

BIBLE READINGS for - October

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon. 13 th	1	Exodus 22:21-27	1 Timothy 6:1-10
Tues. 14 th	5	Exodus 29:38-30:16	1 Timothy 6:11-end
Wed. 15 th	119:1-32	Leviticus 8	2 Timothy 1:1-14
Thurs. 16 th	15	Leviticus 9	2 Timothy 1:15-2:13
Fri. 17 th	19	Leviticus 16:2-24	2 Timothy 2:14-end
Sat. 18 th	145	Isaiah 55	Luke 1:1-4

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks for the safe arrival of Hannah Zoe Tozer – a daughter to Mike and Helen, and grandchild to Chris and Mandy. Pray for Mike and Helen (our Mission Partners of the month), as they adjust to a new way of life with a young baby. Pray also for Chris and Mandy as they make final preparations for their journey to Hong Kong, where they will be doing voluntary work with the Crossroads Mission.
- Remember Mike King and Glenn McWatt who are serving as chaplains at New Brompton College and St Mary's Island School, respectively. Pray for good relationships with both staff and pupils. Ask the Lord to use them as effective witnesses to his grace as they encounter challenging situations which need both tact and wisdom.
- Please pray for Vanessa and John Chambers. John's mother died recently and the funeral will take place on Tuesday (14th October). His father also died earlier this year, and he is not coping very well with the two bereavements. May they both know God's grace at this time. Vanessa is expecting a baby early in 2009.
- 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 and Terry Whittaker. Pray also for Bruce and Natasha as well as Brenda Norton following her recent surgery.
- Pray for the suffering and persecuted church in China, Eritrea, India, Indonesia, North Korea, Northern Nigeria and Vietnam. Thank God for organisations like Barnabas Trust, Christian Solidarity Worldwide and Open Doors, who constantly keep us informed about situations that need our prayers. Read Psalm 27:13,14.
- For prayers for SPLAT! see inside.

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A Mission Shaped Church

Connecting people with Jesus

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord,
to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that they may be cleansed from all their sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.

Today's Services

Trinity 21

10.30 am: Holy Communion

Reflection: Ernie Mann

Readings: Jeremiah 3: 1-9
| John 4: 7-21

Theme: 'God is Love'

6.30 pm: Evening Worship

Reflection: Graham Davis

Readings: Proverbs 3: 1-18
| John 3: 1-15

Theme: 'God's Guidance'

Other services today: 10.30 am - Mountevans House

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

5.00 pm - Communion 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 13th** 10.00 am - Coffee Shop in Church
7.30 - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14-18's)- Old Vicarage
'Get to know you, get to know God'
8.00 pm - MTG meeting at - Garden House
- Tuesday 14th** 12 noon - Playgroup AGM - Vicarage Hall
8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 15th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage
'Facing Intimidation'
1.15 pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light - Vicarage Hall
- Thursday 16th** 8.00 pm - 9.30 pm - 18+/student group - Old Vicarage
'Talk about yourselves'
- Friday 17th** 6.15 pm - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday - 19th October** 10.30 am - Morning Worship
12.15 - 1.15 pm - SPLAT! leaders meeting - Old Vicarage
6.30 pm - Youth Led Service

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

Dates for your diary.....

- Monday 20th October - Standing Committee Meeting - 7.00 pm - Old Vicarage
- followed by an extra ordinary PCC meeting - 8.00 pm
- Sunday 26th October - Summer time ends - remember clocks go back
- Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st October - SPLAT! week
- Sunday 2nd November - All Age Family Worship
- Tuesday 4th November - Pastoral Leadership Team meeting
- Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Service
- Monday 10th November - MTG meeting
- Friday 14th November - Dave Bilborough Concert

Please pray for SPLAT!

St Mark's Children's Holiday Club
Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st October

- for all preparations
- for the right number of children to apply to come



Also - lava lamps, fibre optic lamps etc. are needed to make the church look Psychedelic, if you can help please see Sarah

Chris and Mandy Tozer wish to thank everyone for their prayers and extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to visit them in Hong Kong - they will miss everyone very much.

From Tuesday 14th October Chris and Mandy's address will be:

2, Castle Peak Road
Crossroads Village
Tuen Mun
Gold Coast
New Territories
Hong Kong



Karen and Trevor say a big thank you to all who came to their wedding and for all donations to Cancer Research



'We raised £230, the total raised was £1,400'

Pam's Points:

- Following a number of complaints, please can all groups using the Old Vicarage *and* Vicarage Hall make sure that the rooms are left clean and tidy for the next user group - e.g. if you are the last person to leave, please check that bins are emptied, toilets are clean, taps are off, the floor is swept, tables are wiped and all lights switched off.
- Due to mega computer failure this week, all email addresses have been lost. In order to re-establish contacts please email the office.
- Please note new deadline for *MARKtime* is Wed. 6.00pm

Thank you.