

MARKtime

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The Weekly News-sheet for St. Mark's Church, Gillingham
with St. Mary's Island Church (a Local Ecumenical Partnership)

A Mission Shaped Church

Connecting people with Jesus

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
Amen

Today's Services

Mothering Sunday

10.30 am: All Age Family Worship

Reflection: Sarah Ryan

Reading: Isaiah 49: 14-16

Theme: 'Forgotten?'

6.30 pm: Holy Communion

Reflection: Canon Ernie Mann

Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-8

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Theme: 'A Living Hope'

Other services today: 11.00 am - Holy Communion at St Mary's Island Church

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S

If you are new to St. Mark's we hope that you enjoy your time of worship here with us today and that you will want to come back again next week. Please pick up a Welcome Leaflet from the back of the church which has information about all the regular activities.

*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 from 10.20 am. All children (except the under 5's) are escorted back down to Church at the end of the morning. Children in the Scramblers group (2 -5 years) will need to be collected. There is usually a crèche for babies in the Church Vestry during the morning service.*

What's on this week at St. Mark's

Monday 3rd	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 pm - 9.15pm - Landmark at the Old Vicarage <i>'art of connecting 6'</i>
Tuesday 4th	7.45 pm - United Prayer and Praise at Salem
Wednesday 5th	9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church 10.00 am - Ladies Group at the old Vicarage <i>'David: Faith that Worships'</i> 1.15pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group in Vicarage Hall 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light in Vicarage Hall
Thursday 6th	7.30 pm - Parent and Toddler 'Mum's Meal' in the Old Vicarage
Friday 7th	2.00 pm - Women's World Day of Prayer - at Holy Trinity, Twydall 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Club for children 7-11 years at the Old Vicarage
Next Sunday 9th March	10.30 am - Holy Communion 3.00 pm - 7.30 pm - Hope Revolution in Church (11-18s) 6.30 pm - United Service at Green Street

Monday - Friday during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup

Dates for your diary.....

Saturday 8th March - Family Fun Day at Rochester Cathedral - see opposite

Monday 17th March - PCC meeting at the Old Vicarage

Saturday May 10th - Pub Quiz at Palm Cottage

CHRISTIANITY
EXPLORED

Starts Wednesday 16th April

7.30 pm at the Old Vicarage

A ten week basic Christian discipleship course - ideal for anyone who is new to church. Please speak to John or Robin if you would like to take part or be involved

Saturday 8th March 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Rochester Cathedral



Family Fun Day

Celebrating the life and work of Bishop Gundulph

900 years on!

Activities and events include:

Brass rubbing

Angel Space

Make a Mitre

Design a stained glass window

Create a Heraldic Shield

Family Trail

The Monastic Experience

Puppets

Bishop Gundulph Novices

Bring a packed lunch and enjoy a free fun filled day

The day will conclude at 3.15 with Festal Evensong -

Preacher the Abbot of Bec

Hope Revolution

*How will the young people of Medway
lead a revolution?*

Come and dream and be inspired!

SUNDAY 9th MARCH

Doors open at 2.30 pm

3.00 pm start (food @ 5.00pm)

Finishes 7.30 pm

In St. Mark's Church, Gillingham

*For all 11-18 year
olds*

*A mixture of
teaching, fun, food
and worship*

HOPE
in our villages, towns & cities

BIBLE READINGS for - March

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon. 3rd	Ps. 77	Exod. 2: 11-25	Heb. 9: 1-14
Tue. 4th	Ps. 79	Exod. 3: 1-end	Heb. 9: 15-end
Wed. 5th	Ps. 90	Exod. 4: 1-end	Heb. 10: 1-18
Thu. 6th	Ps. 86	Exod. 5: 1-end	Heb. 10:19-25
Fri. 7th	Ps. 88	Exod. 6: 1-30	Heb. 10: 26-end
Sat. 8th	Ps. 97	Exod. 7: 1-end	Heb. 11: 1-16

Points for Praise and Prayer

- We continue to remember in our prayers those members of our congregation who are not well. Des Dickinson has gone to Darland House which is a relief for his wife Celia and the family. Pray that he may settle in quickly and be at peace with himself. Doreen Bodkin has had a short spell in hospital but is due to return home this week sometime. Chris and Jaqui Green ask for prayer over Chris's continued health problems.
- In May this year, "Care for the Family" will be hosting at St. Mark's a day conference to do with all aspects of family life, relationships, bringing up children, etc. As we prepare for this Christian initiative we remember especially young families here at St. Mark's with the different pressures that they face in modern life. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in your prayers for one another.
- Our Mission Prayer Partners this month are Richard and Caroline Davey - they work with WEC (World Evangelization Crusade) at Bulstrode in Hertfordshire where until recently they were the Candidate Directors. Richard now has responsibility for the Finance Dept.
- Last but by no means least pray for all of us St. Mark's and the build up to our Easter Programme. For our Young People under the guidance of Sarah Ryan and her team, Homegroup leaders, Playgroup, the Island Church and School and the many other groups that are part of our Church family.

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