthew 9.18-34
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	97	Isaiah 17	Matthew 9.35-10.15
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	119.57-80	Isaiah 19	Matthew 10.16-33
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	125	Isaiah 21.1-12	Matthew 10.34-11.1
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	139	Isaiah 22.1-14	Matthew 11.2-19
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	147.1-12	Ezekiel 47.1-12	John 12.20-32

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)**