

BIBLE READINGS for - August

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon. 18th	Ps. 126	Ezek. 24: 15-24	Matt. 19: 6-22
Tue. 19th	Ps. 132	Ezek. 28: 1-10	Matt. 19: 23-end
Wed. 20th	Ps. 119	Ezek. 34: 1-11	Matt. 20: 1-16
Thu. 21st	Ps. 143	Ezek. 36: 23-28	Matt. 22: 1-14
Fri. 22nd	Ps. 144	Ezek. 37: 1-14	Matt. 22: 34-40
Sat. 23rd	Ps. 147	Ezek. 43: 1-7	Matt. 23: 1-14

Points for Praise and Prayer

- There are so many good things to thank God for so lets not be slow in giving Him the honour due to His name. Thank Him for holiday times, family life, warm days, exam results, new life, refreshment and relaxation, work and study, friends, etc.
- Our Mission Partner for July is Lynne Martin. Lynne works with Friends International an agency based in Paisley, Scotland, which reaches out to students based at the local University. For further information please see the Missions Board in Church. Pray too for Lucy Haslam as she begins work with students at York University.
- We continue to remember in our prayers those who are unwell / or are recovering from surgery, Terry Whittaker, Daphne Beck, John and Doreen Bodkin, Rose Clay, Des Dickinson, Natasha and Bruce McCready, Chris Green and Lucy Littlewood. Jan Whitmore also asks for prayer for her husband Des as he awaits surgery and for Mintie recovering from surgery.
- Some of our Young People have gone to Soul Survivor this weekend with Sarah and other members of the team. Please remember them in your prayers praying for God' work to be continued in their young lives.
- Finally congratulations to all those, young and not so young, who are celebrating anniversaries at this time.

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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,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Today's Services

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am: Morning Worship

6.30 pm: Holy Communion

Reflection: Judith Saunders

Reflection: John Saunders

Readings: Psalm 111
John 15: 1-12

Readings: Romans 11: 25 - end
Matthew 15: 21- 28

Theme: 'Fruit'

Theme: 'The Lost Sheep'

Other services today: 11.00 am - Morning Service at St Mary's Island Church
and **6.30 pm** - Service of Prayer and Praise

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

*Most groups are now on holiday.
Please watch this space for the date that each group
resumes in September. Thank you.*

Wednesday 20th 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church

Friday 22nd 10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group in the Old Vicarage

Next Sunday - 10.30 am - Holy Communion
24th August 6.30 pm - Prayer Service

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

Dates for your diary.....

Saturday 16 - 21 August - Young People at Soul Survivor

Saturday 6th September - Rob Ryan's Ordination, Rochester Cathedral - 3.00 pm

Sunday 7th September - All Age Family Service -

Commissioning of Youth and Children's workers

*Friday 12th - Sunday 14th September - **SNUG** young people to Fort Rocky*

*Saturday 13th September - Friend's of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Walk -
see opposite*

Saturday 13th September - Healing Service at Rochester Cathedral

Monday 15th September - PCC meeting at the Old Vicarage

Saturday 27th September - Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper - see opposite

Activity sheets for the children can be
found at the back of the church

Please help yourself and return the
crayons to the box for re-use

Thank you!



FRIENDS of KENT CHURCHES

CALLING ALL CYCLISTS & WALKERS

Once again a team from St Mark's will be taking part in the:
Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Ride and Walk

10.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday 13 September 2008

By cycling or walking around some or all of the 26 participating churches
between Strood and Rainham you can help raise money that will be
divided equally between Friends of Kent Churches and St Mark's Church.

Volunteers are also needed to record cyclists & walkers from other
churches visiting St Mark's and to help with serving refreshments.

More details and sign-up forms available from next week

Another helper is needed for Ladies Group Crèche on Wednesday mornings
from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm during term time. CRB check will be required.
If interested please speak to Judith



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!
Tickets, available soon
Children under 10 years - free

