

## BIBLE READINGS for - October/November

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon. 27 <sup>th</sup>	44	Genesis 18:1-15	Matthew 27:11-26
Tues. 28 <sup>th</sup>	116	Isaiah 45:18-end	Luke 6:12-16
Wed. 29 <sup>th</sup>	119:57-80	Genesis 19:1-3, 12-29	Matthew 27:45-56
Thurs. 30 <sup>th</sup>	57	Genesis 21:1-21	Matthew 27:57-end
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup>	51	Genesis 22:1-19	Matthew 28:1-15
Sat. 1 <sup>st</sup>	68	Genesis 23	Matthew 28:16-end

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks for the gift of God's Word in our own language and in so many different versions. Praise God for the work of the Bible Society, seeking to make the Scriptures available to many millions who still do not have a Bible or even a single gospel in their own language. Pray for the work being done by organisations like Wycliffe Bible Translators seeking to resolve this problem.
- Pray for the Scripture Union team who prepare Bible resources for adults. One of the challenges they face is to identify writers who not only write well but know how to draw others into being motivated to discover Bible truths for themselves.
- Let us express our gratitude for all the volunteers who are responsible for the organising and running of SPLAT! Praise God for their passion in encouraging children to start a journey of faith in Jesus. Pray for all the children attending the coming four days (Tuesday-Friday), that there will be fun, friendship and faith in the safe environment of St Mark's church building.
- Earlier this year there were earthquakes, fires, floods and hurricanes which destroyed many peoples homes and livelihoods in various parts of the world. Let us remember to pray for the work of the aid and development organisations such as Tear Fund, Christian Aid and Save the Children, which usually make a swift response to such disasters, and help to restore hope to the most vulnerable.
- 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 McCready.
- Pray for the thousands of North Koreans who are in hiding in China. They are often vulnerable to many types of exploitation, including human trafficking. Pray that God in his mercy will deliver them to safe places of refuge where they can rebuild their lives.

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# MARKtime

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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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them,  
to read, mark learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast  
the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever, Amen.

#### Today's Services

#### Bible Sunday

**10.30 am:** Holy Communion

**6.30 pm:** Prayer Evening

**Reflection:** Glenn Mc Watt

**Readings:** Psalm 119: 89-105

**Readings:** James 5: 13-20

Luke 24: 22b-35

Matthew 6: 5-15

**Theme:** 'The Word of God'

**Theme:** 'St. Marks Prayer Time'

**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 during half-term at St. Mark's

- Monday 27th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church
- Tuesday 28th** 10.00 am - 12.30 pm - SPLAT! - Children's Holiday Club begins - see opposite
- Wednesday 29th** 9.00 am - **No** service of Holy Communion  
10.00 am - 12.30 pm - SPLAT!  
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light - Vicarage Hall
- Thursday 30th** 10.00 am - 12.30 pm - SPLAT!
- Friday 31st** 10.00 am - 12.30 pm - SPLAT!
- Next Sunday - 2nd November** 10.30 am - All Age Family Worship - SPLAT! service  
6.30 pm - Holy Communion
- Monday - Friday** during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup

## Dates for your diary.....

- Tuesday 4th November - Deanery Synod meeting
- Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Service
- Monday 10th November - MTG meeting
- Tuesday 11th November - Pastoral Leadership Team meeting
- Friday 14th November - Dave Bilbrough Concert - see opposite

Please check the board at the back of church for updated

**Tearfund** information



If you wish to order anything from **Tearcraft** please see Wendy Haslam or Kathryn Thom who have the catalogues

## Prayer Meeting

There will be a prayer meeting to replace the monthly Prayer & Praise.

It will be held on the first Friday of each month, commencing on

**Friday 7th November at 8.00pm**

The Old Vicarage will be our venue



## Psychedelic SPLAT!

St Mark's Children's Holiday Club for all children in school years 3-6

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st October

**JOIN US EACH MORNING FOR FUN, GAMES, CRAFTS, MUSIC AND MADNESS AS WE GO BACK IN TIME**

Everyone is welcome to the special SPLAT! celebration service next Sunday, 2nd November-10.30 am

Please could you stay a few moments at the end of the service to help move chairs and books up to the chancel ready for SPLAT!

*For prayers for SPLAT! please see back page*

## SAINTS ALIVE!

Rochester Cathedral

Friday 31st October

7.30pm

(Churches Together in Medway)

*Congratulations to Tina and Cleveland on the birth of their baby son Rain Crispin Graham*

*The family would welcome your prayers especially for Tina's health*

## Dave Bilbrough



Live at St Mark's

Friday  
14th November

7.30 pm

Tickets £5.00, from Pam, Trevor or Karen

Tel. 01634 570489 or 01634 572632

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