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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: Francis & Diane  
Dognon; The Fisherman Trust

St. Mark's Event:  
Easter Services

5<sup>th</sup> April 2020

## SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April:

### Palm Sunday

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

10.30am: All Age Service

Theme: Palm Sunday

1.00pm: Rock Ministry on Zoom, please contact

[simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org)

6.30pm: No Evening Service

7.00pm: Summit on Zoom, please contact [simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org)

Other Services:

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

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.

## 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.

### Holy Week

We are running a series of live bible readings throughout the week to follow Jesus' journey from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday - as the events happened. Check out this timetable for when to tune in to hear them live!

[www.nickpage.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/longestweek-timetable2.pdf](http://www.nickpage.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/longestweek-timetable2.pdf)

**Mon-Sat: 9am Reflection** with Amanda Maskell and compline at 8pm, both online

**Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April:** 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank in Church

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April:**



**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April:** 10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

## SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April:

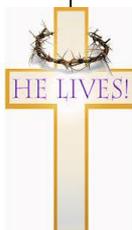
10.30am: Easter Sunday

Theme: **Created and called to be Easter People**

6.30pm: No Evening Service

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

**No Rock Ministry or Summit this week**



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

**Gillingham – The Good Neighbour Scheme** from the Salvation Army. If you can help or more information please see the link below: <https://gillinghamcorps.info/GoodNeighbour/> Harris writes, "I would like to make you aware of the Good Neighbour scheme which we've just launched as a response to this crisis. It is a scheme by which we aim to recruit volunteers and then match them with homes in isolation in order to help them with shopping and things like this."

**Paul Smith writes, "Thank you to all those who volunteered to help keep Foodbank running. We will be in touch again if we require help in the future. Thank you again everyone."**

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**To receive St. Mark's weekly Prayer & Praise email please give Kath Burtrand your email address Likewise, please email her or the Church Office with your prayer requests and praise items! Thank you.**

### St Mark's Website Message Board

Please send any messages, pictures, stories, links, requests, news etc, to: [message@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:message@stmarksgillingham.org) These will be posted on our website for encouragement, information and advice.



**Bibles over breakfast** re-starts on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 11am** via Zoom. This is aimed at 14-18yr olds. Please contact [simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org)

Many of our church members are feeling very isolated, for some social distancing already causes problems for them. Please remember your home group members or someone you know and may appreciate an email or phonecall. Please check in with one another and support one another right now where possible



**POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER**

*"In that day the Root of Jesse [Jesus] will stand as a banner for the peoples; nations will rally to Him, and His resting-place will be glorious."*  
**Isaiah 11:10 (NIV UK)**

**LORD Jesus thank you for what You did for me on the cross – taking my place for my sin and rising again becoming the 'banner' of hope, grace and salvation. Please help me to fully understand what You achieved then and now in bringing 'nations' to Your glorious place in Heaven; for Your Glory's sake Amen.**

**Praise the LORD** for His truly, wonderful gift of salvation this coming week.

**Pray** for our Mission Partners **Francis & Diane Dognon** in France and the **Fisherman Trust** in India as coronavirus continues to spread in these countries... **Ask the LORD** to protect the work and everyone involved and give all the necessary resources to do His will.

**Pray** for those young and old who are suffering from anxiety, stress, isolation, the cancellation of important exams and routines, no work or too much work... **Ask the LORD** to help them find the essential new routines that help them cope with their mental, physical and spiritual health... **Praise the LORD God who cares**, *"Even to your old age and grey hairs I am He [the LORD], I am He 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)

**Pray** for all those you know who are self-isolating due to the Coronavirus... **Ask the LORD** to be with everyone who is finding this tough... remember university students still in the hall of residence even though the campus is closed – especially those who are unwell, lonely, frightened and a long way from home.

**Continue to pray** for **Saju** who is in India with his parents with the country in lock-down due to the Coronavirus... for his wife **Katy** and the children here in Gillingham and the difficulties that this situation is causing the family... **Ask the LORD** to bless the whole family at this challenging time.

**Pray** for **Jane Bannar-Martin's** son **Tim** who is unwell and her daughter-in-law **Jenny** whose health condition has improved praise the LORD.

**Pray** for **Rod & Jenny White and their son Stuart** after Stuart's wife **Beverley** sadly passed away recently... **Ask the LORD** to be with the whole White family at this very sad time.

**Pray** for **Katie Jenkins' dad and step-mum** in Surrey, Clare has underlining health issues and was diagnosed with cancer, she has been experiencing a lot of pain and now been given antibiotics ... **Pray** for them to ease the pain & bring comfort, **Pray** for safety & strength for them both.

**Pray** for St. Mary's Island and our St. Mark's community as we learn to do church differently during the Easter Services... **Praise** for a God who cares, so much that He took our human form and died for us, so that each one of us is being saved by believing in Him through His loving grace.

**Pray** for **Amanda's friend Jill** who is feeling really unwell and having just lost her husband to the coronavirus on 30<sup>th</sup> March... for **Richard & Jane Tolhurst** and their family, as Richard's mum passed away recently... for **Tricia Martin's family & friends**... for **Gay Gower**... for **Sathish at SMIC** into his 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 months of targeted antibiotic treatment... for **Michael Stacey**... for **Paul Smith**... and **Keith Sheepwash**...for **Stan & Linda Brown** ... 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** *"Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He brought them out of darkness, the utter darkness, and broke away their chains."* (Psalm 107:13-14) **Our God cares alleluia praise the LORD.**

**Please pray for:** Francis & Diane Dognon; The Fisherman Trust; Easter Services

**Bible readings for April 2020**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	41	Lamentations 1.1-12a	Luke 22.1-23
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	27	Lamentations 3.1-18	Luke 22 [24-38] 39-53
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup>	102	Jeremiah 11.18-20	Luke 22.54-end
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	42	Leviticus 16.2-24	Luke 23.1-25
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	69	Genesis 22.1-18	Hebrews 10.1-10
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	142	Hosea 6.1-6	John 2.18-22

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!**

**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**