

MARKtime

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

Living for Jesus; Loving Gillingham; Learning Together

Christ the King – 1st before Advent

This morning Ian Graves will be collectina donations of male toiletries i.e. shampoo, toothpaste etc. on behalf of The Mission to Seafarers. Thank you.





10.30am: Holy Communion -Worshipping Focusses Our **Wavering Hearts**

Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

5.30pm-7.00pm: **Church in** the Pub - come down for an evening of discussion & conversations at the King

George V Pub, 1 Prospect Row, Brompton,

Other Services & Events: 11.00am Family Service, St. Mary's Island

7.30pm-9.15pm: Landmark

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:

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

The Church Office will be open for reduced hours this week owing to staff annual leave.

Weds 29th Nov: 9.00am Holy Communion, Church

9.45am Ladies Group, Old Vicarage

1.15pm Parent & Toddlers, Vicarage Hall

6.30pm Faith & Light, Vicarage Hall

Thurs 30th Nov: 1.00pm-3.00pm Foodbank, Church

Fri 1st Dec: 6.15pm Kidz Klub (for ages 7-11 years), Old Vicarage

6.00pm-midnight: Prayer Vigil. Come and join with Christians from other churches to pray for our community and world as we host this evening of prayer in church. Come for as long or short a time as you can.

Sat 2nd Dec: 10.00am-12.00noon Foodbank, Church

Small Groups/Home Groups meet in various locations at different times throughout the week. Please contact Pauline in the Church Office if you would like to know more about being in a midweek group.

Mission Focus November & December: Carri MacFarlane & All **Mission Partners**

St. Mark's Event for November & **December:** Remembrance Service & The Christmas Services

26th November 2017



NEXT SUNDAY 3rd December

<u>10.30am:</u> Service – `Ma room for Jesu	-	Age makes
Reading: Luke	1:2	6-38
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 9th Dec: 10.30am-12.00noon Faith & Light Juniors, Vicarage Hall

Sat 16th Dec: 11.00am-1.00pm Faith & Light Christmas Party, Vicarage Hall

Sun 17th Dec: 10.20am SOS Christmas Party, Vicarage Hall.

3.00pm Empty Chair Service - for anyone missing a loved one at Christmas in Church

6.30pm Carol Service – 9 Lessons and Carols in Church

Weds 20th Dec: 2.00pm-3.00pm Carer's Carol Service in Church



<u>Sat 23rd Dec</u>: 4.00pm-5.30pm SPLAT! Christingle - for one night only! Helpers needed to: make cakes, help with prepared craft activities,

chat to families and moving the chairs back afterwards. Speak to Shane, Jo or Martha. please, to make this happen! Donations needed of clean glass jars without labels.

Sun 24th Dec: 5.30pm Carols in the Pub, King George V, 1 Prospect Row, Brompton, Gillingham

FAMILY NEWS



Congratulations to Megan and Helder on the safe delivery of their baby boy Leonardo Antonio, 9lbs, on Monday 20th November.

Shanti Babwah would like to thank everyone for their recent prayers. She is very much better and just waiting for a follow-up appointment.

Steve & Lynn Trebill and Margaret Green would like to say a big thank you to everyone who took part, helped in anyway before, during and after the Remembrance Service on the 12th November. _._....



Medway Winter Night Shelter will be open January – March 2018, please see notice board for more details.

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

"Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in." (Psalm 24:7 NIV)

Thank you LORD that in You we are all set free from sin, fear and worry. Please help us to open the gates to our hearts, so that Your glory may come in and transform us bit by bit. Amen.

Pray for everyone who attended the **Remembrance Service** on the 12th November young and old alike will know the power of the risen LORD and allow Him through the doors of their hearts... **Praise** that the LORD says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." (Revelation 3:20 NIVUK)

Praise for the answers to prayer concerning **Zimbabwe**... **Pray** that the new **President Emmerson Mnangagwa** will fulfil his promises of a unified, equal, just and democratic society... **pray** for **Ben Freeth** at this time.

Pray for the many meetings involved with **Brexit** and for all the changes that this will bring... **pray** for the **Prime Minister and the government** as they seek a fair and just agreement for the UK and Europe.

Pray for all those who work/volunteer on behalf of **The Mission to Seafarers**, that the LORD will protect, encourage and guide them in this important work... **Praise** for all those who have heard, listened and welcomed Jesus into their lives.

Pray for **Terry & Jo Whittake**r as the **Reach at Gillingham Pier** mission starts to take shape... that they will clearly hear what the LORD wants to do... have the resources to achieve it, be willing and able to bring the Good News of Jesus to these doors... **Praise** that we can all say, "*My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."* (*Psalm 121:2*) **Praise** for our Mission Partner, **Carri MacFarlane** and all the work she is doing with young girls' education that gives them and their families' better incomes and lives... **Pray** for protection, encouragement and finance.

Pray for our Mission Partner, **Katy Barnwell** who is in Nigeria with the Khohumono team, a language related to Mbembe, checking the last part of Matthew and hopefully chapters of 1 Corinthians. She writes, "*They now have more than half of the New Testament at an advanced stage and are very keen to finish.*" **Praise the LORD!**

Praise for the successful week **at Brompton Academy's Reflective (Prayer) Space** event when Saju, Shane, Chris, Amanda, Lorraine, Jo, Terry and Simon were able to interact with students each day.

Pray for **Tina Piper** who is in Medway Maritime Hospital with serious breathing problems, her husband **Nev and family** as they also cope with the recent death of **Valerie Whitmore**.

Pray for **Rob Byles** following further surgery on his leg... for physical healing and the mental ability to cope with this lengthy process and the uncertainty of a successful outcome.

Pray for **Sarah** waiting to be sectioned to an acute mental health unit... **Praise** that she finally let nurses communicate with **Lucy** and that they are back in contact.

Pray for the family, friends and neighbours of **Valerie Whitmore** (Bridge Baptist Church) who sadly died on the 20th November... for **Katy Muthalaly's mum Linda**... **Keith Sheepwash**... for **Michael Stacey** for quicker post-operative healing... and many others known to us who need God's comfort and healing touch...

Pray for Our Mission Partner For November & December: Carri MacFarlane & All Mission Partners... Please pray our St. Mark's Group/Event: Remembrance Service & the Christmas Services.

Bible readings for November/December 2017			
Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 27 th	96	Isaiah 14.3-20	Matthew 9.18-34
Tues 28 th	97	Isaiah 17	Matthew 9.35-10.15
Weds 29 th	112	Isaiah 19	Matthew 10.16-33
Thurs 30 th	147	Ezekiel 47.1-12	John 12.20-32
Fri 1 st Dec	139	Isaiah 22.1-14	Matthew 11.2-19
Sat 2 nd	145	Isaiah 24	Matthew 11.20-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 at the back of church, near the sound desk (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!