

MARKtime 18 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

Heavenly Father, whose Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil and to make
us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious
kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Today's Services

2nd Sunday before Advent

10.30 am: Morning Worship

6.30 pm: Informal Service

Reflection: Kerry McMorris & Graham Davis

Reflection: Young People

Readings: Genesis 2: 18 - end

Readings: Psalms 139, 93 & 57

! Thessalonians 4: 1-12

Theme: 'Purity in a world obsessed with sex'

Theme: 'Connecting with God'

Other services today: **11.00 am** - Morning Service with Baptism at St Mary's Island Church
and **6.30 pm** - Service of Prayer and Praise

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 19th	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 pm - 9.30pm - Landmark at the Old Vicarage 'Awesome' 7.45 for 8.00 pm - PCC meeting at the Old Vicarage
Tuesday 20th	8 .00 pm - Home groups
Wednesday 21st	9.00 am - Holy Communion 10.00 am - Ladies Group at the Old Vicarage 'Purity in a world obsessed with sex' 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler group in Vicarage Hall 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light in Vicarage Hall 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm - ALPHA course at the Old Vicarage - see opposite
Friday 23rd	6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Club for children 7 - 11 years at the Old Vicarage 8.00 pm - Choir Practise in Church
Saturday 24th	7.30 pm - 9.30 pm - Pathfinder Social at the Old Vicarage
Next Sunday 25th Nov	10.30 am - Holy Communion 6.30 pm - Prayer Evening

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.

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

further dates for your diary.....

Sunday 2nd December - Advent Sunday - All Age Family Worship
Tuesday 4th December - Prayer and Praise
Sunday 16th December - Carol Service

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
Does God heal today?

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 2 mornings now, thank you**



Please speak to Julie on 07807 577836



Camping and Caravanning Week 2008

May Bank Holiday 24th - 31st May

This year we are planning a week at St. Neots
Camping and Caravan Club site,
a superb site on the banks of the River Ouse.

Booking forms are available from Vince on
Medway 305587 or from the Church office.

Please complete and return to Vince by Christmas. Thank you



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

Thank you on behalf of the seafarers.

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

BIBLE READINGS for - November

<i>Day</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>New Testament</i>
<i>Mon 19th</i>	<i>Ps. 47</i>	<i>Isa. 9:9-10:4</i>	<i>Matt. 7: 1-12</i>
<i>Tue 20th</i>	<i>Ps. 52</i>	<i>Isa. 10: 5-19</i>	<i>Matt. 7: 13-end</i>
<i>Wed 21st</i>	<i>Ps. 56</i>	<i>Isa. 10: 20-32</i>	<i>Matt. 8: 1-13</i>
<i>Thus 22nd</i>	<i>Ps. 62</i>	<i>Isa. 10:33-11:9</i>	<i>Matt. 8: 14-22</i>
<i>Fri 23rd</i>	<i>Ps. 63</i>	<i>Isa. 11:10-Ch12</i>	<i>Matt. 8: 23-end</i>
<i>Sat 24th</i>	<i>Ps. 76</i>	<i>Isa. 13: 1-13</i>	<i>Matt: 9: 1-17</i>

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Today we give thanks to God for the launch of the OM ship LOGOS HOPE as she sails from her refit in Croatia to Kiel in Germany. She will meet up with LOGOS 2 where the crew will be transferred to the new ship for the final stage of preparation. It is hoped that LOGOS HOPE will visit the UK in the autumn of '08.
- We also give thanks today for a successful outcome to the Ofsted Inspection last week on St. Mary's Island School. Well done to staff and pupils. Watch this space.
- An advert has gone into the CEN this week 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.
- As you can see the church building has been broken into this past week, this follows various other burglaries. Please pray for safety.
- 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 this week for Matthew Jackson, Pauline's son, and others known to us.
- Judith returns from China on Tuesday with daughter Rebecca, please pray for a safe flight. Thank you for your prayers.
- The funeral of Connie Wyatt will take place at 11am on Monday 26th Nov. at the Medway Crem. Connie was a faithful member of the Brompton Church and know to many of us here at St. Mark's.
- This month we remember our mission partners Malcolm and Abby Smith. Malcolm is the director of Gillingham Youth for Christ. Pray for the staff team and supporters and unite with them in prayer for a secretary to the Executive Committee. Please see the Mission Board for further details of their ministry.

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