

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS - April

Day	Psalms	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	New Testament
Mon. 7th	Ps. 96	Exod. 19: 1-end	Luke 1: 1-25
Tue. 8th	Ps. 98	Exod. 20: 1-21	Luke 1: 26-38
Wed. 9th	Ps. 34	Exod. 24: 1-end	Luke 1: 39-56
Thu. 10th	Ps. 136	Exod. 25: 1-22	Luke 1: 57-end
Fri. 11th	Ps. 107	Exod. 28: 1-28	Luke 2: 1-20
Sat. 12th	Ps. 110	Exod. 29: 1-9	Luke 2: 21-40

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Now that the spring holiday is here please pray for a restful and refreshing break for all, whether home or away. Especially remember John spending time in China with his family and pray for his safe return.
- Please pray for the forthcoming Christianity Explored course starting on Wed. 16th April, for the leaders and helpers and all those who attend the course.
- Pray for the Rev. Glenn McWatt and his wife Irene as they prepare to move to Gillingham. His licensing will take place on 12th June and a Service of Welcome followed by lunch at church is planned for the following Sunday.
- The PCC have advertised for an experienced Youth Worker to 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 person to apply and for the necessary funding.
- We remember in our prayers those who are unwell namely, John & Doreen Bodkin, Daphne Beck, Des Dickinson, Rose Clay, Chris Green and Lucy Littlewood. Pray too for Terry Whittaker for healing in his knee.
- The Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year takes place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Please pray that the right people put their names forward for nomination as church wardens, PCC representatives and Deanery Synod members.
- Our Mission Prayer Partners this month are Brian and Jenny Stutley who work for CLC UK. The mission's aim is to make evangelical literature available to all nations. Please see the mission board for details.

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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

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, *Amen*

#### Today's Services

#### Third Sunday of Easter

**10.30 am:** All Age Family Worship

**Reflection:** Terry Whittaker

**Reading:** Luke 10: 38 - 42

**Theme:** 'Mary and Martha'

**6.30 pm:** Holy Communion

**Reflection:** John Beck

**Readings:** 1 Corinthians 3: 10-17  
John 2: 13-22

**Theme:** 'Reward & Responsibility'

**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 7th** 10.00 am - Coffee Shop in Church  
Ground works will be taking place near Vicarage Hall during the holiday as well as some work inside - Please keep the car park free during this time

**Wednesday 9th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church  
8.00 pm - Nosh and a Natter - 18+/student group  
8.00 pm - Christianity Explored leaders and helpers meeting at the Old Vicarage

**Next Sunday 13th** 10.30 am - Holy Communion  
6.30 pm - Evening Worship

**Monday - Friday** during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup

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

Wednesday 16th April - Christianity Explored course starts – see opposite

Saturday 19th - Spirituality Feast at Rochester Cathedral - see opposite

Sunday 20th April - Annual Parochial Church Meeting - in Church after the service

Saturday May 10th - Pub Quiz at Palm Cottage - pick up a leaflet at the back of church, tickets available from Chris and Gary Atkins

**Gillingham YFC** has run out of supplies for both of their drop in centres. We would really appreciate any tea, coffee, squash, hot chocolate, sugar or long life milk so that we can continue to offer free drinks to the young people.

If you are unable to bring the drinks to the drop in centre then we will gladly come and pick them up. The GYFC team.



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Thanks to those who attended the GYFC AGM on Thursday 27th March. We'd love to see more people there next year in support of this amazing ministry. Pick up a copy of the latest news letter at the back of the church to get a feel for the work.

## CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

- Did you visit St Mark's 'Living Hope' exhibition?
- Did you watch 'The Passion' on TV?
- Has your Easter 'experience' moved you to want to know more?
- Christians claim that Jesus is risen and alive. Is he really our Hope for all eternity?

*A ten week course ideal for any one who is new to church or who wants to find out more.*

**Wednesday 16th April - Old Vicarage 7.30 pm**

*DVD's, discussions and warm hospitality await you in a safe, friendly and confidential environment .....*

**Pick up a form at the back of the church and enrol today .....**



## Spirituality Feast

in  
Rochester Cathedral



Saturday, 19 April 2008

12.30 - 7.00 pm

12.30 - Register & bring your own picnic lunch (drinks provided)

1.30 - Welcome

2.00 - Workshops

3.15 - Evensong or personal space

4.30 - Workshops

6.00 - Taize style worship

*See notice on board for workshop contents and pick up an application form, both at the back of the church*

*Nomination forms for Church Wardens, PCC Representatives, Sidesmen and Deanery Synod Members are at the back of the church for your attention*