

MARKtime

06 January 2008

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,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen

Today's Services

Epiphany

10.30 am: All Age Family Worship & Baptism

6.30 pm: Holy communion

Reflection: Jo Whittaker

Reflection: John Saunders

Readings: Matthew 3: 1-6, 13-17

Readings: Hebrews 11: 1-6

Theme: 'Baptism'

Theme: 'Stepping out'

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 7th	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 pm - 9.00pm - Landmark Social in Vicarage Hall
Tuesday 8th	8.00 pm - Home Groups
Wednesday 9th	9.00 am - 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 11th	6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Club for children 7 - 11 years at the Old Vicarage 7.45 - Prayer for Medway at Rochester Cathedral
Next Sunday 13th Jan	10.30 am - Holy Communion 6.30 pm - Evening Worship

Dates for your diary.....

Monday 14th January - MTG Meeting at St. Mark's Vicarage

Sunday 20th January - Jan Whitmore will be with us for the 10.30 morning service

- Hope 08 launch @ Green Street Baptist Church - see opposite

Monday 21st January - PCC meeting at the Old Vicarage

The late SHEILA WINTLE

**Melanie, Graham, Miranda and Russell
would like to thank everyone for their kind letters, cards
and words of comfort at this time**

Thank you



..... to Sarah and her team for
Bethlehem Village and Christingle



..... to Lance and Julie for organising the
Post Christmas Walk

As well as to the choir, those who decorated the church and everyone who made our Christmas special this year

Launch Service: Sunday 20th January 08

HOPE

in our villages, towns & cities

Gillingham Baptist Church

6.30pm

HOPE 2008

How will Gillingham respond?

BIBLE READINGS for - January

<i>Day</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>New Testament</i>
<i>Mon 7th</i>	<i>Ps. 99</i>	<i>Jer. 23: 1-8</i>	<i>Matt. 20: 1-16</i>
<i>Tue 8th</i>	<i>Ps. 46</i>	<i>Jer. 30: 1-17</i>	<i>Matt. 20: 17-28</i>
<i>Wed 9th</i>	<i>Ps. 148</i>	<i>Jer. 30: 18-31:9</i>	<i>Matt. 20: 29-end</i>
<i>Thu 10th</i>	<i>Ps. 149</i>	<i>Jer. 31: 10-17</i>	<i>Matt. 23: 1-12</i>
<i>Fri 11th</i>	<i>Ps. 150</i>	<i>Jer. 33: 14-end</i>	<i>Matt. 23: 13-28</i>
<i>Sat 12th</i>	<i>Ps. 96</i>	<i>Micah 5: 2-end</i>	<i>Matt. 23: 29-end</i>

Points for Praise and Prayer

- A special welcome to Sam Atkins who is to be baptised today at St. Mark's and to his family and friends who will be here with him for this important occasion. Lynne Martin is joining the family and is down from Paisley in Scotland where she works with Friends International.
- Best wishes to all our readers on this Epiphany Sunday as we begin a new year together - may God be with you, in all you do, may you know His will day by day as together we step out in faith.
- We continue to remember in our prayers those who are not well namely, Des and Celia Dickinson, Rose Clay and others. Rachel is asking for prayer concerning her daughter Lucy's situation.
- January 2008 heralds the beginning of HOPE 08 a national programme of Social Action and Outreach - do pray for all those involved with this and for the launch at the United Service at Green Street Baptist Church on Sunday 20th in the evening.
- Playgroup, Coffee Shop, Ladies Group and Home Groups etc. start again shortly. Please pray for inspiration and willing hands for those leading and participating in the various activities. Sarah also asks for prayer for the Youth and Children's ministry here at St. Mark's, for both the leaders and young people.
- We remember in our prayers Jan Whitmore, our Mission Partner for the month. Jan asks for prayer for her health and for that of her father and for preparations for the upcoming retreat in South Africa. Please see the mission board for details

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