

# MARKtime

27 January 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

God our creator, who in the beginning  
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:  
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ  
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,  
shine into the hearts of all your people,  
and reveal the knowledge of your glory  
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen*

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### *Today's Services*

### *Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*

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**10.30 am:** Holy Communion

**6.30 pm:** Prayer Service

**Reflection:** Terry Whittaker

**Leading:** Judith Saunders

**Readings:** I Cor. 3: 10-17

**Reading:** Matt. 7: 7-11

Matt. 4: 12-23

**Theme:** 'Ask, Seek, Knock'

**Theme:** 'Building the Kingdom'

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

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## 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 at St. Mark's this week

- Monday 28th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church  
7.30 pm - 9.15pm - Landmark at the Old Vicarage  
'art of connecting 3'
- 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  
'Righteousness by Faith'  
1.15 pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler group in  
Vicarage Hall
- Friday 1st** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Club for children 7 - 11 years  
at the Old Vicarage  
6.00 pm onwards - 24 Hr Prayer for Hope 08 - see  
opposite
- Next Sunday** 10.30 am - All Age Family Worship with Baptism  
**3rd Feb** 6.30 pm - Holy Communion
- Monday - Friday** during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15pm - Playgroup

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

Tuesday 5th February - United Prayer and Praise at the Old Vicarage  
Wednesday 6th February - Ash Wednesday  
Friday 7th March - Pub Quiz at Palm Cottage



Application forms for Sunday and Bank Holiday parking permits, for Littlewoods and Jeffrey St. car parks, are available from Pam in the church office.

**Julia Varniene** is still looking for accommodation in the Gillingham area

Please contact her on 07784 979856 if you can help

*Please note that there is a new selection of books available to purchase on the church bookstall.*

## CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

A basic Christian discipleship course for those who are new to Church will begin in April.

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

*Details to follow*



### Crèche Questionnaire

Would parents and guardians of children up to two years please complete and hand in a questionnaire before leaving church this morning. Forms may be found at the back of the church

*Thank you*



## 24 Hr-PRAYER

- Time to be quiet
- Time to listen
- Time to seek His face
- Time to cry out for our town

**6 pm, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February -**

**6 pm, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2008**

**Venue:** The Gillingham YFC Office, and 133 'drop-in' centre on Trafalgar Street, Gillingham.

For more details or to sign up contact: [office@gyfc.co.uk](mailto:office@gyfc.co.uk) or call the GYFC team on 01634 578128

# HOPE

*in our villages, towns & cities*

# BIBLE READINGS for - Jan / Feb

<i>Day</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>Old Testament</i>	<i>New Testament</i>
<i>Mon 28th</i>	<i>Ps. 108</i>	<i>Gen. 11:27-12:9</i>	<i>Matt. 26: 1-16</i>
<i>Tue 29th</i>	<i>Ps. 36</i>	<i>Gen. 13: 2-end</i>	<i>Matt. 13: 2-end</i>
<i>Wed 30th</i>	<i>Ps. 46</i>	<i>Gen. 14: 1-end</i>	<i>Matt. 26: 36-46</i>
<i>Thu 31st</i>	<i>Ps. 47</i>	<i>Gen. 15: 1-end</i>	<i>Matt. 26: 47-56</i>
<i>Fri 1st</i>	<i>Ps. 65</i>	<i>Gen. 16: 1-end</i>	<i>Matt. 26: 57-end</i>
<i>Sat 2nd</i>	<i>Ps. 48</i>	<i>Gen. 17: 1-22</i>	<i>Matt. 27: 1-10</i>

## Points for Praise and Prayer

- GYFC write, "The 133 drop-in reopened on Monday 21st after extensive refurbishment - please pray that many young people will come to chill out and chat. We thank God for all His provision! We are also looking for people with a heart for 'taking the good news of Jesus relevantly to every young person in Gillingham' to join us in the management of GYFC - particularly to serve on the executive committee. Please pray and if you think God is calling you to investigate further either speak to Malcolm Smith or Wendy Haslam. Working more closely with GYFC will change your life for ever!"
- We continue to remember in our prayers those who are not well namely, Des Dickinson, who is in hospital, for his wife Celia and the family, for Rose Clay's sister Lucy who is quite ill and others known to us. Please remember also Annie Townsend and Melanie and Graham Davis in their bereavement.
- Gill Murphy is the proud grandmother of twins Phoebe and Robyn born to Kerry and Paul. Please pray for them and the family.
- January 2008 heralds the beginning of HOPE 08 as a national programme of Social Action and Gospel Outreach - do pray for all those involved with this and for the team here in Gillingham.
- Next Sunday Mollie Bragg and Joshua Banner are to be baptised here at St, Mark's, pray for them and their sponsors in this week of preparation.
- This month we remember in our prayers Jan Whitmore, husband Des and co-worker Minty who work with Mission Encouragement Trust. Jan is not well and asks for prayer for herself and her Dad.

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*If you would like a visit from one of the staff please phone to make an appointment*

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