

BIBLE READINGS for - September

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon. 15th	Ps. 71	1Cor. 11: 17-33	Luke 7: 1-10
Tue. 16th	Ps. 73	1Cor. 12: 1-end	Luke 7: 11-17
Wed. 17th	Ps. 77	1Cor. 13: 1-end	Luke 7: 31-35
Thu. 18th	Ps. 78	1Cor. 14: 1-end	Luke 7: 36-end
Fri. 19th	Ps. 55	1Cor. 15: 12-20	Luke 8: 1-3
Sat. 20th	Ps. 76	1Cor. 15: 35-49	Luke 8: 4-15

Points for Praise and Prayer

- There are many areas to thank God for this week, not least would be the continued interest and support for Mission Work both here at home as well as overseas. Glenn will continue to host the MTG meetings on the second Monday of the month at the Garden House. As well as those who have gone from St. Mark's over the years there are others today like Chris and Mandy Tozer who are responding to God's call. Gary Atkins is putting together a team to go again to Uganda next year. Claire Coleman also plans to work with OM.
- Mike King who has begun his youth ministry with us is off with a group of young people this weekend to Fort Rocky. Pray for them as well as Sarah Ryan as she takes up the role as the Children's ministry co-ordinator here at St. Mark's. We pray for them both as well as their teams in this new term of activity together.
- Rev Glenn McWatt our Associate Vicar at St. Mark's is also the Chaplain at St. Mary's Island School. Mike King, as you will know, is the school's Chaplain at New Brompton College. We feel that both these appointments are hugely significant roles in the genuine mission of the Church into the life of the local community. Please pray.
- Sheelagh Graves and her team run the Parent and Toddler Group in the Church Hall on a Wednesday afternoon. If you would like to support this activity in some way please speak to Sheelagh.
- We continue to remember in our prayers those who are unwell namely, Terry Whittaker, Daphne Beck, John and Doreen Bodkin, Rose Clay, Des and Celia Dickinson, Chris Green, Sandra Pedder and Lucy Littlewood. Also for Boma's dad, Bedford Fubara, please give thanks for successful surgery and pray for his continuing recovery. Pray too for Bruce and Natasha.
- Lucy Haslam is a Relay Worker at York University and Rev. Rob Ryan is a Pioneer Minister at the Cathedral. Pray for them both as they settle into their new roles. Details can be found on the Mission Board.

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with St. Mary's Island Church (a Local Ecumenical Partnership)

A Mission Shaped Church

Connecting people with Jesus

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
who in the passion of your blessed Son
made the cross to be for us the means
of life and peace: grant that we may gladly
take up our cross to follow him;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever, Amen.

Today's Services

Holy Cross Day

10.30 am:	Holy Communion	6.30 pm:	Evening Worship
Reflection:	John Beck	Reflection:	Glenn McWatt
Readings:	Exodus 3: 1-15 Matthew 16: 21-28	Reading:	Acts 4: 1-22
Theme:	'Non-consuming Fire'	Theme:	'In whose Name'

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 - 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 15th** 10.00 am - Coffee Shop in Church
7.30 - 9.30 pm - Landmark
7.45 for 8.00 pm - PCC meeting at the Old Vicarage
- Tuesday 16th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 17th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church
10.00 am - Ladies Group at the Old Vicarage
'The Planning Process'
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
8.00 pm - Music co-ordinator's meeting at Sarah Mann's
- Friday 19th** 10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group in the Old Vicarage
6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub for children 7-11 years at the Old Vicarage
- Saturday 20th** 2.00 pm - Celebration of the marriage of Karen and Trevor in church - see opposite
- Next Sunday - 21st September** 10.30 am - Morning Worship
6.30 pm - Informal Youth Service
- Monday - Friday** during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup

Dates for your diary.....

- Monday 22nd September - Playgroup Committee meeting
Saturday 27th September - Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper - see opposite
Sunday 28th September - Farewell Service for John and Judith
Monday 29th September - Uganda meeting - see opposite



There will be a meeting at 8.00 pm in the Old Vicarage on Monday 29th September for all those who are interested in going to Uganda in August next year

Please pray for **Lucy Wheatley** as she begins a year of training in youth ministry with The Family Trust



All are invited to celebrate the marriage of Karen and Trevor on Saturday 20th September at 2.00 pm at St Marks Church and afterwards at St Barnabas Church Hall

For their honeymoon Karen and Trevor are participating in a Charity Fishing Match in aid of Cancer Research



Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper

here at St Mark's Church
Saturday 27th September 2008
6.00 for 6.30 pm - 9.45 pm

Fun, fun - for everyone!
Adults £5.00, Concessions £2.00
Children under 10 years - free
Tickets from Linda very soon....



To everyone for my fantastic food processor and cheque - I am overwhelmed by your generosity love Sarah x



To Robin and all those who took part, either by walking, riding, recording or providing refreshments, to raise money for Friends of Kent Churches yesterday