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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

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent – Happy  
Mother's Day

Please note that all Sunday  
morning services will be  
livestreamed on Facebook for  
the foreseeable future - thank  
you.



We as a church believe in the power of prayer. Please give Kath Burtrand (email [kathyb.nana@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kathyb.nana@yahoo.co.uk)) your email address to receive St. Mark's Weekly Prayer & Praise email if you don't already receive it! Likewise, please email her or the Church Office with your prayer requests and praise items! Thank you.



**Growing  
in Faith  
Together**

10.30am: Holy Communion –  
Theme: *Created for  
Community – learning &  
growing together* –  
Deuteronomy 6:1-10

## British Summer Time

Don't forget that the clocks go forward one hour at 1.00am on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

6.30pm: **No Evening Service**

Other Services:

**No St Mary's Island services until further notice**

**No Summit until further notice**



## SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March:

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**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.

Please be aware that as of the afternoon of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, St Mark's Pre-School will be closed until further notice.

Please note that all Sunday morning services will be livestreamed on Facebook for the foreseeable future - thank you.



## WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

Please note that due to the Coronavirus no groups or meetings other than Foodbank will be taking place until further notice.



**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank in Church

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Mar:** 10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

10.30am: Service of the Word – Theme: *Called to take part in God's Mission/Nation changers* – Matthew 28:16-20

6.30pm: **No Evening Service**

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## FAMILY NEWS

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 1/2hour slots to fill. Please email Karen if you are interested on [karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:karenturnbull@stmarksgillingham.org)



## POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."* Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV UK)

LORD, thank you that You provide all that we need and that Your grace is sufficient for us (2 Corinthians 12:9). Please help us to trust in You and put 'the interests of others' before our own. For Your glory's sake, Amen.

Pray for the people stripping the shelves of supermarkets in fear due to the Coronavirus

instead of taking what they really need... **Ask the LORD** to help them see that this behaviour is not only selfish, but will cause real harm to those in greater need.

**Pray** for our country with schools, colleges, universities, theatres, festivals, social venues closing due to the Coronavirus and for the hardship this will cause... for the World Health Organization which has declared the Coronavirus virus a pandemic and for the continued cooperation of all countries... **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 all those who are self-isolating due to the Coronavirus... **Ask the LORD** to be with everyone who is finding this tough... **Remember Amanda and Geoff Maskell** at this time.

**Continue to pray** for Saju who is in India with his parents, for his wife Katy and the children here in Gillingham and the difficulties that this situation is causing due to various countries closing their borders etc... **Ask the LORD** to bless the whole family at this challenging time.

**Pray** for **TEARFUND's partner SAHAARA** in Mumbai, India... **Ask the LORD** to provide all the resources needed, protection for staff and volunteers and that the whole community will know that God's grace is sufficient for their needs... **Pray** for the people of India as the political situation is changing from a secular

system to a Hindu BJP religious state with implications for other religions.

**Continue to pray** for the **Peace & Hope** team member Linda Nodder and community member Sally have both have been ill and unable to attend since Christmas... **Ask the LORD** to help this precious community cope now that the regular meetings have stopped due to the Coronavirus... to be with each individual who finds change challenging.

**Praise** for answers to prayer concerning the **Yarn Club** which has just started... **Ask the LORD** to help the group gel together again when all groups restart later in the year.

**Pray** for St. Mary's Island and our St. Mark's community as we learn to do church differently for the time being.

**Pray** for **Richard & Jane Tolhurst** and their family, as Richard's mum passed away recently... 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

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**Bible readings for March 2020**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	77	Exodus 2.11-22	Hebrews 9.1-14
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	79	Exodus 2.23-3.20	Hebrews 9.15-end
Weds 25 <sup>th</sup>	111	1 Samuel 2.1-10	Romans 5.12-end
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	86	Exodus 4.27-6.1	Hebrews 10.19-25
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	102	Exodus 6.2-13	Hebrews 10.26-end
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	32	Exodus 7.8-end	Hebrews 11.1-16

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\* 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!**

**The Church Office is closed to visitors until further notice, but staff working 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**