

## BIBLE READINGS for - November

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup>	47	Daniel 8:1-14	Revelation 10
Tues. 18 <sup>th</sup>	52	Daniel 8:15-end	Revelation 11:1-14
Wed. 19 <sup>th</sup>	56	Daniel 9:1-19	Revelation 11:15-end
Thurs. 20 <sup>th</sup>	62	Daniel 9:20-end	Revelation 12
Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup>	63	Daniel 10:1-11:1	Revelation 13:1-10
Sat. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	78:1-39	Daniel 12	Revelation 13:11-end

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Let us give thanks for last Sunday's Remembrance Service held at St Marks. Pray that the message preached by Darell Miller 'Serving to Lead' will continue to resonate with those who were present, and in particular those who have not yet come to know and love our Lord Jesus – 'The Servant King'.
- 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.
- Pray for the general work of GYFC, especially the proposed development of a fourth drop-in-centre. Together with 'Word on the Street' and a good relationship with the Robert Napier Secondary School, the centre will be based on Gillingham Methodist Church site. It is hoped that the Royal Engineers will help with the construction.
- 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 India, where there are millions of people on the wrong side of the great wealth/poverty divide, as the economy continues to boom. Pray for people from the lower castes and those lying outside the caste system, who often lack the most fundamental human rights. Also remember those Christians in the state of Orissa, who continue to suffer much violence from Hindu extremists.
- Today twice as many children live in families with a lone parent, compared with two decades ago. In today's society family life can be a struggle because traditional patterns of life have changed beyond belief, and there are few good models to follow. Give thanks for the safe arrival of Caz and Stuart Read's baby son, Finlay Patrick, and praise the Lord that he has a secure family environment in which to grow up.

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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

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, Amen

#### Today's Services

#### Second Sunday before Advent

<b>10.30 am:</b> Morning Worship	<b>6.30 pm:</b> Youth-led service
<b>Reflection:</b> John Beck	<b>Reflection:</b> Simon Thirkell
<b>Readings:</b> Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11	<b>Readings:</b> Matthew 18: 16-20 John 17: 13-23
<b>Theme:</b> 'Scourge of Christianity'	<b>Theme:</b> 'While you are going be making disciples'

**Other services today:** 11.00 am - Morning Worship 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 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 17th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church  
7.30 - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14-18's) - Old Vicarage  
*With special guests, GYFC team, Malcolm, Ben, Dave and friends*  
7.45 for 8.00 pm - PCC meeting - Old Vicarage
- Tuesday 18th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 19th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church  
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage  
*'Getting back to your roots'*  
1.15 pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
- Friday 21st** 10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group - Old Vicarage  
6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday - 23rd November** 10.30 am - Holy Communion  
6.30 pm - Prayer Evening

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

## Dates for your diary.....

- Saturday 29th November - Hope 08 Christmas Creche  
Saturday 29th November - Pathfinders & **SNUG TOGETHER** - Social  
Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday (incorporating Tearfund Sunday)  
*followed by a simple lunch - see opposite*  
Tuesday 2nd December - Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting  
Friday 5th December - Prayer Evening  
Monday 8th December - Coffee Shop Service  
Saturday 13th December - Carol singing with the SA band 11.30 - 12 noon  
Monday 15th December - Standing Committee meeting  
Sunday 21st December - a.m. - Service of Carols and Readings  
*p.m. - 'A Take-away Christmas'*  
Wednesday 24th December - Late Night Communion Service  
Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day) - Family Communion Service

## TEARFUND LUNCH

St. Mark's Church, Gillingham

**tearfund**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

*Taking place after the service*



**Tickets: Adults: £5.00 Concessions: £2.50**

**Children 12 years and under - free**

*Soup, roll & dessert*

For those who would like to keep in touch or send a Christmas card, John and Judith's address is:

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**A big thank you to all who made the Remembrance Service a memorable occasion. This is an important event in the life of our community.**

**Also to Karen and Trevor Dyer for all their efforts in producing The Dave Bilbrough Concert**

