

BIBLE READINGS for - April

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon. 14th	Ps. 42	Acts 11: 1-18	John 10: 1-10
Tue. 15th	Ps. 87	Acts 11: 19-26	John 10: 22-30
Wed. 16th	Ps. 67	Acts 12: 24-13:5	John 12: 44-end
Thu. 17th	Ps. 89	Acts 13: 13-25	John 13: 16-20
Fri. 18th	Ps. 2	Acts 13: 26-33	John 14: 1-6
Sat. 19th	Ps. 98	Acts 13: 44-end	John 14: 7-14

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Sincere congratulations to David and Jean Smith - ex St. Mark's - who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this weekend with family and friends. David and Jean were very much part of St. Mark's some time ago.
- As you may know the PCC have placed an Ad. in the Youth Worker Mag. for an experienced person 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 Brian and Jenny Stutley - they work with CLC - UK. The Mission's aim is to make Christian literature available to all Nations. See the Mission Board for details.
- We remember in our prayers those who are unwell namely Ian Graves, Daphne Beck, John and Doreen Bodkin, Des Dickinson, Rose Clay and Lucy Littlewood. We also pray for other folk in their bereavement at this holiday time.
- The Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year takes place next Sunday 20th April. Please pray that the right people are appointed as wardens, PCC representatives and Deanery Synod members - thank you. Nomination forms are available at the back of Church.
- Last but not least our long awaited Christianity Explored Course begins on Wednesday at the Old Vicarage from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. Do come along and join us if you would like to do so.

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If you would like a visit from one of the staff please phone to make an appointment

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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 God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Today's Services

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10.30 am: Holy Communion	6.30 pm: Evening Worship
Reflection: John Saunders	Reflection: Judith Saunders
Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1-7 Acts 2: 42 - end	Readings: Isaiah 9: 1-7 Luke 24: 13-35
Theme: 'Blessed are the pure in heart...'	Theme: 'Burning hearts'

Other services today: **10.30 am** - Esmonde House Brompton and 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.

Stop press... Songs of Praise this week comes from Rochester Cathedral...switch on BBC 1 in time for 5.30 pm start ...stop press

What's on this week at St. Mark's
French Students are in the Old Vicarage

Monday 14th	10.00 am - Coffee Shop in Church <i>Ground works will be taking place near Vicarage Hall during the holiday as well as some work inside the hall - please keep the car park free during this time</i>
Wednesday 16th	9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light in Vicarage Hall 7.30 pm - Start of the Christianity Explored course at the Old Vicarage - see opposite 8.00 pm - Nosh and a Natter - 18+/student group
Friday 18th	10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group in the old Vicarage
Saturday 19th	12.30 pm - 7.00 pm - Spirituality Feast in Rochester Cathedral - see opposite
Next Sunday 20th	<i>Social morning for the children at the Old Vicarage</i> 10.30 am - Morning Worship 12.30 pm - Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Church <i>There will be activities for the children at Church during the APCM</i> 6.30 pm - Young people's Service

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

Dates for your diary.....

Sunday 4th May - All Age Family Worship

Wednesday 7th May - Care Conference at St. Mark's

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

If you are on the coffee rota and notice supplies are getting low, please let Pam know by Friday so that she can top them up for Sunday - *thank you*

**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

Its not too late to pick up a form 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, Sides persons and Deanery Synod Members are at the back of the church for your attention