

## BIBLE READINGS for - September

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ps.49	1 Kings 19:15-end	2 Tim.3:14-end
Tue. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ps.89:1-18	2 Kings 6:1-23	Acts 26:24-end
Wed. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Ps.19:105-128	2 Kings 9:1-16	Acts 27:1-26
Thu. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Ps.92	2 Kings 9:17-end	Acts 27:27-end
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ps.88	2 Kings 12:1-19	Acts 28:1-16
Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ps.97	2 Kings 17:1-23	Acts 28:17-End

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks for all those from St Mark's who are currently serving in mission at home and abroad. Pray for Lucy Haslam working as part of the UCCF Relay team at the University of York. For Chris and Mandy Tozer (presently on holiday) but making preparations for future ministry in Hong Kong, and for Claire Coleman exploring openings for service with OM in Asia.
- St Mary's Island school has a Harvest Festival and Big Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September in the school hall. Pray that the accommodation will not be overstretched by the number of parents and pupils in attendance. Next Sunday St Mary's Island Church will be combining Family Harvest with Back to Church Sunday. Pray that there will be a good response to the invitations for this special service.
- Remember the Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper being held here at St Mark's on Saturday evening. Pray that it will be a relaxed time of fellowship, festivity and fun for all who attend. The following day marks the official farewell to John & Judith, after many years of faithful service here at St Mark's. Please remember them as they cope with their mixed emotions, and pray for their well deserved holiday before preparing to move to Newton Longville in the Diocese of Oxford, where they will continue to serve the Lord in a different capacity.
- 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 and Terry Whittaker. Pray also for Bruce and Natasha as well as Brenda Norton following her recent surgery.
- Following the recent signing of an agreement for power sharing between Robert Mugabe and Morgan Tsvangirai in Zimbabwe, let us remember to pray for the nation, that this latest sign of hope will prove to be a turning point for the millions of Zimbabweans who are still dependent on food aid, as run-away inflation continues to affect everyone. Pray that the church in Zimbabwe will influence the movement for justice and reconciliation.

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# MARKtime 21 September 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

O almighty God,  
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector  
to be an apostle and evangelist:  
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain  
and the possessive love of riches  
that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever, Amen.

#### Today's Services

#### Matthew, apostle & evangelist

**10.30 am:** Morning Worship

**6.30 pm:** Informal Youth Led Service

**Reflection:** Judith Saunders

All ages welcome

**Readings:** Jeremiah 1: 1-10

**Theme:** 'Jesus'

Philippians 3: 7-14

Includes informal Communion

**Theme:** 'Press On'

**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

- Monday 22nd** 10.00 am - Coffee Shop in Church  
7.30 - 9.15 pm - Landmark - *Life and Faith in the Movies*  
8.00 pm - Playgroup Committee meeting at Chris Atkins's
- Tuesday 23rd** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 24th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church  
10.00 am - Ladies Group at the Old Vicarage  
*'Many Hands Make Lighter Work'*  
1.15 pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group in  
Vicarage Hall
- Friday 26th** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub for children 7-11 years at the  
Old Vicarage
- Saturday 27th** 6.00 pm - Barn Dance and Ploughman's Supper in Church  
- See opposite
- Next Sunday -** 10.30 am - Farewell Service for John and Judith  
**28th September** 6.30 pm - Prayer Service

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

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

- Monday 29th September - Uganda meeting - see below  
Sunday 5th October - Harvest Service at St. Mark's  
Tuesday 7th October - Pastoral Leadership Team meeting at the Old Vicarage  
Monday 13th October - MTG meeting at Garden House  
Monday 20th October - Standing Committee Meeting  
26th October - Summer time ends - clocks go back



There will be a meeting at 8.00 pm in the Old Vicarage on Monday 29th September for all those who are interested in going to Uganda in August next year

Please pray for the Global Café that is being held for international students at the university on Thursdays

If you would be interested in helping please speak to Sue Jelfs after the service

## Global Day of Prayer 'Follow-up'

25 September  
At Emmaus Church centre  
Clover St  
Chatham  
7.30 for 7.45 pm

Christians in Medway are coming together for a follow up evening to the Global Day of Prayer and to discuss plans for Medway 24/7 prayer

Don't miss out, be part of an evening of Prayer and Worship with DVD

You are warmly invited to a special

## 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

**6.30pm**

**BARN DANCE - part 1**

**8.00pm – 8.45pm**

**PLOUGHMAN'S Supper**

**8.45pm – 10.00pm**

**BARN DANCE - part 2**

*Tickets from Linda*

*Adults £5.00 , Concessions £2.00*

*Children under 10 years - free*



*Fun for all the family*

