



MARKtime

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

To please God. Teach his word. Serve others
and Connect people with Jesus

22 January 2012

Mission Focus for January – Lucy Wheatley

Epiphany 1 the Baptism of Christ

10.30am: Holy Communion, followed by
farewell lunch for Glenn and Irene

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Theme: 'How do we interpret this?' 'Headship'

6.30pm: Prayer Stations in church

Other Services Today:

11.00am St. Mary's Island – Family Service Café
Style

3.00pm United Service at St Augustine's

Monday–Friday during term time

9.15am–12.15pm, **Playgroup**, Vic. Hall

Next Sunday: 29th January

10.30am Service of the Word

6.30pm Holy Communion

Other Services:

11.00am St. Mary's Island – Morning Worship –
'Mission Shaped Church'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Mon 30th January: 10.15am-12.00noon CAP
Money Management Course, Coffee shop.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK:

Mon 23rd Jan: 10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Shop
in church

10.15am **CAP Money Management Course**, in
church

7.30pm-9.15pm Landmark, Old Vic

8.00pm **Mission Support Group (MSG)**, Old
Vic

Tues 24th Jan: 2.00pm-4.00pm Craft Afternoon
'Bring your craft and share knowledge in great
company', Old Vic

Wed 25th Jan: 9.00am Communion in Church

10.00am Ladies Group, 'Suffering', Old Vic

1.15pm-2.45pm Parent & Toddler Group, Vic
Hall

7.00pm-9.00pm Faith & Light, Vic Hall

Thurs 26th Jan: 9.30am-10.30am Church is
open for prayer.

7.15pm for food – 8.00pm The Recovery Course,
Old Vic

8.00pm Medway Hospital volunteers Meeting
with Steve Spencer, Hospital Chaplain. We are
looking at how we can support Steve in his
ministry at the hospital. If you are interested,
please come along, no commitment at this point.
Please see Terry Whittaker for more information.

Fri 27th Jan: 6.15pm-7.30pm **Kidz Klub** (for 7-
11's), Old Vic

Tues 7th Feb: 7.30pm Medway
Foodbank volunteers meeting,
Old Vic – for more information or
to confirm attendance contact
Wim Mauritz or just turn up.



FAMILY NEWS:



If anyone would like to join
Peter and Michele Guinness in
going to St. Peter's Fulham on
the train and underground on
Sat 4th Feb to see Abby in **The
God Particle**, a new romantic
comedy about science and
religion by James Carey, please

let them know. Tickets are £8.00 & £6.00
concessions if booked online at

www.nicelythankyou.com – James Cary is co-writer
of hit BBC sitcom **Miranda**, as well as co-writing
Another Case of Milton Jones (Radio 4).

Baptism by immersion

*If you have not been baptised, we would
encourage you to affirm publicly your
commitment to follow Jesus Christ by baptism.
This can be done in one of our services by
pouring water, or by immersion. We are
planning to have baptism by immersion on Sun
13th May.*

*If anyone wishes to discuss being baptised
please contact Peter Guinness, or any member
of Staff, Joe Watts, Lynne Martin, Sarah Ryan or
one of our Pastoral Assistants: Keith Sheepwash
& Jane Wood, or Readers: John Beck & Graham
Davis to have an initial discussion.*

Small Groups meet in various locations at
different times throughout the week – please see
Gary or Chris Atkins if you would like to be involved.

You will also need to attend two preparation sessions on Sunday 15th April and Sunday 29th April, 4.00pm-5.15pm. This is a great opportunity to firm up your commitment to Jesus Christ.

Peter Guinness

Please speak to Graham Davis if you are interested in volunteering to attend a monthly service at Charing House Residential and Nursing Home. We have been invited by Charing House to establish this service so it is important that we make the most of the opportunity to minister to the residents.

Give Lynne Martin your email address or contact details if you wish to contribute to or receive the weekly Prayer & Praise church email.

POINTS FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER



Lord Jesus Christ, give us a vision of your kingdom and show us the part you would have us play in bringing it closer. Help us to strive each day towards that goal, for your name's sake. Amen.

Give thanks for the great way that the E100 Bible Reading Challenge has been taken up by churches during 2011. Praise the Lord for the many who have gained a fresh understanding of the Bible, and pray that churches will be able to build on this momentum to bring fresh inspiration for the regular reading of God's word.

Nepal's striking geography is known the world over, but its fragile political, economic and climatic conditions leave little to be desired. More than half the population live on less than 80p a day, and indigenous groups like the

Chepang are amongst the most marginalised. 93% are Hindus or Buddhists, so pray for the few hundreds of Christians who form the Nepal Fellowships.

Praying for the persecuted Christians in the Maldives: The nation observes strict Sharia Islamic law, and the government requires all citizens to be Muslim. Pray for the small minority of Christians who live with the knowledge of a ban on any form of propagation, display or expression of any other religion but Islam.

Pray for Robbie, Bridget and their little son Zak, whose baptism was postponed last Sunday due to his hospitalisation. Continue to remember Trevor Dyer and Edward (Ted) Elston who are both in recovery mode.

Please also pray for Lesley Boast who is having surgery (for gall bladder removal) on 24th January.

Pray for Glenn and Irene as they make final preparations for their move to the Isle of Grain, where they will soon commence ministry in the parish of Grain with Stoke.

Praise the Lord for the wonderful flower arrangements that make St Mark's a welcoming place to worship Him. Thank the Lord for the Flower Arrangers Team and ask Him to bless and encourage them. Ask the Lord for more volunteers for this important ministry.

Pray for our mission partner for the month of January: Lucy Wheatley of 'Word on the Street'. Please refer to the Missions Board for the latest info.

Bible readings for January

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 23 rd	108	Genesis 11:27-12:9	Matthew 26:1-16
Tues 24 th	36	Genesis 13:2-end	Matthew 26:17-35
Wed 25 th	66	Ezekiel 3:22-end	Philippians 3:1-14
Thurs 26 th	47	Genesis 15	Matthew 26:47-56
Fri 27 th	65	Genesis 16	Matthew 26:57-end
Sat 28 th	68	Genesis 17:1-22	Matthew 27:1-10

We would love to get to know you. Please help us by filling in your details and returning this section to the church office. Thank you.

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Age Group: Under 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 20 - 30 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 - 45 <input type="checkbox"/> 45 - 60 <input type="checkbox"/> 60+ <input type="checkbox"/>	Student: U'Grad <input type="checkbox"/> P'Grad <input type="checkbox"/> M/F <input type="checkbox"/> 19-Jan-12