

Weekly Bible Readings for April

Day	Psalm	1st reading	2nd reading
Mon. 21st	Ps. 118	Acts 14: 5-18	John 14: 21-26
Tue. 22nd	Ps. 145	Acts 14: 19-end	John 14: 27-end
Wed. 23rd	Ps. 126	2Tim 2: 3-14	John 15: 18-21
Thu. 24th	Ps. 96	Acts 15: 17-21	John 15: 9-11
St. Mark	Ps. 119	Eph. 4: 7-16	Mark 13: 5-13
Sat. 26th	Ps. 100	Acts 16: 1-10	John 15: 18-21

Points for Prayer and Praise

- We give thanks to God for His goodness towards us both individually and as a Church. Today is our APCM Sunday when we meet to review the year and, this year, elect two Wardens, three Deanery Synod members, three PCC representatives and to appoint Sidesmen and women. We are grateful to Andrew Mann, Vicky Allen and Keith Sheepwash whose term on the PCC comes to an end this time as well as to Glyn Allen and Terry Whittaker who have been our Wardens for the past twelve months. John Beck, Judith Saunders and Graham Davis also come to the end of their term on Deanery Synod. All the above are eligible for re-election.
- We continue to pray for those members of our congregation who are not well at the moment, namely Des and Celia Dickinson, John and Doreen Bodkin, Ian Graves, Chris Green, Rose Clay and others known to us. Congratulations to John and Judith on the safe arrival this past week of a grandson, Jesse Benjamin Chandra.
- In May this year "Care for the Family" will be hosting a day conference about family issues. We remember in our prayers young families as they struggle with all the pressures of modern life and we pray for our Parent and Toddler group here at St. Mark's
- Schools go back this week here in the Medway Towns so pray for pupils, parents, staff and governors please.
- Last but not least let us not forget to pray for our Mission Partners of the month Brian and Jenny Stutley who work with CLC. Further details are 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 through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate
of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace
going before us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them
to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
Amen

Today's Services

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10.30 am: Morning Worship

6.30 pm: Young People's Service

Reflection: Canon Ernie Mann

Readings: I Kings 17: 7-16
John 14: 15-31

'Come & veg. with the Lord'

Theme: 'Blessed are the peacemakers'

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
French Students are in the Old Vicarage

- Monday 21st** 10.00 am - Coffee Shop in Church
 7.30 pm - 9.15 pm - Landmark
 'Bonfire and chill' at 118 Woodlands Road
 7.45 pm - Play group Committee Meeting
 8.00 pm - Standing Committee meeting
- Tuesday 22nd** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 23rd** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church
 10.00 am - Ladies group at the Old Vicarage
 'Prayer'
 7.30 pm - Christianity Explored at the Old Vicarage
 'Jesus - who was he?'
 1.15 pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group in
 Vicarage Hall
 8.00 pm - Nosh and a Natter - 18+/student group
- Friday 25th** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub for children 7-11 years at the
 Old Vicarage
- Saturday 26th** 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm - **SNUG** - from Year 6, at the Old
 Vicarage
- Next Sunday 27th** 10.30 am - Holy Communion
 6.30 pm - Evening Prayer
- 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 - It Takes Two - Care for the Family conference at St. Mark's
 Saturday 10th May - Pub Quiz at Palm Cottage - pick up a leaflet at the back of church,
 tickets available from Chris and Gary Atkins
 Sunday 11th May - World Prayer Day at Priestfields
 Wednesday 14th May - Music Coordinators meeting at Sarah Mann's
 Monday 19th May - PCC meeting at the Old Vicarage

It takes
two

Care
 for the
 Family

Are hosting an evening to 'make your marriage better'

at St Mark's

Wednesday 7th May 7.30 - 10.00 pm

6-8 stewards are needed for the evening - please see Pam



Diocese of Rochester

Together @ Detling

This year, the Diocese of Rochester is planning a weekend of events to take place **21-22 June** at the Kent County Showground, Detling.

Over the weekend, we will be thinking about what it means to be
 One People with One Purpose and One Passion.

Throughout the weekend there will be a programme of activities suitable for all ages. Saturday will finish with a big bang, with dancing, music, a hog roast and more! Sunday's events will culminate in the Petertide Ordination service, to which all are invited.

Look out for programme details