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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: TEARFUND

St. Mark's Event:
Peace & Hope

1st March 2020

SUNDAY 1st March:

1st Sunday of Lent

10.30am: All Age Service

HOLY



COMMUNION

6.30pm: Holy Communion +
Prayer for Healing

Other Services:

11.00am: Holy Communion, St
Mary's Island

5.00pm Fire & Blood Metal Church @ Tap &
Tin, Chatham - this is a monthly event

7.00pm: Summit, Games & Chill, 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 2nd Mar: 10.00am-2.00pm: Open Church
- Ray from OM will be giving out free books!

Tues 3rd Mar: 10.00am-2.00pm: Open Church
7.30pm-9.30pm: Lent course, Church

Weds 4th Mar: 9.00am: Holy Communion
9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage
1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 5th Mar: 1.30pm-3.00pm: Church office
will be closed during this time for staff
prayer. Please feel free to come along.
1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, in Church

Fri 6th Mar: 12.00pm-2.00pm: Lent course,
Church. Please let Karen Turnball know if you plan
on attending this session
1.00pm: World Day of Prayer, URC, Balmoral
Road, Gillingham
6.15pm-7.30pm: Kidz Klub, Old Vicarage

Sat 7th Mar: 7.00am-8.00am: Standing in the
Gap - praying for families, youth & children's
ministries, Old Vicarage

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.

10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

2.00pm - 4.00pm: Cinema Club, Church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 11th Mar: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Dementia
Café, Old Vicarage - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the
month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson
for more details.

Weds 11th Mar: 6.30pm-8.30pm: Peace &
Hope - The Great Commandment, Vicarage Hall

Sat 14th Mar: 9.00am-11.00pm: 'Who
Let the Dad's Out', Vicarage Hall

Thurs 26th Mar: 7.00pm-8.15pm: Music
Man Concert, church

Sun 31st May: APCM straight after the
morning service in Church. If you would like to
be on the Electoral Roll please see Denise Young
for a form.

Fri 24th July: 1.00pm-4.00pm: LET LOOSE 6th
edition, an outdoor music concert on
Gillingham High Street - more volunteers are
needed please.



SUNDAY 8th March:

2nd Sunday of Lent



10.30am: Holy
Communion - Theme:
A change of Heart -
Ezekiel 36:24-33

6.30pm: Bible Stream
- The Book of Judges - Where did it all go wrong?

Other Services:

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

3.00pm: Charing House

5.00pm: St. Mark's House

7.00pm: Summit, Murder Mystery, Old Vicarage

FAMILY NEWS

Please speak to Luke Prankard if you can
volunteer for the Old Vicarage site -
Garden Team. Any time you can offer will
be gratefully received, so that our outside
spaces are honouring to our LORD, thank
you.



Derick Thom would like to say "a big thank
you to St. Mark's for praying for me and to
the Lord for answering our prayers for
everything to do with my operation and how
well I am progressing. Hallelujah! Praise the
Lord for His many blessings".

Karen Turnball, Community Pastor is setting up a
virtual prayer boiler room for Gillingham. There

are 336 permanent ½hour slots to fill. Please email Karen if you are interested on karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which He is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us – yes, the many good things He has done for Israel, according to His compassion and many kindnesses." Isaiah 63:7 (NIV UK)

Thank you my LORD, King and Saviour for Your many 'kindnesses and compassion' each and every day. When I was lost You rescued me, made Jesus my brother and welcomed me into Your family for eternity for Your Glory's sake. Please help me to show Your love, kindness and compassion to everyone I meet. Amen.

Continue to pray for Saju in New Zealand and for his family time after his sabbatical.

Pray that the **REACH Team** will continue to have fruitful discussions with everyone they meet and especially with Peel Ports (the developer behind the Chatham Waters project) in early April.

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

Continue to pray for all the areas in this country that are experiencing the affects of flooding... **Praise** for the way whole communities are coming together to help each other.

Pray for the locust invasion in Africa which is bringing hunger to huge numbers of people... **Ask the LORD** in His great compassion to bring an end this locust invasion.

Praise for **TEARFUND** and all the work they do for the LORD around the globe... **Pray** especially for SAHAARA in India who bring hope, kindness,

compassion and respect to sex workers and their children in Mumbai... **Ask the LORD** to protect staff and this community in light of the increasing violence and polarization that is affecting various communities in India.

Praise for the **Peace & Hope** community that meets every other week in St. Mark's Vicarage Hall and the fun, joy and kindness that everyone in this community shares... **Pray** for their next meeting on Wednesday 11th March where they will be learning about 'The Great Commandment' together.

Praise for the miraculous answers to prayer for our **Mission Partner Margaret Weston @ the El Campello Christian Community...** **Pray** for all past and present members that the LORD will up hold them, continue to strengthen them and protect them in His never ending love and grace.

Pray for all those who sleep rough, find space on family or friends' sofas or in unsuitable accommodation... **Ask the LORD** to change government attitudes so that more housing can be built which meets this need and that caring communities can be created instead of empty shells of chronic deprivation.

Continue to pray that **Sathish's** targeted treatment clears his infection.

Pray for **Tricia Martin's family & friends...** for **Gay Gower...** for **Michael Stacey...** for **Paul Smith...** and **Keith Sheepwash...**for **Stan & Linda Brown** as she has just undergone a hip replacement ... 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 (the LORD) will respond to the prayer of the destitute, He will not despise their plea." (Psalm 102:17)

Please pray for: TEARFUND; Peace & Hope

Bible readings for March 2020

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 2 nd	80	Genesis 41.25-45	Galatians 3.23-4.7
Tues 3 rd	44	Genesis 41.46-42.5	Galatians 4.8-20
Weds 4 th	6	Genesis 42.6-17	Galatians 4.21-5.1
Thurs 5 th	42	Genesis 42.18-28	Galatians 5.2-15
Fri 6 th	22	Genesis 42.29-end	Galatians 5.16-end
Sat 7 th	63	Genesis 43.1-15	Galatians 6

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 11.00am-3.00pm (staff team meeting takes place from 9.30am-11.00am), Tues & Weds 10.00am-2.00pm, Thurs 10.00am-3.00pm, Fri 9.15am-1.15pm (by appointment only)