

BIBLE READINGS for - November

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon.	20	Daniel 4:19-end	Revelation 5
Tues.	21	Daniel 5:1-12	Revelation 6
Wed.	23	Daniel 5:13-end	Rev 7:1-4+9-end
Thurs.	26	Daniel 6	Revelation 8
Fri.	32	Daniel 7:1-14	Revelation 9:1-12
Sat.	33	Daniel 7:15-end	Revelation 9:13-end

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Let us give thanks for all those who have made the supreme sacrifice by laying down their lives in conflicts past and more recent. Remember the many families who are mourning the loss of loved ones in both Afghanistan and Iraq. Pray that they may know the grace of God, and through their suffering discover peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray for those who are in the front line of humanitarian relief work among the many thousands of displaced people in the DR of Congo. Millions have already lost their lives there, and though there is a large deployment of UN peace-keeping forces in the country, their presence seems to have made very little impact on the rebel forces, whose activities continue to be the cause of much suffering.
- Remember the general work and life of GYFC. Pray for Malcolm, Abby, Callum and Joel. Malcolm is concerned about his MA degree deadlines, and little Callum has recently started nursery with the 'big boys'. Ask for wisdom as they seek to balance work and family life, and may their plans for a holiday in December go to schedule.
- Continue to remember those of our number who are in need of the Lord's healing. Daphne Beck, John and Doreen Bodkin, Rose Clay, Des and Celia Dickinson, Chris Green, Bruce and Natasha McCready and Terry Whittaker after his recent surgery.
- Please pray for the US president elect Barack Obama, as he reflects on his recent victory over his Republican challenger John McCain. Pray that he will be able to live up to his promise to bring renewed hope and positive change to America. The Bible says 'faith is being sure of what we hope for...'

- Today (Sunday 9th) is Cambodia's Independence Day. It is one of the poorest countries in Asia, and the Cambodian government has insufficient resources for public services such as health care and education. Pray for the NGO's working with young people and couples to increase understanding of sexual health issues and how to form responsible relationships.

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A Mission Shaped Church

Connecting people with Jesus

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all;
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen

Today's Services

Third Sunday before Advent

10.30 am: Service of Remembrance **6.30 pm:** Evening Worship

Reflection: Darell Miller **Reflection:** Jeri East

Readings: Mark 9: 33-35, 10: 35-45 **Readings:** Proverbs 4: 10-27
James 1: 2-12

Theme: 'Leadership' **Theme:** 'Knowing our identity in God'

Other services today: 10.30 am - Mountevans House

11.00 am - Morning Service at St Mary's Island Church

5.00 pm - Word service at St Mark's House

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 10th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church
 7.30 - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14-18's) - Old Vicarage
 'Japanese evening' - tea, sweets, music, origami training with Mai!
 8.00 pm - MTG meeting - Garden House
- Tuesday 11th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
 8.00 pm - Pastoral Leadership Team meeting - Old Vicarage
- Wednesday 12th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church
 10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage
 'Celebration and Revival'
 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light - Vicarage Hall
- Friday 14th** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
 7.30 pm - Dave Bilbrough Concert in Church
 see opposite
- Next Sunday - 16th November** 10.30 am - Morning Worship
 6.30 pm - Youth-led Service
- Monday - Friday** during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup

Dates for your diary.....

- Monday 17th November - PCC Meeting
 Saturday 29th November - Hope 08 Christmas Creche
 Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday (incorporating Tearfund Sunday)
 followed by a simple lunch - see opposite



Christmas gift ideas
 C.L.C Bookshop in Chatham will be open 6 days a week from Monday 17th November until Christmas
 Please see board at the back of church for opening times



Dave Bilbrough

live at St Mark's

Friday
 14th November

7.30 pm

- Dave is a Christian musician and has performed concerts and led workshops world wide, as well as worship at events such as Spring Harvest and Easter People
- Accompanied by his wife, Pat, on percussion he will be singing songs from his latest album as well as some of his best known songs e.g 'Abba, Father' and 'I am a new creation'
- Tickets £5.00, from Pam, Trevor or Karen Tel. 01634 570489 or 572632
- Surplus tickets will be sold at the door on the evening



Advent Sunday (incorporating Tearfund Sunday)



All are welcome to stay for a lunch of soup, bread and dessert to be served immediately after the 10.30 service on Sunday, 30th November

Tickets available from Lynda

Adults £5.00, concession £2.50 and children twelve and under free

All proceeds (minus expenses) will be used to support the work of Tearfund

Congratulations to
 Caz and Stuart on the
 birth of Finlay Patrick
 on Thurs 6th Nov
 weighing 8lbs. 1oz.
 All are doing well

