

BIBLE READINGS for - August

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon. 25th	Ps. 1	2Thes. 1: 1-12	Matt. 23: 13-22
Tue. 26th	Ps. 5	2Thes. 2: 1-17	Matt. 23: 23-26
Wed. 27th	Ps. 119	2Thes. 3: 3-18	Matt. 23: 27-32
Thu. 28th	Ps. 15	1Cor. 1: 1-9	Matt. 24: 42-end
Fri. 29th	Ps. 19	1Cor. 1: 17-25	Matt. 25: 1-13
Sat. 30th	Ps. 23	1Cor. 1: 26-end	Matt. 25: 14-30

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, study and friends, etc.
- Congratulations to Bruce and Natasha on the safe arrival of Luke McCready - a brother to Peter and grandson to Ros. He weighed in at 7 lbs 1 oz and all are well.
- 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, Chris Green, Sandra Pedder and Lucy Littlewood. Jan Whitmore also asks for prayer for her husband Des as he awaits surgery.
- Our Young People had a good time at Soul Survivor this past weekend with Sarah and other members of the team. Praise the Lord. We also remember in our prayers Mike King as he prepares to begin his ministry here next month at St. Mark's and New Brompton College.
- Finally congratulations to all those, young and not so young, 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 and everlasting God,
who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace
truly to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church
may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach and receive the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, *Amen.*

Today's Services

Bartholomew

10.30 am: Holy Communion

Reflection: John Saunders

Readings: Ephesians 6: 10-18

Theme: 'Standing Firm'

6.30 pm: Prayer Service

Reflection: Judith Saunders

Readings: Nehemiah 1: 5-end

Theme: 'Prayer'

Other services today: 11.00 am - Family Service at St Mary's Island Church

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 27th 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church

Next Sunday - 31st August 10.30 am - Holy Communion
6.30 pm - Evening Worship - Film 'Amazing Grace'

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

Dates for your diary.....

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

Wednesday 17th September - Music Co-ordinators meeting at Sarah Mann's

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

Sponsored Ride and Walk

10.00 am - 6.00 pm
Saturday 13 September 2008

Please sign up at the back of the church if you would like to help raise money for Friends of Kent Churches and St Mark's.

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

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

As most of you know, Sarah Ryan will be teaching fulltime from September whilst continuing to coordinate the children's ministry on a voluntary basis. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for her, please use the enclosed envelope marked 'A gift for Sarah' Thank you



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

