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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham;
Learning Together

Mission Focus: Medway Night
Shelter

St. Mark's Event:
Week of prayer for Christian
Unity

19th January 2020

SUNDAY 19th January 2020:

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am **Service of the Word**

Theme: Devoted to Teaching -
Acts 2:42-47

6.30pm: **Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity** - 1 Corinthians
12:12-27

Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship,**

St Mary's Island

7.00pm: **Summit**, Black Night? Glow Bright, Old
Vicarage

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:

Mon 20th Jan: 7:45pm-10pm: **PCC Meeting**, Old
Vicarage. *If you would like to attend this
meeting please speak to Raymond Shergill,
Helen Towers or Vicky Allen.*

Tues 21st Jan: 9.00am-2.30pm: **Church is open**
- *Please speak to Dammy for details.*

Weds 22nd Jan: 9am: **Holy Communion**
9.45am: **Ladies Group**, Old Vicarage

Weds 22nd Jan: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Dementia
Café**, Old Vicarage - 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the
month. Please see Paul Harris or Pauline Jackson
for more details.

1.15pm: **Parent & Toddlers**, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 23rd Jan: 1.00pm-3.00pm: **Foodbank**, in
Church

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

Fri 24th Jan: 6.15pm-7.30pm: **Kidz Klub**, Old
Vicarage

Sat 25th Jan: 7.00am-8.00am: **Standing in the
Gap** - *praying for families, youth & children's
ministries*, Old Vicarage

10.00am-noon: **Foodbank**, in church

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 1st Feb: 2.00pm-4.00pm: Cinema club, in
church

Sun 2nd Feb: 6.00pm **Fire & Blood Metal
Church @ Tap & Tin, Chatham**

Weds 5th Feb: 6.30pm-8.30pm: **Peace & Hope**,
Vicarage Hall

Sun 31st May: APCM straight after the
morning service in Church

SUNDAY 26th January:

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am: **Holy
Communion** - Theme:
Devoted to Fellowship -
Acts 2:42-47



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

6.30pm: **No Evening Service**

Other Services:

11.00am: **Morning Worship**, St. Mary's Island

7.00pm: **Summit**, Retro video games, Old
Vicarage

FAMILY NEWS

It is with much sadness that we
have learnt of the death of Tricia
Martin on Tuesday morning (14th
January) at the Kent and
Canterbury Hospital.

We extend our sympathy to the
whole family and friends and ask
that you remember them in your
prayers.

Funeral details will follow for those
who would like to attend.

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



"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV UK)

LORD Jesus thank you that as we believe in Your saving grace we are Your servants on earth, yet You call us Your brothers & sisters and Your friends. Please help us to stand out from the world and reflect Your righteous loving standards in the strength of Your Holy Spirit for the delight and joy of God our Father for Your Glory's sake. One God – 3 persons hallelujah praise the LORD! Amen.

Pray for our church leaders that they will be filled with the Holy Spirit of wisdom and grace and able to reach out to our congregation, the wider church and the Medway community... **Ask the LORD** to heal, strengthen and encourage Saju in his prayer walk with our holy God.

Pray for the next stage of BREXIT and all the negotiations that need to be done to bring a fair settlement for all... **Ask the LORD** to be with all those in the NHS where the late decisions are affecting staff numbers, the ability to get prescriptions for much needed drugs and building repairs etc. especially in Northern Ireland.

Pray for our **Mission Partner, Medway Night Shelter...** **Ask the LORD** to bring His healing peace to those who are suffering mental illnesses of whatever kind... **Praise** that "Great is our LORD and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit." (147:5)

Praise for the **Week of prayer for Christian Unity** that happened this week... **Ask the LORD** to bless our service tonight for His glory's sake,

"For the lord takes delight in His people; He crowns the humble with victory. Let His faithful people rejoice in this honour and sing for joy on their beds." (Psalm 149:4-5)

Praise for the adult baptisms that happened recently... **Pray** that each person will come to know Jesus our brother and friend as the rock on which they stand, the refuge to which they are safe and the loving grace to which they are saved more deeply, so that they can stand out from the world and reflect His loving standards in their lives.

Continue to pray for the bushfires which are burning out of control and have devastated large areas of Australia... **Ask the LORD** to be with everyone affected... to heal the land, the people and the wildlife... for those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods... for wisdom in dealing with this crisis and for much more rain.

Pray for justice for the victims and their families of the passenger plane that Iran shot down by mistake and the arrest of the person who filmed the footage which told the world what really happened.

Pray for the family and friends of **Tricia Martin**. **Pray** for **Derick Thom...** for **Gay Gower...** for **Michael Stacey...** for **Paul Smith...** and **Keith Sheepwash...** 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 is the LORD our God; His judgements are in all the earth." (1 Chronicles 16:14)

/// **Please pray for:** Medway Night Shelter; Week of prayer for Christian Unity ///

Bible readings for January 2020

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 20 th	146	Genesis 6.11-7.10	Matthew 24.1-14
Tues 21 st	132	Genesis 7.11-end	Matthew 24.15-28
Weds 22 nd	81	Genesis 8.1-14	Matthew 24.29-end
Thurs 23 rd	76	Genesis 8.15-9.7	Matthew 25.1-13
Fri 24 th	27	Genesis 9.8-19	Matthew 25.14-30
Sat 25 th	66	Ezekiel 3.22-end	Philippians 3.1-14

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)