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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Tim & Tricia
Barrow

St. Mark's Event:
ALPHA

27th October 2019

SUNDAY 27th OCTOBER:

Last Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Holy Communion

Theme: A Courageous Soul
Nehemiah 4

Park Bench Conversation – Mayowa: Enthusiastic Praying with celebration

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

There will be **no evening service or Summit**

Other Services:

11.00am: Family Service, St Mary's Island

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:

Tues 29th Oct: 9.00am-noon: Church is open – Please speak to Dammy for details.

ALPHA is at the Old Vicarage from 10am-noon & from 7.00pm-9.30pm at church.

Weds 30th Oct: 9.00am Holy Communion in church

9.45am: Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm: Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 31st Oct: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Foodbank, in Church

1.30pm-3.00pm: Church office will be closed during this time for staff prayer.

7.30pm-9.00pm: Saints Alive at Rochester Cathedral. On this evening, we will be gathering to **Celebrate Faith Across the Nations** with a special emphasis on the persecuted church in various parts of the world. Our very own Rev Saju Muthalaly is the guest speaker.

Fri 1st Nov: 6.15pm-7.30pm: Kidz Klub, Old Vicarage

Sat 2nd Nov: 7.00am-8.00am: Standing in the Gap – praying for families, youth & children's ministries, Old Vicarage

10.00am-noon: Foodbank, in church

2.00pm-4.00pm: Cinema club, in church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 6th Nov: 6.30pm-8.30pm: Peace & Hope, Vicarage Hall

Weds 13th Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm: Dementia Café, Old Vicarage – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson for more details.

Fri 8th Nov: 8.00pm-10.00pm: Open 2 God – a prayer & worship evening, Church

Sat 9th Nov: 8.00pm Putting chairs out & orders of service out in church ready for Remembrance Sunday – Please come and help!

Sun 10th Nov: 10.30am Remembrance Service – Please note that there will not be a creche or refreshments due to space requirements. Help is also required to transport all the chairs back to the Old Vicarage site and put the church back to normal! Speak to Lynn Trebill, or Rob Byrne and Katie Jenkins at the church office if you wish to volunteer.

Sat 16th Nov: 10.00am-6.00pm: Revival Fire – a day of worship & teaching aimed at 18-30 year olds, but open to absolutely everyone. Snacks will be provided.

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER:

4th Sunday before Advent

10.30am: All Age Service



6.30pm Soup Night prayer evening for the rough sleepers – please prayerfully consider if you can be involved to serve, pray or just sit and talk to those who

come in.

Other Services:

11.00am: Holy Communion, St Mary's Island

FAMILY NEWS

If anyone would like to go on the prayer list for Saju's sabbatical please email Rob on opsmanager@stmarksgillingham.org - thank you.

Volunteers are needed between January – March 2020 for the Medway Night Shelter, which is due to run from Monday 6th January – Tuesday 31st March. One session of training is mandatory. Please email Belinda at medwayshelter@gmail.com or check out the website <http://medwayshelter.org> for more details. Thank you.



Please help Foodbank by donating food items as demand is outstripping supply! Find the items needed either on the Foodbank website or Twitter account. There will be a box at the back of the church with a sign saying 'Foodbank Collection Point'. Thank you.



POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"I will keep my eyes always on the LORD. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken." Psalm 16:8 (NIV)

LORD Jesus please help me to keep my eyes firmly on You at all times, so that whatever comes 'I will not be shaken' and will continue on the path You have set me. Thank you for being my advocate in heaven, my wonderful friend and my saviour. Amen

Continue to pray for our government as it makes decisions concerning BREXIT that will affect us all for years to come.

Pray for the family and friends of the 39 victims found dead in a refrigerated lorry trailer in Essex... **Ask the LORD** to help refugees/asylum seekers/migrants who are desperate and feel that it is a matter of life in a new country or face death in their homeland.

Pray for our **Mission Partners, Tim & Tricia Barrow**, especially Tim as he moves from being the sole ENGAGE worker seeking to develop SIM UK's ENGAGE programme to working as a team with Tim McMahon & Neil Parmenter... **Ask the LORD** to strengthen their friendship and help each to encourage & build up the other members of the team.

Pray for all those who are on the **ALPHA** course, especially everyone on the Holy Spirit day 2nd Nov and that this will be a day of celebration, renewal, blessing and peace.

Continue to pray for all those seeking justice like the family and friends of Harry Dunn... *"The LORD*

loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love." (Psalm 33:5)

Pray for the **Soup Night Prayer evening** for the rough sleepers that all resources will be met and the LORD will be glorified.

Pray for **Saints Alive at Rochester Cathedral** and for Rev Saju Muthalaly is the guest speaker.

Pray the **Remembrance Service** next month will glorify the LORD and meet the needs of our community... **Ask the LORD** to provide enough volunteers to put the chairs out and put the church back to normal after the service... **Remember in prayer** all those coming to this service and are hurting in whatever way will feel the LORD's presence, His loving grace and His peace.

Continue to pray for the **Dementia Café** that the LORD will bring all those He wants to come... for His loving encouragement on this new ministry.

Pray for **Michael Stacey**... for **Margaret Howlett**... for **Vera Adams** that she continues to make progress following her fall... for **Derick & Terry Thom** and the whole family especially nieces, nephew & grandchildren... for **Trish Martin**... for **Keith Sheepwash** and **Paul Smith**... 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... *"When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. In God whose word I praise – in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"* (Psalm 56:3-4) **Praise** that the LORD rescues us from our fears, hears our prayers and fills us with His holy peace.

Please pray for: Tim & Tricia Barrow; ALPHA

Bible readings for October/November 2019

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 28 th	116	Isaiah 45.18-end	Luke 6.12-16
Tues 29 th	106	Ezekiel 33.1-20	John 13.12-20
Weds 30 th	110	Ezekiel 33.21-end	John 13.21-20
Thurs 31 st	115	Ezekiel 34.1-16	John 13.31-end
Fri 1 st Nov	15	Isaiah 35.1-9	Luke 9.18-27
Sat 2 nd	111	Jeremiah 31.31-34	2 Corinthians 4.5-12

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 9.15am-1.15pm (by appointment only)