

St. Mark's Church



Notice Sheet for Sunday 3rd February 2019



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StMarksBarrow

A **warm welcome** to you if you are a visitor to St. Mark's today.
We hope you will enjoy worshipping with us and will come again.
Please introduce yourself to church members or to the clergy.
We invite you to stay for a cuppa in the Foyer after morning service.

Today	10.10	Prayer for St. Mark's, <i>all welcome</i>	Vestry
	10.30	Ark Club, 4-10yrs	Lower Room
	10.30	Holy Communion	
	6.30	Sunday Night Live <i>note earlier start time this month!</i>	Costa Cafe
Mon	9.30	Monday Prayer Group	Vestry
	1.00	Making Marks	Lower Room
	5.30	Brownies	Vestry Hall
Tue	9.15	Barrow Mission Community Prayer Meeting	Ramsden Street URC
	1.45	Funeral: Jose Bennett <i>the family have requested that we don't wear black to Jose's funeral</i>	Church
	4.00	Rock Solid, <i>from school yr 6</i>	Lower Room
Thur	1.00	LIGHT	Lower Room
Sat	10.30	Barrow Network Youth Church Prayer Day	<i>see over for details</i>
Sun	10.10	Prayer for St. Mark's, <i>all welcome</i>	Vestry
	10.30	Family Service	
	6.30	Holy Communion	

Early Morning Prayer - 7.00 - 8.00am

St. Mark's Church, *in the Vestry*: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Emmanuel Community Church: Saturday

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CUMBRIA
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LEARNING

Growing disciples for mission

Healing Encounters *with the God who speaks*

Saturday 2nd March,
10.00am-1.00pm
Rampside Village Hall.

God is eager to communicate with us and bring us healing. During the day you will explore some of the ways in which He speaks to us through music, art, nature, people and scripture. You will look at the role of words of knowledge and prophecy, and the place of silence and solitude. You will also have opportunity to hear God for yourselves and for others.

Led by Liz Currie and Elaine Bates the cost is £5.00 including refreshments. To book your place contact Liz at busylizzy9@btinternet.com or tel. 835772/ 07473 36619.

Barrow Network Youth Church

New prayer diaries are now available. Please get a copy from the book stand at the back of Church and pray for this vital work.



On Saturday 9th February there will be a Prayer Day for Barrow Network Youth Church St. Paul's Church. Come for any length of time you can between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

NETWORK
YOUTH CHURCH
BARROW IN FURNESS

The Children's Society

I would like to thank everyone for their support over the years that I have been box collector for the Children's Society.

Thank you to Joan Wright who will be taking over from me, anyone who needs to contact Joan.

Sandra Hill

Latest newsletter of Doug and Jackie Marshall, our CMS missionaries in Malta can be found by following a link on the Church home page. If you do not have access to the internet, Hazel has some printed copies.

Prodigal God - Lent Course

You can join our Lent Course during either the afternoon or evening session beginning **Tuesday 5th March, 1.30 - 3.00pm** or **Wednesday 6th March, 7.30 - 9.00pm**, it will run for six weeks and follow the **Prodigal God** material by Tim Keller. There is a cost of £5.00 for the book but please don't let the cost stop you from taking part. There is a sign up list at the back of Church to give us an an idea of how many books to order.

Prodigal God

Two sons

One kept the rules religiously. One broke them all. One father loved them both beyond anything they could ever imagine.

The **Prodigal God** is a dramatic teaching film, sermon series and six week group study based on Jesus best known and least understood parable: The Parable of the Prodigal Son. This teaching resource dramatically illustrates Timothy Keller's core message: that the gospel is neither religion nor irreligion, neither morality nor immorality, but something else entirely.

One Table

Not just any table, but the Father's table, where a lavish extravagant feast of forgiveness and mercy is offered to everyone.

Many to Welcome Home

Both the *'younger brothers'* and the *'elder brothers'* in our community will realise that the only way home, the only way to finding a place at the table, is to recognise and accept the lavish, reckless, and abundant love of the prodigal God.

Malachi

From the 17th February will be working our way through the book of Malachi. It is only 4 chapters long but hard hitting but also reassuring us of God's covenant love for his people. It be great if you could read through it at least once by possibly each whilst we work our way through it.

Message

The great reality of the book is the declaration of God's electing, faithful, constant, covenant love for his people, his treasured possession (1:2; 3:17). The first great tragedy of the book is that the response of the people is so weak: they do not know that God loves them, they despise God's name, offer defiled sacrifices, break marriage covenants, weary God with their words, rob God and say harsh words against him.

The second and consequent tragedy of the book is the gulf between what the Lord says and what the people say "*I have loved you*," says the Lord But you ask, "*How have you loved us*" (1:2) is typical of this gap. The message of Malachi is the Lord's invitation to his people to know his love and so respond appropriately.

Structure

- a. I have loved you (1:1-5)
- b. You despise my name (1:6-14)
- c. I will curse you priests (2:1-9)
- d. I hate divorce (2:10-16)
- e. You have wearied the Lord with your words (2:17-3:5)
- f. You have robbed God (3:6-12)
- g. You have spoken harsh things against me (3:13-15)
- h. They will be mine (3:16-18)
- i. The day is coming (4:1-6)

This is what the Lord was doing through Malachi in this book, as he assured his people of his great love for them: 'I have loved you' we need to keep this emphasis in mind as we through what could otherwise be a harsh book.