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St. Mark's Church, Gillingham  
with St. Mary's Island Church

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;  
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Jon Friday short-term Mission to India

St. Mark's Event:  
Film Club

24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent.



We warmly welcome the Archdeacon of Rochester Andrew Wooding Jones to this morning's service.

10.30am: Holy Communion – Saju Muthalaly's Licensing Service by the Archdeacon of Rochester Andrew Wooding Jones

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

Other Services:

11.00am: Family Service, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: Summit (was Landmark)

**Prayer Ministry:** If you would like to pray or share concerns with someone, then prayer teams are available in the small chapel at the front of church.

### WHAT'S ON DURING THIS WEEK:

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.00am-12 noon Open Church Worship Morning. Open for the community to come in sit and listen to worship, pray and share a cup of tea or coffee

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February:** The office will be closed from 11.45am and will re-open on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 9.00am Holy Communion in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

6.30pm-8.30pm: Peace & Hope, (formerly Faith & Light) in Vicarage Hall

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March:** 6.15pm Kidz Klub, ages 7-11, Old Vicarage

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** 7.00am-8.00am Standing in the Gap – Praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage.

10.00am-12.00noon: Foodbank, Church

2.00pm: Film Club, Church

### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019:

Sunday next before Lent

10.30am: All Age Service - Lent

6.30pm: Prayer Stream

Other Services:

11.00am: Holy Communion, St Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: Summit (was Landmark)

Monday-Friday during term time 9.15am-12.15pm, St. Mark's Preschool, Vicarage Hall – Children need to be registered first.

Small Groups/Home Groups meet in various locations at different times throughout the week. Please contact Pauline at church if you would like more information.

Please beware that there are mousetraps around the church. No harm will come from touching them but please don't let children play with them.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** 7.45pm-9.30pm

Ladies Social, Charity Swap Shop, Old Vicarage more details to follow



**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> March:** 6.30pm-8.00pm

GOSPEL NIGHT PRESENTS A NIGHT OF GOSPEL MUSIC – SING OUT @ St. Mark's

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> July:** 1.00pm-4.00pm LET LOOSE

2019. It's the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary and its themed NEW BEGINNINGS, the concert is aimed towards giving some hope to victims of abuse, for God's name to be glorified. This is a fun, free event happening in Gillingham High Street!

### FAMILY NEWS

Are you single? Would you like support from Christians who are in the same situation? Want to look deeper into how to serve God in Singleness? Then speak to Samuel Wilkins for more details.

### PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL 2019

We are currently preparing a new Electoral Roll. This has to be done from scratch every six years.

Remember if you are currently on the Electoral Roll of St. Mark's Gillingham you will have to re-apply to be on the new roll. If you are not currently on the roll please apply.

Detailed requirements to be on the roll are shown on the separate sheet available at the back of church.

Believers full immersion Baptism – to be held on Easter Sunday. Application forms and dates for Baptism classes will be issued shortly to those interested and must be returned by 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Long Walk to Freedom booklet can be found on our webpage [www.stmarksgillingham.org](http://www.stmarksgillingham.org) under resources and then choosing documents.

### POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



"Have I [the LORD] not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go" Joshua 1:9 (NIV UK)

**LORD thank you that You have promised to never leave us or forsake us (Joshua 1:5b) whatever life throws at us – good or bad. Please help us to remember this precious promise when we feel scared, alone or worthless. For Your Holy Kingdom is being built in our hearts through Your Holy Spirit for Your glory's sake to show the world Your saving grace, thank you again Amen.**

**Pray** for **Saju Muthalaly's Licensing as Vicar** of St. Mark's today... **Ask the LORD** to be with Saju and help him to be 'strong and courageous' in God's strength alone... to stay close to the LORD and seek His face in all matters.

**Continue to pray** for BREXIT as time is running out for a fair and just agreement for all.

**Pray** for all the organizing, resourcing and equipment that **Jon Friday** will need in his **short-term Mission to India** and that the LORD will show Jon where he needs to be to accomplish what the LORD has planned.

**Pray** for protection, fun and a closer sense of community for **Film Club** next week... **Praise the LORD** that He is reaching out to the wider community of Gillingham and beyond through this club for His Glory's sake.

**Praise** for the "Stress Proof" your life taster session that happened in Church last Sunday and the amazing turn out... **Pray** all those involved will be able to find new ways through the LORD in handling their stress and gain God's rest (Matthew 11:28).

**Pray** for new premises for the **El Campello Christian Community** who has out grown their present location... **Praise the LORD** that this community seeks to be a 'strong and courageous' Christian presence in the LORD in their wider community.

**Pray** for the people of **Zimbabwe** where hope is turning to despair with soldiers on the streets, prices rising constantly, shortages of fuel, bread, flour, cooking oil and cash. Hundreds of innocent people remain in jails and those who have been tortured or raped by soldiers are unable to get justice... **Praise** that the **Mike Campbell Foundation** is still able to offer courses on open-pollinated seed maize and cowpea crops without cost, which is helping to feed desperate families.

**Bring to the LORD** any situation whether in our church family, locally, nationally or internationally that you care about...**Praise** that we can say, "Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of You, 'Seek His face!' Your face, LORD, I will seek." (Psalm 27:7-8)

**Pray** for **Derick Thom's sister-in-law Iris** who has 4 small tumours in her brain and will be receiving more Radiotherapy... **Ask the LORD** to be with her and her family and that she will know His presence, saving grace and peace.

**Pray** for **Lucy Day's sister Wendy** who has had major surgery and severe complications... **Pray** for **Neve Piper** who recently had his operation to replace his left knee... for **Keith Sheepwash** who is to undergo radiotherapy soon... for **Steve Burtrand**... for **Raymond Shergill's Dad** still weak but recovering... for **Melanie & Graham Davis' daughter in law Yung** who had her operation early and awaits results and further treatment... for **Kate Delaney** ... for **Promise Anga**... for **Sheryl Gowan** now doing well on medication... for **Terence Herbert**... for **June Bloor & family**...for **Michael Stacey**... for anyone you know who needs the LORD at this time for whatever reason.

**Please pray for:** Jon Friday short-term Mission to India, Film Club Unity

**Bible readings for February/March 2019**

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	71	2 Chronicles 9.1-12	John 19.1-16
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	73	2 Chronicles 10.1-11.4	John 19.17-30
Weds 27 <sup>th</sup>	77	2 Chronicles 12	John 19.31-end
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	78.1-39	2 Chronicles 13.1-14.1	John 20.1-10
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March	55	2 Chronicles 14.2-end	John 20.11-18
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	76	2 Chronicles 15.1-15	John 20.19-end

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 & Thurs 10.00am-3.00pm, Tues & Weds 10.00am-2.00pm, Fri 10.00am-2.30pm (by appointment only)**