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# MARKtime

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

15<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

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

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**, On Your Marks, 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 16<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 10.00am-2.00pm: **Open Church**  
12.00pm -2.00pm: **Yarn Club**, in Church. Held by  
Karen Turnbull, please speak to her for more  
details.

7.45pm-10pm: **PCC**, Old Vicarage

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 10.00am-2.00pm: **Open Church**  
7.30pm-9.30pm: **Lent course**, Church

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 9.00am: **Holy Communion**  
9.45am: **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage  
1.15pm: **Parent & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank** in  
Church

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:** 12.00pm-2.00pm: **Lent course**,  
Church. Please let Karen Turnbull know if you plan  
on attending this session

6.15pm-7.30pm: **Kidz Klub**, Old Vicarage

8.00pm-10.00pm: **Open to God** – A time to  
come, worship, seek God and be open to all He  
has to say to us, in Church

**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.



God's Work  
Our Hands

**Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Mar:** 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 25<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 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.

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace &  
Hope** – Lent, Vicarage Hall

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

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 6.30pm-8.00pm: **Gospel Night  
presents Testimonial Praise** – A night of  
unhindered praise and worship led by a gospel  
band thaning God for His faithfulness, free  
refreshments served, in Church



## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> March:

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

10.30am: **Holy Communion** –  
Theme: **Created for**

**Community – learning & growing together** –  
Deuteronomy 6:1-10

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

6.30pm: **No Evening Service**

Other Services:

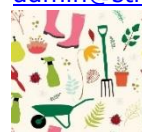
11.00am: **Morning Worship**, St. Mary's Island

Time TBC: **Summit**, Laser Quest – cost free, Old  
Vicarage

## FAMILY NEWS

**Full immersion Baptism** being held on **Easter  
Sunday**. Application forms are now available  
from the office and must be returned by Sunday  
29<sup>th</sup> March.

Would you or your home group like to create a  
reflective prayer station based on the 14  
stations of the cross for the service on Good  
Friday? If so please email the office on  
[admin@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:admin@stmarksgillingham.org)



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.

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)

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.

**POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**



**"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm [in God's Holy Word]. Let nothing move you. Always give your selves fully to the work of the LORD, because you know that your labour in the LORD is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NIV UK)**

**LORD thank you that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters in Christ we do it for You (Matthew 25:40) whether a smile, an encouraging word or practical help. In Your Kingdom nothing is wasted and blessings abound. Please help us to remember this when we are having a bad day for Your Glory's Sake Amen.**

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

**Pray for Italy** who have shut nearly all shops due to the Coronavirus virus and for the hardship this will cause... for the **USA** who have halted travel from Europe apart from the UK for 30 days and the difficulties this will cause... for the World Health Organization which has declared the Coronavirus virus a pandemic... **Ask the LORD** to be with medical staff around the world as they try and cope with this disease, especially as they are more likely to catch it. Pray for the Civil Servants and others alike who have had to move sectors to help cover and deal with Covid-19.

**Pray** for **TEARFUND's partner SAHAARA** in Mumbai, India... **Ask the LORD** to encourage the staff and volunteers with the knowledge that their 'labour in the LORD is not in vain'... **Pray** for the people of India as the political situation is changing from a secular system to a Hindu BJP religious state with all the implications for other religions.

**Pray** for the **Peace & Hope** team member Linda Nodder and community member Sally both have been ill and unable to attend since Christmas... **Ask the LORD** to continue to grow spiritually as they learn and share together.

**Pray** for **Yarn Club** which runs on Mondays at Open Church 12.00pm-2.00pm... **Ask the LORD** to protect, encourage and bless this group and **Open Church** on Mondays and Tuesdays... to provide more volunteers for Open Church.

**Pray** for **Gospel Night presents Testimonial Praise** on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March... **Ask the LORD** to shower this time with His love, blessings, power and encouragement... **Praise** "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline." (2 Timothy 1:7)

**Pray** for **Richard & Jane Tolhurst** and their family after Richard's mum passed away this week, may she be at peace by the side of our Lord...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 16 <sup>th</sup>	126	Genesis 47.1-27	Hebrews 4.14-5.10
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	9	Genesis 47.28-end of 48	Hebrews 5.11-6.12
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	38	Genesis 49.1-32	Hebrews 6.13-end
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	25	Isaiah 11.1-10	Matthew 13.54-end
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	22	Exodus 1.1-14	Hebrews 7.11-end
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	31	Exodus 1.22-2.10	Hebrews 8

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)**