

MARKtime

11 November 2007

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

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Today's Services

Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am: Remembrance Service

Reflection: Canon John Saunders

Reading: Matthew 6: 5-14

6.30 pm: Evening Worship

Reflection: Graham Davis

Readings: Zechariah 14: 1-9
Matthew 13: 24-30 & 36-43

Theme: 'The Kingdom'

Other services today: **10.30 am** - Esmonde House Brompton and Mountevans House

11.00 am - Morning Service at St Mary's Island Church

4.30 pm - Holy Communion at St. Mark's House

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 of 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. The 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 12th	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 pm - 9.30pm - Landmark at the Old Vicarage 'Awesome' 8.00 pm - MTG Meeting at St. Mark's Vicarage
Tuesday 13th	8.00 pm - Home groups
Wednesday 14th	9.00 am - Holy Communion 10.00 am - Ladies Group at the Old Vicarage 'Wholeheartedness in a world that can't be bothered' 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler group in Vicarage Hall 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm - ALPHA course at the Old Vicarage - see opposite
Friday 16th	10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group at the Old Vicarage 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Club for children 7 - 11 years at the Old Vicarage 8.00 pm - Choir Practise in Church
Saturday 17th	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm - SNUG - from Year 6, at the Old Vicarage
Next Sunday 18th Nov	10.30 am - Morning Worship 6.30 pm - Informal Youth Service

HOME GROUPS this term are following a title called **Distinctives** by Vaughan Roberts, of St. Ebbs Church, Oxford. Discussion questions are being published regularly in *Marktime* and will be preceded by a sermon series of the same title on Sunday mornings at St. Mark's. The course is published by Authentic, £5.99.

Dates for your diary.....

Friday 16th November - 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm - PRAYER FOR MEDWAY at the Vines Church in Rochester

Monday 19th November - 7.45 pm for 8.00pm - PCC meeting at the Old Vicarage

.....and as part of Global Poverty Prayer Week....

Monday 19th November - 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm - at the Old Vicarage - 'Dead Leaves'

Thursday 22nd November - 10.30 am - 11.30 am - at Salem Church - 'Paper Money'

Friday 23rd November - 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm - Youth Prayer Event - 'Jenga & Chocolate' at Salem Church

Sunday 25th November - 10.30 am - Tearfund Service & 6.30 pm Prayer Service at St. Mark's

There is a new selection of books for purchase on the Church Bookstall



The ALPHA Course.....

Wednesday evenings at The Old Vicarage

7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

This week's session asks
How do I resist evil?

You are welcome to come along to any session to recap
Please let John or Robin know that you will be there

**Thank you to those who have volunteered to help
with St. Mark's Playgroup snack bar. Help is
needed for just two mornings now, thank you**

Please speak to Julie on 07807 577836



*On Saturday September 8th 2007,
members of St Mark's Church took part
in the Friends of Kent Churches
Sponsored Walk and Cycle Ride.*

*The total generated, including Gift Aid, amounted to **£2,016.43**.
£1,644.21 was raised of which half, **£822.11**, will come back to St. Mark's.*

*Well done to everyone who walked or cycled, sponsored or supported the event and a big
thank you to Robin for organising it!*



SEAFARERS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Would you help by making a donation
of toiletries, i.e. toothpaste, soap,
shampoo, shower gel. Or knitwear,
such as hats, scarves, gloves etc. to go
in a Christmas gift for seafarers visiting
Medway and Thames ports during
December?

For further information please see
Ian and Sheelagh

Global Poverty Prayer Week

*'Do not have your concert first then tune
your instruments afterwards. Begin with
prayer and first of all get into harmony with
Him'*

James Hudson Taylor

In response to this challenge St. Mark's
is joining with folks from Salem Church
to pray around five of the many areas in
which TEARFUND works: HIV, climate
change, disaster response, water and
sanitation and trade injustice.

See diary opposite for details

Camping and Caravanning Week 2008, 24th - 31st May more next week

BIBLE READINGS for - Nov

<i>Day</i>	<i>Psalms</i>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>New Testament</i>
<i>Mon 12th</i>	<i>Ps. 20</i>	<i>Isa. 5: 8-24</i>	<i>Matt. 4: 23-5:12</i>
<i>Tue 13th</i>	<i>Ps. 21</i>	<i>Isa. 5: 25-end</i>	<i>Matt. 5: 13-20</i>
<i>Wed 14th</i>	<i>Ps. 23</i>	<i>Isa. 6: 1-end</i>	<i>Matt. 5: 21-37</i>
<i>Thus 15th</i>	<i>Ps. 26</i>	<i>Isa. 7: 1-17</i>	<i>Matt. 5: 38-end</i>
<i>Fri 16th</i>	<i>Ps. 32</i>	<i>Isa. 8: 1-15</i>	<i>Matt. 6: 1-18</i>
<i>Sat 17th</i>	<i>Ps. 33</i>	<i>Isa. 8: 16-9:7</i>	<i>Matt. 6: 19-end</i>

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Today being Remembrance Sunday we especially give thanks to God for the men and women who over the years have lived and died in the service of others. We give thanks to God for our Armed Forces and pray for their safety and well being even today.
- We pray too for men and women caught up in the conflict in the Falkland Islands twenty five years ago and who still suffer today.
- St. Margaret's Church in the village of Horsmonden have been holding a Mission this past week. Amazing things have been happening. Please continue to remember them in your prayers as they follow up the various groups in the village.
- Clair Coleman has emailed us from New Zealand saying she is having a fantastic time converting the Kiwis and enjoying the beaches etc. Remember too in prayer Laura Tozer who is in Uruguay, in South America, studying Spanish.
- An advert goes into the CEN on Friday for an Associate Vicar here at St. Mark's who will live in the Garden House. Please pray that the right person will apply for the job.
- Ofsted Inspectors are due to visit St. Mary's Island School on Wednesday and Thursday 14th and 15th November. Please pray for a successful outcome.
- We remember in our prayers those who are not well namely, Des and Celia, Rose, Joyce Martin, Peter Townsend and Dorothy Brundle. Please continue to pray for Matthew Jackson, Pauline's son, this week and others known to us.
- Judith has safely arrived in China with the family and has phoned to say that all is well. Thank you for your prayers.
- This month we remember our Mission Partners Malcolm and Abby Smith, Malcolm is the director of Gillingham Youth for Christ. Please pray for the staff team and supporters. We offer our congratulations to Ben and Zoe on the birth of Emily Rachel last Monday, Ben is the Senior Youth Worker at GYFC. Please see the Mission Board for details about GYFC.

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If you would like a visit from one of the staff please phone to make an appointment

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