

# MARKtime

20 January 2008

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,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonders of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
*Amen*

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### Today's Services

### Third Sunday of Epiphany

**10.30 am:** Morning Worship

**Reflection:** Malcolm Smith

**Readings:** Isaiah 49: 1-7  
Psalm 96

2 Timothy 4: 1-8

**Theme:** 'Hope 08'

**6.30 pm:** United Service at  
Green Street Baptist Church

**Reflection:** Rev Mark Thirkell

***Launch of Hope 08***

**Other services today:** **11.00 am** - Morning Service at St. Mary's Island Church

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## 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 at St. Mark's this week**

- Monday 21st** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church  
7.30 pm - 9.15pm - Landmark at the Old Vicarage  
'art of connecting 2'  
7.45 for 8.00 pm - PCC Meeting at the Old Vicarage
- 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  
'Abraham: Faith Under Construction'  
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
- Friday 25th** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Club for children 7 - 11 years  
at the Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday** 10.30 am - Holy Communion  
**27th Jan** 6.30 pm - Prayer Service

### ***Dates for your diary.....***

*Friday 1st February - Saturday 2nd February - 24 Hr Prayer for HOPE 08*  
*Sunday 3rd February - All Age Family worship with Baptism*  
*Tuesday 5th February - United Prayer and Praise*

### **Parking News**

Permits for James Street and Peacock's car parks have been negotiated. Soon we will be able to park all day Sunday, all year round, for just £20.00. Hooray - no more fines!

Please contact Pam for a form

### **PINE BEDROOM FURNITURE FOR SALE**

**2 wardrobes, 2 chests of drawers and a bedside table in good condition**  
**Price negotiable. See Jeri East or ring (01634) 316478**



We are planning a ten week  
basic

**Christian Discipleship Course**

on a Wednesday evening for  
those who are new to Church.

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

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**Crèche Questionnaire**

Will all those with children under  
two years please take the time to  
fill out a form which can be found  
at the back of the church

Thank you



**Julia Varniene** is looking for accommodation in the Gillingham area

Please contact her on 07784 979856 if you can help

**Launch Service: This evening - C U there!**

**HOPE**

*in our villages, towns & cities*

**Gillingham Baptist Church**

**6.30pm**

**HOPE** 2008

**How will Gillingham respond?**

# BIBLE READINGS for - January

<i>Day</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>New Testament</i>
<i>Mon 21st</i>	<i>Ps. 146</i>	<i>Gen. 6: 11-7:10</i>	<i>Matt. 24: 1-14</i>
<i>Tue 22nd</i>	<i>Ps. 132</i>	<i>Gen. 7: 11-end</i>	<i>Matt. 24: 15-28</i>
<i>Wed 23rd</i>	<i>Ps. 81</i>	<i>Gen. 8: 1-14</i>	<i>Matt. 24: 29-end</i>
<i>Thu 24th</i>	<i>Ps. 76</i>	<i>Gen. 8: 15-9:7</i>	<i>Matt. 25: 1-13</i>
<i>St. Paul</i>	<i>Ps. 67</i>	<i>Acts 9: 1-22</i>	<i>Matt. 19: 27-end</i>
<i>Sat 26th</i>	<i>Ps. 122</i>	<i>Gen. 11: 1-9</i>	<i>Matt. 25: 31-end</i>

## Points for Praise and Prayer

- Congratulations again to Jimi and Gina Famajuro on the birth of Daniel on Wednesday 9th Jan. Jimi says that mother and baby are continuing to do well and so is bigger brother David.
- GYFC write, "The 133 drop-in is re-opening on Monday 21st after extensive refurbishment - please pray that many young people will come to chill out and chat. We thank God for all His provision! We are also looking for people with a heart for 'taking the good news of Jesus relevantly to every young person in Gillingham' to join us in the management of GYFC - particularly to serve on the executive committee. Please pray and if you think God is calling you to investigate further either speak to Malcolm Smith or Wendy Haslam. Working more closely with GYFC will change your life for ever!"
- We continue to remember in our prayers those who are not well namely, Des Dickinson, who is again in hospital, and for his wife Celia, for Rose Clay and others. Rachel continues to ask for prayer concerning her daughter Lucy's situation. Remember too Annie Townsend and Melanie and Graham Davis in their bereavement.
- January 2008 heralds the beginning of HOPE 08 a national programme of Social Action and Outreach - do pray for all those involved with this and for the launch today at St Mark's and at the United Service at Green Street Baptist Church.
- As you will know we are advertising for an Associate Minister here at St. Mark's to come alongside John and continue also some of the work here and on St. Mary's Island. Please pray for good decisions.
- This month we remember in our prayers Jan Whitmore, husband Des and co-worker Minty who work with Mission Encouragement Trust. Jan is not well and asks for prayer for herself and her Dad.

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*If you would like a visit from one of the staff please phone to make an appointment*

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