

BIBLE READINGS for - February

Day	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon. 18th	Ps. 32	Gen. 43: 16-end	Heb. 1: 1-end
Tue. 19th	Ps. 48	Gen. 44: 1-17	Heb. 2: 1-9
Wed. 20th	Ps. 35	Gen. 44: 18-end	Heb. 2: 10-end
Thu. 21st	Ps. 34	Gen. 45: 1-15	Heb. 3: 1-6
Fri. 22nd	Ps. 41	Gen. 45: 16-end	Heb. 3: 7-end
Sat. 23rd	Ps. 25	Gen. 46: 1-end	Heb. 4: 1-13

Points for Praise and Prayer

- We continue to remember in our prayers those who are not well namely, Des who is in hospital and awaiting some sort of decision over his next move and for his wife Celia and the family. For Mrs Brown, Janet Mann's mum, also in hospital and quite seriously ill. For Wendy Haslam, who has had an operation on her shoulder at the Spire Hospital, Fordcombe, last Friday and for David Norton also recovering from surgery last week on his foot. Pray too for Chris Green who has been quite unwell and others known to us. Remember also those who have been recently bereaved.
- This week is "half term" for a number of folk, pray for those families who have gone away for a few days holiday, as well as for those who remain. Pray too for all those involved in the education of young people and for the various schools in the Medway area. Pray for governors and staff, pupils and parents.
- In May, **Care for the Family** will be hosting a day conference here at St. Mark's to do with family life. Pray for wisdom for those responsible for putting the conference together as well as remembering family life and the various pressures that confront parents and children in today's world.
- Congratulations to our St. Mark's Playgroup Team for a very successful outcome to their recent Ofsted Inspection. Well done to Julie Hanning, Playgroup Supervisor, and her staff team and to all those involved in Playgroup. More details next week.
- This month we remember in our prayers Katy Barnwell who works as a consultant with the Wycliffe Bible Translation Team. She hopes to be with us again in March for a visit. Please see the Missions Board for further details.

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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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen

Today's Services

Second Sunday in Lent

10.30 am: Holy Communion

6.30 pm: Young People 's Service

Reflection: John Saunders

Reflection: Lucy

Readings: Genesis 12: 1-7
John 3: 1-17

Reading: Psalm 146

Theme: 'Beatitudes cont....'

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 of the church 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. Children in the Scramblers group (2-5 years) will need to be collected. There is usually a crèche for babies in the Church Vestry during the morning service.

What's on during Half-term at St. Mark's

French Students are in the Old Vicarage

Monday 18th	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 pm - 9.15pm - Landmark - Night Hike
Wednesday 20th	9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light in Vicarage Hall
Saturday 23rd	7.00 pm - Jam session in church - see opposite
Next Sunday 24th Feb	10.30 am - Morning worship 6.30 pm - Prayer Service

Dates for your diary.....

Sunday 2nd March - Special Mothering Sunday Service - 10.30 am in Church

Thursday 6th March - Parent and Toddler 'Mum's Meal' in the Old Vicarage

Friday 7th March - Women's World Day of Prayer - 2.00pm at Holy Trinity, Twydall

Saturday May 10th - Pub Quiz at Palm Cottage - details to come

ROCHESTER CHORAL SOCIETY

with Rochester Sinfonietta

Spring Concert

SATURDAY, 5th April 2008 7.30 pm

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Elgar

Dream of Gerontius

Celebrating 150th Anniversary of Elgar's Birth

For tickets: Tel. 01634 401049 or email: r.clemence@blueyonder.co.uk

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

A basic Christian discipleship course that is ideal for anyone new to church begins in April, details to follow.

If you would like to participate or be involved please speak to John Saunders or Robin Alexander

Don't forget also to give your name to John or Robin if you are interested in catering for the evening on a rotational basis



For an application form for Sunday and Bank Holiday parking at Littlewoods and Jeffrey Street car parks, please see Pam in the office or at Church.

JAM SESSION

NEXT SAT 23 FEBRUARY

IN CHURCH

7.00PM TO 8.30PM OR SO

This session is for all musicians and vocalists whether in a music team or not.

The idea is to play well known worship songs together as a big group, so that those learning an instrument or who lack confidence, can experience playing in a large group, and pick up hints and tricks.

Please bring your own instrument (except keyboard or drums).

Any questions please talk to Graham Wilkins
Above all, please just come along and enjoy!