

MARKtime 25 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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

Today's Services

Christ the King

10.30 am: Holy Communion

6.30 pm: Prayer Service

Reflection: Ian Roberts from Tearfund

Reflection: Wendy and Graham

Reading: Micah 6: 1- 8

Readings: Luke 18: 1-8
Romans 8: 26, 27

Theme: 'Global Poverty Prayer Week'

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Other services today: 11.00 am - Family Service 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 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 26th	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 pm - 9.30pm - Landmark at the Old Vicarage 'Reel Questions'
Tuesday 27th	8.00 pm - Home groups
Wednesday 28th	9.00 am - Holy Communion 10.00 am - Ladies Group at the Old Vicarage 'Advent' 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 30th	6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Club for children 7 - 11 years at the Old Vicarage 8.00 pm - Choir Practise in Church
Next Sunday 2nd Dec	10.30 am - All Age Family Worship 6.30 pm - Quiet Service of Holy Communion

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.....

Sunday 2nd December - Advent Sunday - All Age Family Worship and Baptism

Tuesday 4th December - Prayer and Praise at Salem Church

Wednesday 5th December - ALPHA - end of course celebration

Sunday 16th December - Service of Carols and Readings

Sunday 23rd December - Bethlehem Christmas Party and Christingle

If you wish to make a donation to Tearfund please use the envelope provided at the back of the church

Wanted - ladies bicycle
In good working order - please speak to Pam



Alpha

The ALPHA Course.....

Wednesday evenings at The Old Vicarage

7.30 pm - 9.30 pm

This week's session asks

**Why and how should I read
the bible?**

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

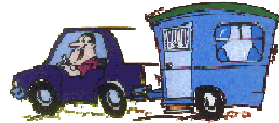


Camping and Caravanning Week 2008

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.



Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International (UK & Ireland)
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BISHOP MICHAEL NAZIR-ALI

is the
Special Christmas Dinner Speaker

on
Thursday 13th December 2007 at 7.45 pm

at
The King Charles Hotel

Brompton Road, Gillingham, ME7 5QT

Reservations to Colin ASAP on 01634 377965 Cost £12.50

**Volunteers are still
needed
for 2 mornings a
week
to help with
St. Mark's Playgroup
snack bar**



**Please speak to Julie
on 07807 577836**

BIBLE READINGS for - November

<i>Day</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>New Testament</i>
<i>Mon 26th</i>	<i>Ps. 96</i>	<i>Isa. 14: 3-20</i>	<i>Matt. 9: 18-34</i>
<i>Tue 27th</i>	<i>Ps. 97</i>	<i>Isa. 17: 1-end</i>	<i>Matt. 9:35-10:15</i>
<i>Wed 28th</i>	<i>Ps. 112</i>	<i>Isa. 19: 1-end</i>	<i>Matt. 10: 16-33</i>
<i>Thus 29th</i>	<i>Ps. 125</i>	<i>Isa. 21: 1-12</i>	<i>Matt. 10:34-11:1</i>
<i>St. Andrew</i>	<i>Ps. 19</i>	<i>Isa. 52: 7-10</i>	<i>Matt. 4: 18-22</i>
<i>Sat 1st</i>	<i>Ps. 97</i>	<i>Isa. 24: 1-end</i>	<i>Matt: 11: 20-end</i>

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Today we give thanks to God for the work and ministry of Tearfund. Their area representative Ian Roberts is with us this morning and this evening we will be praying specifically for their ministry. This is part of Tearfund's "Global Poverty Prayer Week programme."
- We have had a good email from Claire Coleman in New Zealand evangelising the Kiwis! She writes that 1 Peter 5:15-16 has been a great blessing to her.
- The advert has gone into the CEN again 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.
- Please pray for the safety of our church buildings, both we and the URC church have been broken into recently.
- We remember in our prayers those who are not well namely, Des and Celia, Rose, Joyce Martin and Dorothy Brundle. Please continue to pray this week for Matthew Jackson, Pauline's son, and Peter Townsend who has been in the Hospice this past week.
- Judith returned safely from China on Tuesday with daughter Rebecca, Thank you for your prayers.
- The funeral of Connie Wyatt will take place at 11am this Monday 26th Nov. at the Medway Crem. Connie was a faithful member of the Brompton Church and known 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. Please see the Mission Board for further details of their ministry.

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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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