

## BIBLE READINGS for - April

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon. 28th	Ps. 149	Acts 16: 11-15	John 15: 26-16:4
Tue. 29th	Ps. 138	Acts 16: 22-34	John 16: 5-11
Wed. 30th	Ps. 148	Acts 17: 15-end	John 16: 12-15
Ascension	Ps. 93	Acts 1: 1-11	Luke 24: 44-end
Fri. 2nd	Ps. 119	Eph. 1: 3-10	John 14: 1-14
Sat. 3rd	Ps. 47	Acts 18: 22-end	John 16: 23-28

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Congratulations to Glyn Allen and Terry Whittaker elected Wardens at the APCM last Sunday and to Jo Whittaker, John Beck and Graham Davis elected to the Deanery Synod and to Andrew Mann, Luke Prankard, Keith Sheepwash and David Norton elected onto the Church Council. Our thanks to the appointed sides men and women and to Vicky Allen our PCC secretary who has faithfully served and supported us over many years.
- As you will know the PCC have placed an Ad. in the Youth Worker Mag. for an experienced person who can minister in one of our local Gillingham secondary schools as well as pastor our growing no. of young people at St. Mark's. Please pray for the right people to apply and for the necessary funding.
- Our Mission Partners this month are Brian and Jenny Stutley - they work with CLC - UK. The Mission's aim is to make Christian literature available to all Nations. See the Mission Board for details.
- We remember in our prayers those who are unwell namely, Terry Whittaker, Ian Graves, Daphne Beck, John and Doreen Bodkin, Des Dickinson, Rose Clay and Lucy Littlewood. We also pray for other folk in their bereavements at this time.
- There are quite a few things going on at the moment so please pray through the pages of *Marktime* asking for God's grace and mercy to uphold us all in the daily round of challenges and responsibilities. Please don't forget the Council vote taking place on May 1st.
- Last but not least our Christianity Explored Course is now into its third week this coming Wednesday. It is held at the Old Vicarage from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. If you would like details speak to Robin, Keith or Denise.

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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

God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

#### Today's Services

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter

**10.30 am:** Holy Communion  
**Reflection:** Graham Davis  
**Readings:** Daniel 3; 8-23  
Acts 19: 19-end

**6.30 pm:** Prayer Evening  
**Reflection:** John Beck  
**Readings:** Psalm 34: 1-22  
Luke 22: 24-30  
I Peter 2: 1-3

**Theme:** 'Blessed are those who are persecuted' **Theme:** 'A Taste of 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**  
**French Students are in the Old Vicarage**

- Monday 28th** 10.00 am - Coffee Shop in Church  
7.30 pm - 9.15 pm - Landmark at the Old Vicarage  
*'The Word'*
- Tuesday 29th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 30th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church  
10.00 am - Ladies group at the Old Vicarage  
*'Finale of Faith'*  
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  
7.30 pm - Christianity Explored at the Old Vicarage  
*'Jesus - why did he come?'*
- Thursday 1st May** 18+/student group - BBQ in Whitstable  
*Please speak to Martha Prankard or Lance Hanning about arrangements for lifts if you would like to come*
- Friday 2nd** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub for children 7-11 years at the Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday 4th** 10.30 am - All Age Family Worship  
6.30 pm - Holy Communion
- Monday - Friday** during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup

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

Wednesday 7th May - It Takes Two - Care for the Family conference at St. Mark's  
Saturday 10th May - Pub Quiz at Palm Cottage - pick up a leaflet at the back of church, tickets available from Chris and Gary Atkins  
Sunday 11th May - World Prayer Day at Priestfields  
Wednesday 14th May - Music Coordinators meeting at Sarah Mann's  
Monday 19th May - PCC meeting at the Old Vicarage

**Today is a World Day of Prayer for Zimbabwe**

**'A nation in dire distress is teetering on the brink of disaster, a desperate cry from their hearts screams across the world ...'**

It takes  
**two**

Care  
for the  
Family

Are hosting an evening on marriage here  
on

Wednesday 7th May 7.30 - 10.00 pm

**6-8 stewards are needed for the evening - please see Pam**



**Diocese of Rochester**

**Together @ Detling**

A weekend of events **21-22 June**  
at the Kent County Showground, Detling.

Over the weekend, we will be thinking about what it means to be  
**One People with One Purpose and One Passion.**

Throughout the weekend there will be a programme of activities suitable for all ages. Saturday will finish with a big bang, with dancing, music, a hog roast and more! Sunday's events will culminate in the Petertide Ordination service, to which all are invited.

Look out for programme details