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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: REACH

St. Mark's Event:
Men's BREAKFAST SPECIAL

9th February 2020

SUNDAY 9th February:

3rd Sunday before Lent



10.30am: **Holy Communion** –
Theme: Devoted to Breaking Bread
– Acts 2:42-47

6.30pm: **Bible Study Stream** –
Book of Job

Other Services:

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

3.00pm: **Charing House**

5.00pm: **St Mark's House**

7.00pm: **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 11th Feb: 9.00am-2.30pm: Church is open – Please speak to Dammy for details.

Weds 12th Feb: 9.00am: **Holy Communion**

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

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

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

6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope** – How did Jesus call His disciples?, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 13th Feb: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank**, in Church

Fri 14th Feb: 6.15pm-7.30pm: **Kidz Klub**, Old Vicarage

Sat 15th Feb: 7.00am-8.00am: **Standing in the Gap** – praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

8.45am-10.15am: **Men's BREAKFAST SPECIAL** – come with a friend! Old Vicarage

10.00am-noon: **Foodbank**, in church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 20th Feb: 1.30pm-3.00pm: Church office will be closed during this time for staff prayer. Please feel free to come along.

Sat 22nd Feb: 9.30am-11.00am: **Bibles after Breakfast** – This takes place on a fortnightly

basis. Please see Simon or Poppy Morbey for more details thank you.

Sun 1st Mar: 6.00pm: **Fire & Blood Metal Church @ Tap & Tin, Chatham** – this is monthly.

Fri 6th Mar: 1.00pm: **World Day of Prayer**, URC, Balmoral Road, Gillingham

Sun 31st May: APCM straight after the morning service in Church

SUNDAY 16th February:

2nd Sunday before Lent



10.30am: **Service of the Word**

Theme: Devoted to Prayer – Acts 2:42-47

5.00pm: **FUSION** – A new church service for young adults & Uni

students, although all are welcome! Refreshments will be served, St. Mark's Church

Other Services:

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

7.00pm: **Summit**, May the Best Team Win, Old Vicarage

FAMILY NEWS

Lynda Smith writes, "A huge thank you to all of St. Mark's for my beautiful bouquet of flowers last Sunday (26th Jan). I have enjoyed my time leading the catering volunteers but feel now is the time for a new and younger person to take the lead. Thanks to the congregation for their help and food contributions, and a special thank you to my

home group Waters/Howard as they have supported me all the way. I still have a willing pair of hands if needed. (But no brain power) Thanks again Lynda xxx

Martin and Sui King Hunter are delighted to announce the arrival of their second grandson, Joel, on 26th January.



The funeral of Tricia Martin will be in St. Mark's Church on Monday 17th February 2020 @ 10.30am followed by a midday committal @ The Garden of England Crematorium, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8GZ (attendance optional).

The family would be delighted if you could join them for the Wake at Gillingham Golf Club, Woodlands Road, Gillingham, Kent ME7 2AP between 1.00pm-3.00pm (12.45pm arrival). Please RSVP to Claire Banner if you will be attending thank you.

Please continue to remember her family and friends in your prayers. Thank you.

Karen Turnbull, Community Pastor is setting up a virtual prayer boiler room for Gillingham. There are 336 permanent 1/2hour slots to fill. Please email Karen if you are interested on karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may have peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2: (NIV UK)

Thank you LORD that You want 'all people to be saved'. Please help us to pray for those in authority and the people we come in contact with, so that they may hear Your message of salvation through grace and join us in Your heavenly Kingdom, Amen.

Pray that our church leaders will continue to hear the LORD and do what He says, so that we all grow nearer to God at this time... Ask the LORD to encourage Saju in New Zealand, protect his family and thank the LORD for them all.

Pray for our government, especially concerning the restriction of journalists from briefings to take questions from. This undermines democracy in our country and limits scrutiny in government policies.

Remember our Mission Partner, REACH and the various activities they have planned this week... Ask the LORD for good conversations and open hearts and minds.

Pray for the Men's BREAKFAST SPECIAL on Sat 15th 8.45am-10.15am in the Old Vicarage that God make this event a special day that brings healing and binds the group together, so that they can reach out to other men in the community with His Holy Word... Ask the LORD for a Spirit of discernment and wisdom.

Continue to pray for all those who have been affected by the Coronavirus in China and around the world.

Melanie & Graham Davis thank us for our prayers concerning their daughter in law Yung. She has had a whole-body scan and tests which show she is clear of cancer – Praise the LORD. However, she must take some strong drugs and will have another test in 6months time... Pray that Yung will be able to tolerate the strong drugs.

Pray for Sathish at SMIC who is waiting a biopsy result and a consultant appointment this week – up hold Sathish, his wife Nancy and their family at this time... for Tricia Martin's family & friends... for Derick Thom... for Gay Gower... for Michael Stacey... 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... Praise "He is the LORD our God; His judgements are in all the earth." (1 Chronicles 16:14)

Please pray for: REACH; Men's BREAKFAST SPECIAL

Bible readings for February 2020

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 10 th	30	Genesis 24.1-28	1 Timothy 6.1-10
Tues 11 th	36	Genesis 24.29-end	1 Timothy 6.11-end
Weds 12 th	34	Genesis 25.7-11, 19-end	2 Timothy 1.1-14
Thurs 13 th	37	Genesis 26.34-27.40	2 Timothy 1.15-2.13
Fri 14 th	31	Genesis 27.41-end of 28	2 Timothy 2.14-end
Sat 15 th	42	Genesis 29.1-30	2 Timothy 3

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)