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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

8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> March:

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**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 9<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 10.00am-2.00pm: **Open Church & Yarn Club!** Yarn club will be held by Karen Turnbull, speak to her for more details.

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 10.00am-2.00pm: **Open Church**  
7.30pm-9.30pm: **Lent course**, Church

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 9.00am: **Holy Communion**  
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  
6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope** – *The Great Commandment*, Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank** in Church

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 12.00pm-2.00pm: **Lent course**, Church. Please let Karen Turnbull know if you plan on attending this session

8.00pm-10.00pm: **Open to God**, in Church  
6.15pm-7.30pm: **Kidz Klub**, Old Vicarage

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 7.00am-8.00am: **Standing in the Gap** – *praying for families, youth & children's ministries*, Old Vicarage

9.00am-11.00pm: **'Who Let the Dad's Out'**, Vicarage Hall

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



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 7.45pm-10pm: **PCC**, Old Vicarage

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 1.30pm-3.00pm: **Church office will be closed during this time for staff prayer. Please feel free to come along.**

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Mar & Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar:** **Sozo training, Vicarage Hall.** Fri times are 7.00pm-9.30pm & Sat 9.30am-4.30pm. Cost is £45 which includes refreshments, lunch on Sat & your training manual. Please speak to Amanda Maskell if you are interested.

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 7.00pm-8.15pm: **Music Man Concert**, here in Church

**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Apr:** 5.00pm **Fire & Blood Metal Church @ Tap & Tin, Chatham** - *this is a monthly event*

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> July:** 1.00pm-4.00pm: **LET LOOSE 6<sup>th</sup> edition, an outdoor music concert on Gillingham High Street** – *more volunteers are needed please.*

## SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> March:

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent



God's Work  
Our Hands

10.30am: **Service of the Word** – Theme: **Created for God's Work** – Exodus 4:1-6

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**, 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.



Denise Young would like to make a list of people she can call on if someone walks into church and does not speak English. Please let her know if you are happy to be on the list and what language/s you speak. Many thanks.

Karen Turnbull, 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](mailto:karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org)

**POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**



**"Even to your old age and grey hairs I am He, I am He [the LORD] who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you." Isaiah 46:4 (NIV UK)**

**LORD thank you that You sustain & care for me in the past, the present and the future. You know me deeply and cherish me enough to die for me. Fill me again with Your Holy Spirit, so that I can worship You in spirit and truth and reflect Your love into a hurting world. Amen.**

**Continue to pray** for Saju in New Zealand, for his family time after his sabbatical and for his ministry when he comes back.

**Pray** that the **REACH Team** will be given the right avenues to reach the residents of the various apartment blocks.

**Pray** for businesses that are struggling due to the affects of the Coronavirus with some possibly going out of business thus causing hardship to themselves and their employees... **Pray** for those around the world who are suffering racist attacks and abuse because of fears of this virus as happened in Oxford Street, London on 24/2/2020.

**Pray** that flooded areas will see the water levels recede and communities will be able to rebuild their livelihoods... **Ask the LORD** to be with everyone who is traumatized with the loss of their homes and precious memories.

**Pray** for **TEARFUND's partner SAHAARA** in Mumbai, India... **Ask the LORD** to protect this special community, to sustain them with all they need to grow and flourish... **Praise** that, *"In Him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* (John 1:4-5)

**Pray** for the **Peace & Hope** community's next meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March where they will be learning about 'The Great Commandment' together... **Ask the LORD** to help the community to understand His message concerning 'the Great Commandment' and to look after any member who has had a bad or troubling week... **Praise** that the community reflects Jesus' love in our community.

**Continue to 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.

**Pray** for **Sunali Sonali**, home from hospital having responded well to antibiotics.

**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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	32	Genesis 43.16-end	Hebrews 1
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	50	Genesis 44.1-17	Hebrews 2.1-9
Weds 11 <sup>th</sup>	35	Genesis 44.18-end	Hebrews 2.10-end
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	34	Genesis 45.1-15	Hebrews 3.1-6
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	41	Genesis 45.16-end	Hebrews 3.7-end
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	25	Genesis 46.1-7, 28-end	Hebrews 4.1-13

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)**