

## BIBLE READINGS for - April

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon. 5th	Ps. 93	Acts 19: 1-8	John 16: 29-end
Tue. 6th	Ps. 99	Acts 20: 17-27	John 17: 1-11
Wed. 7th	Ps. 29	Acts 20: 28-end	John 17: 11-19
Thu. 8th	Ps. 24	Acts 23: 1-11	John 17: 20-end
Fri. 9th	Ps. 28	Acts 25: 13-21	John 21: 15-19
Sat. 10th	Ps. 43	Acts 28: 16-end	John 21: 20-25

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- As you will know the PCC have placed an Ad. in the Youth Worker Mag. for an experienced Youthworker, who can minister in one of our local Gillingham secondary schools as well as pastor our growing no. of young people at St. Mark's. Please pray for the right people to apply and for the necessary funding.
- Our Mission Partners this month are the Barrows family - they work with SIM and are based in South Africa. Both Tim and Trica hold responsible positions. Pray for them and their four teenage young people - for their education, well being and daily protection. See the Mission Board for further details.
- We remember in our prayers those who are unwell namely, Terry Whittaker, Ian Graves, Daphne Beck, John and Doreen Bodkin, Des Dickinson, Rose Clay and Lucy Littlewood. We also pray for others who are facing challenges at this time either at home, at work or life.
- Some of you may remember Bea Taylor. She is still in the Medway Hospital but considerably better, she would much appreciate an occasional visit if anyone is up there.
- The Old Vicarage site is quite a busy place these days with the French students, various clubs and groups, the Drs. surgery, Playgroup etc. Pray for Pam and her role as Administrator there.
- Care for the Family are hosting a fun time on Wednesday evening in Church - nothing embarrassing they say - why not make it a date and come along, see you there, John.

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# 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

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ  
is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
*Amen*

#### Today's Services

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter

**10.30 am:** All Age Family Worship

**Reflection:** Jim Findlay

**Reading:** Acts 1: 1-11

**Theme:** 'Wait'

**6.30 pm:** Holy Communion

**Reflection:** John Saunders

**Readings:** Acts 1: 6-14  
John 17: 1-11

**Theme:** 'Ascension'

**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 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. There is usually a crèche for babies in the Church Vestry during the morning service. All our Youth Workers and helpers are CRB checked through the diocese for your child's protection and safety .*

## What's on this week at St. Mark's

- Monday 5th** Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 6th** 7.45 pm - Prayer and Praise at Salem Church
- Wednesday 7th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church  
10.00 am - Ladies group at the Old Vicarage  
*'The Person of the Holy Spirit'*  
1.15 pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group in Vicarage Hall  
7.30 pm - *It Takes Two* - Care for the Family conference in Church - see opposite  
**NB** There is no Christianity Explored this week
- Friday 9th** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub for children 7-11 years at the Old Vicarage
- Saturday 10th** 7.30 pm - Pub Quiz at Palm Cottage - tickets just £3.00 available from Chris and Gary Atkins
- Next Sunday - Whit Sunday** 10.30 am - Holy Communion  
2.00 - 5.00 pm - World Prayer Day at Priestfields  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship
- Monday - Friday** during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup

### Dates for your diary.....

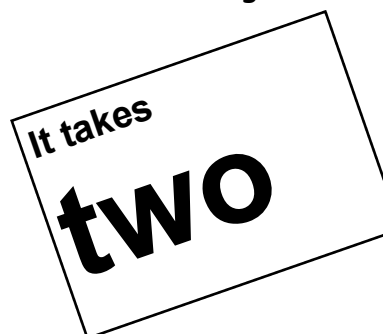
- Wednesday 14th May - Music Coordinators meeting at Sarah Mann's  
Monday 19th May - PCC meeting at the Old Vicarage  
Sunday 15th June - Service of Welcome for Glenn and Irene McWatt followed by BBQ lunch at Church  
Weekend 21st - 22nd June - Diocesan Weekend at Detling

There is a new selection of books for purchase on the bookstall at the back of the church



Care  
for the  
Family

are hosting



**'An evening to make your marriage even better'**

here at St. Marks

on

**Wednesday 7th May 7.30 - 10.00 pm**

*'an ideas packed event', 'a good, fun evening', 'no stress factor' 'funny film clips', etc*

**Tickets are just £6.00 and are available at the door**

**If you wish to reserve tickets in advance please speak to Pam**

***Warning: this may seriously enhance your marriage!***

**Thank you to those who have volunteered to act as stewards for the evening - another 4-6 are still needed - please see Pam**