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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

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2020**



## **SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> April:**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

**10.30am: Holy Communion**

Theme: **Created to receive good gifts**

**1.00pm: Rock Ministry on Zoom**

**7.00pm: Summit on Zoom**

For Rock Ministry & Summit please contact [simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org)

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

**Please be aware that St Mark's Pre-school is closed due to the coronavirus.**

## **WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:**

**Please note that due to the Coronavirus groups or meetings will be taking place online only until further notice.**

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

**Find Karen Turnbull, our community pastor's public Facebook page**

[www.facebook.com/communitypastorgillingham](https://www.facebook.com/communitypastorgillingham)

**for the following during the week:**

**Mon - Yarn Club**

**Tues - Finding Faith**

**Weds - Self care Wednesday**

**Thurs - Things to do Thursday**

**Fri - Bullet journalling**

**Sun - Forest church**

## **SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May:**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10.30am: All Age Service**

Theme: **Frontlines**

**1.00pm: Rock Ministry on Zoom.**

**7.00pm: Summit on Zoom**

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## **FAMILY NEWS**



**Online Sunday School lessons now on Facebook. Simon & Katie have been recording short lessons so our children don't miss out.**

**Check them out!**

**Sat 9th May: 11am: Bibles over breakfast** via Zoom. This is aimed at 14-18yr old and runs fortnightly. Please contact [simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org](mailto:simonmorbey@stmarksgillingham.org)

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2020**

Kindly note, as we are unable to meet in the church building, we have to postpone our annual parochial church meeting that was due to be held on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May.

When we are able to meet together in church we will announce a new date.

**Gentle reminder** to leaders of church groups, kindly send me your written reports for the APCM by **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020.**

Thankyou.

Vivky Allen

St Mark's PCC Secretary

## **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."

**Medway Foodbank are changing the way they operate due to coronavirus. They are closing all the Foodbank Centres on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and moving to a 'delivery only' system.**



**Lorraine their Project Manager would like to express a huge gratitude to all the wonderful folk and the amazing teams that have (including those who have recently stepped in to support them) all got on with helping in such an efficient way and all those staying at home praying for the rest of us.**

**Gillingham Time Capsule project:** Make your very own time capsule during this unusual time we are in. Join in on the 18<sup>th</sup> April online at [gillinghamkenttimecapsule2020.wordpress.com](http://gillinghamkenttimecapsule2020.wordpress.com)

where everyone can document "a day in the life" contact Karen Turnbull for more info.

### 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.



### POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

**"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (NIV UK)**

**LORD please help us to reflect Your loving light in the many dark places we walk through, so that others may come to know Your salvation of grace for themselves. Amen.**

**Ask the LORD** to make you a blessing to someone this week and thank Him for His love and this opportunity.

**Pray** for all the many people whose eyes were opened during different Easter Services may come and know the LORD Jesus as their personal saviour and friend.

**Continue to pray** for our Mission Partners **Francis & Diane Dognon** in France and the **Fisherman Trust** in India as the lock-downs due to coronavirus continues cause hardship, pain and loneliness... **Ask the LORD** to help each person feel His presence, love & blessing.

**Pray** for the medical staff being attacked due to fear of catching Covid 19 particularly in India... **Ask the LORD** to help educate the mob to see the good works being done and not fear catching this disease from them.

**Continue to pray** for all those affected by Covid 19... **Amanda's** sister who is picking up extra work from her boss who has just lost her husband & sister-in-law to Covid 19... **Amanda's** cousin **Sandra** who is unable to receive treatment for breast cancer due to the virus... **Amanda's** friends **Jill, Charlie & her husband...**

**Pray** for **Angela & Malc Marlow's family** who are working for the NHS & have had to make difficult decisions like sending their 2yr old granddaughter to live with the other set of grandparents for safety reasons,

**Pray** for long standing members of St. Mark's **Brenda Allen** who is in hospital with serve pain,

**her husband Alan and family** who are concerned that Brenda might catch Covid 19.

**Continue to pray** for healing and the treatment for **Katie Jenkins' Step-Mum, Clare**, that is due to start on the 27<sup>th</sup>... for **Katie's Dad** who isn't allowed into any appointments or treatment sessions with his wife... for the whole family who can't be physically together for hugs and support at this very hard and painful time.

**Pray** for the new changes happening to **Foodbank** moving from centres to home delivery service... **Ask the LORD** to help everyone to assess this service that needs it and to provide the funds etc. to meet their needs.

**Praise** that Keith Sheepwash right eye, where there was thought to be a hole, is ok and no treatment is needed.

**Pray** for the people living in Africa, Latin America, Caribbean, Middle East, Asia and Europe who the **World Food Programme (WFP)** are warning of a hunger pandemic due to the number of people affected almost doubles this year... **Ask the LORD** to provide the finances, food & resources needed... to be with the staff, volunteers and everyone involved who will be witnessing harrowing scenes of despair.

**Pray** for **Nev & Tina Piper** and family especially **Tina's Mum** who recently died of cancer while she is arranging her uncle **Raymond Riddle** Funeral... for **Nev's** cancelled knee replacement op, which leaves him in a great deal of pain and the loss of his replacement CPAP machine now being redeployed as a ventilator for hospital use.

**Pray** for **Lisa Higham's friends** as sadly **Charlie** lost his life to Covid 19, please remember his wife and young daughter... for **Richard & Jane Tolhurst** and their family, as Richard's mum passed away recently... for **Tricia Martin's family & friends...** for **Rod & Jenny White and their son Stuart...** for **Gay Gower...** for **Sathish at SMIC...** for **Michael Stacey...** for **Paul Smith...** for **Keith Sheepwash...** and for **Deano & Helen Standing, their family, for the loss of Deano's dad this week** 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** "You LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted; You encourage them, and You listen to their cry." (Psalm 10:17) **Our God cares alleluia praise the LORD.**

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

### Bible readings for April/May 2020

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	96	Exodus 19	Luke 1.1-25
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	98	Exodus 20.1-21	Luke 1.26-38
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup>	105	Exodus 24	Luke 1.39-56
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	136	Exodus 25.1-22	Luke 1.57-end
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> May	139	Proverbs 4.10-18	James 1.1-12
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	110	Exodus 29.1-9	Luke 2.21-40

**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