

MARKtime

24 February 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 most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

Today's Services

Third Sunday in Lent

10.30 am: Morning Worship

Reflection: John Beck

Readings: Psalm 37: 1-11
James 1: 19-25

Theme: 'Meek, not weak'

6.30 pm: Prayer Service

Reflection: Graham Davis

Reading: Exodus 33: 7-11

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 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 this week at St. Mark's

- Monday 25th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church
7.30 pm - 9. 15pm - Landmark at the Old Vicarage
'art of connecting 5'
- Tuesday 26th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 27th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church
10.00 am - Ladies Group at the old Vicarage
'Faith Without Action: Empty'
1.15pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group in Vicarage Hall
- Friday 29th** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Club for children 7– 11 years at the Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday
2nd March** 10.30 am - Special Mothering Sunday Service
6.30 pm - Prayer Service

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

Dates for your diary.....

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

SAVE MEDWAY HOMES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL ACTION GROUP

is holding a meeting to discuss the closure of 5 residential homes for the mentally ill in Medway

8.00 pm, Friday 29th February, in Vicarage Hall

All welcome

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

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

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



Application forms for a Sunday and Bank Holiday parking permits are available from Pam in the office or at Church.

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

BIBLE READINGS for - February

<i>Day</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>New Testament</i>
<i>Mon. 25th</i>	<i>Ps. 5</i>	<i>Gen. 47: 1-27</i>	<i>Heb. 5: 1-14</i>
<i>Tue. 26th</i>	<i>Ps. 9</i>	<i>Gen. 48: 1-end</i>	<i>Heb. 6: 1-12</i>
<i>Wed. 27th</i>	<i>Ps. 38</i>	<i>Gen. 49: 1 -32</i>	<i>Heb. 6: 13-20</i>
<i>Thu. 28th</i>	<i>Ps. 56</i>	<i>Gen. 50: 1-end</i>	<i>Heb. 7: 1-10</i>
<i>Fri. 29th</i>	<i>Ps. 22</i>	<i>Exod. 1: 1-14</i>	<i>Heb. 7: 11-end</i>
<i>Sat. 1st</i>	<i>Ps. 76</i>	<i>Exod. 1:22-2:10</i>	<i>Heb. 8: 1-13</i>

Points for Praise and Prayer

- We remember in our prayers those who are not well namely, Des, Mrs Brown (Janet Mann's mum), Chris Green who will be in a London hospital for tests this week, and their respective families. Also for Wendy Haslam and David Norton, who are both recovering from recent surgery. Pray too for those who have been recently bereaved.
- Please pray for John and Judith who return shortly from spending a few days with members of their family for a special celebration. As term resumes, pray too for all those involved in education; in schools, in churches and other organisations in the Medway area.
- **Care for the Family** are hosting a one day conference on family life here at St. Mark's in May. Pray for wisdom in the planning the conference and for family life in general as parents and children are confronted by the pressures of today's world.
- Congratulations to Julie Hanning, her staff and all those involved in St. Mark's Playgroup, for a very successful outcome to their recent Ofsted Inspection. Details to come when term resumes.
- Congratulations to Joyce and David Quarrington who were married here at St. Mark's on 1st March 1958. They live in Australia where they will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Joyce is to have a triple by-pass operation on 11th March, so please pray.
- 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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