

MARKtime

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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 Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God,
now and for ever. Amen

Today's Services

Sunday next before Lent

10.30 am: All Age Family Worship
with Baptism

Reflection: Rob Ryan

Reading: Luke 2: 21-39

Theme: 'Recognising Jesus'

6.30 pm: Holy Communion

Reflection: Graham Wilkins

Readings: 1 John 1: 1-7

John 21: 20-25

Theme: 'The Word of Life'

Other services today: **11.00 am** - Holy Communion 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 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. 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 at St. Mark's this week

Monday 4th	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 pm - 9.15pm - Landmark at the Old Vicarage <i>Lent meal</i>
Tuesday 5th	7.45 pm - A call to prayer - at the Old Vicarage
Ash Wednesday	9.00 am - Special Service of Holy Communion in Church 10.00 am - Ladies Group - Coffee at the Old Vicarage 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
Friday 8th	6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Club for children 7 - 11 years at the Old Vicarage
Saturday 9th	6.30 pm - 8.30 pm - SNUG - from Year 6, at the Old Vicarage
Next Sunday 10th Feb	10.30 am - Holy Communion 6.30 pm - Evening Worship
Monday - Friday	during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15pm - Playgroup

Dates for your diary.....

Tuesday 12 February - meeting of **all** Youth and Children's workers - 8.00pm in the Old Vicarage

Saturday 23rd February - Jam Session - 7.00 pm in Church - see opposite

Friday 7th March - Women's World Day of Prayer - 2.00pm at Holy Trinity, Twydall

Saturday May 10th - Pub Quiz at Palm Cottage - please note change from last week

Parking Permits

Application forms for a Sunday and Bank Holiday parking at Littlewoods and Jeffrey Street car parks are available from Pam, either in the office or at church.



Julia Varniene is still looking for accommodation in the Gillingham area

Please contact her on 07784 979856 if you can help

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

A basic Christian discipleship course, ideal for anyone who is new to Church, starts in April. Details coming soon.

If you would like to participate or be involved please speak to John Saunders or Robin Alexander

*John and Robin particularly need help with catering for the evening.
If enough people are interested this could be arranged on a rotational basis
- again please speak to them*

The Archbishop's Lent Book this year is entitled
'Life Conquers Death' and is by John Arnold.

It is published by Zondervan and costs £8.99

If you would like a copy please see Phil Gates at the bookstall.



Crèche Questionnaire

Would parents and guardians of **all** children up to two years, please complete and hand in a questionnaire before leaving church this morning.

Forms may be found at the back of the church.

Thank you

JAM SESSION

SATURDAY

23RD FEBRUARY

IN CHURCH

AT 7.00PM

For *all* musicians and vocalists but especially aimed at those still learning instruments. Come and enjoy playing alongside others and receive help and encouragement whilst playing well known worship songs. If you would like to come please see Graham Wilkins

PINE BEDROOM FURNITURE looking for a new home.

2 wardrobes, 2 chests of drawers and bedside table.

Good condition. Negotiable price! See Jeri East or ring (01634) 316478

BIBLE READINGS for - Feb

<i>Day</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>New Testament</i>
<i>Mon 4th</i>	<i>Ps. 1</i>	<i>Gen. 37: 1-11</i>	<i>Gal. 1: 1-end</i>
<i>Tue 5th</i>	<i>Ps. 5</i>	<i>Gen. 37: 12-end</i>	<i>Gal. 2: 1-10</i>
<i>Ash Wed</i>	<i>Ps. 51</i>	<i>Isa. 58: 1-12</i>	<i>Matt. 6: 1-6</i>
<i>Thu 7th</i>	<i>Ps. 77</i>	<i>Gen. 39: 1-end</i>	<i>Gal. 2: 11-end</i>
<i>Fri 8th</i>	<i>Ps. 3</i>	<i>Gen. 40: 1-end</i>	<i>Gal. 3: 1-14</i>
<i>Sat 9th</i>	<i>Ps. 71</i>	<i>Gen. 41: 1-24</i>	<i>Gal. 3: 15-22</i>

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Its great to have members of Joshua Banner's family here with us today for his Baptism. Let us pray for him, for Chris, Claire and Toby as well as the Godparents and wider family as we pray over him and for him. Mollie Bragg was also due to be baptised today but her bigger sister is not well and so the event has been postponed until another time.
- We continue to remember in our prayers those who are not well namely, Des who is in hospital, for his wife Celia and the family, for Rose Clay's sister Lucy who is quite ill, for Chris Green who is unwell and others known to us. Please remember also the Treadwell family who have recently been bereaved. Dennis' funeral takes place on Tuesday at 11.40 am.
- An interview will take place hopefully on Saturday 9th Feb. for a position of Associate Minister, please pray for all those involved and that a right choice may be made.
- Terry shared some helpful pointers to do with the HOPE 08 programme last week - a national programme of Social Action and Gospel Outreach - do continue to pray for all of us involved with this witness and for the team here in Gillingham.
- This month we remember in our prayers Katy Barnwell who works as a consultant with the Wycliffe Bible Translation Team. She hopes to be with us again in March for a visit. Please see the Missions Board for further details.

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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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