

BIBLE READINGS for - September/October

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon. 29 th	150	Daniel 12:1-4	Acts 12:1-11
Tues. 30 th	106	2 Kings 18:1-12	Phil. 1:12-26
Wed. 1 st	111	2 Kings 18:13-end	Phil. 2: 1-13
Thurs. 2 nd	115	2 Kings 19:1-19	Phil. 2:14-end
Fri. 3 rd	139	2 Kings 19:20-36	Phil. 3:1- 4:1
Sat. 4 th	121	2 Kings 20:	Phil 4:2-end

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Let us give thanks for John and Judith's faithful ministry here at St Mark's over the past eleven years. Pray for a refreshing holiday prior to their move to Newton Longville later in October. Pray also that at the time of their move the house they are due occupy will be ready without any unnecessary hitches.
- Remember all those who have either just commenced or will soon be starting their new year at university or college of further education. Pray especially for those who will be away from home for the first time, and that those who are Christians will be able to find welcoming churches in which to settle for the duration of their courses. Change like this takes time, and home church members can play an important part by keeping in touch.
- Following Sue Jelfs' appeal last Sunday, for volunteers to help with the Global Café at Greenwich University, please pray for those from local churches who have agreed to offer friendship, drinks, snacks and information to overseas students. Remember the many who are far away from home and need to adjust to a change of culture and climate, especially with the on-set of winter.
- 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 as well as Brenda Norton following her recent surgery.
- Continue to pray for Iraqi Christians who suffer much violence and intimidation from Islamic militants, who have succeeded in driving many of them from their home country to find refuge in places like Syria. Pray for those who choose to remain in their home land but continue to live in fear. The church in Baghdad where Canon Andrew White is the vicar has very few male members because they have either fled or been killed.

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A Mission Shaped Church

Connecting people with Jesus

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Everlasting God,
you have ordained and constituted the ministries
of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,
so, at your command,
they may help and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Today's Services

Michael and All Angels

10.30 am: Holy Communion

6.30 pm: Prayer Service

Reflection: John Saunders

Reflection: Glenn McWatt

Readings: John 21: 15-22

Readings: Acts 2: 42-47

Theme: 'Farewell, goodbye ...'

Theme: 'The together people'

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.

Dear John and Judith— Thank you for everything—We will miss you.

What's on this week at St. Mark's

- Monday 29th** 10.00 am - Coffee Shop in Church
7.30 - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14-18's) at the Old Vicarage
'What does the Holy Spirit do?'
8.00 pm - Uganda meeting in the Old Vicarage
- Tuesday 30th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 1st October** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church
10.00 am - Ladies Group at the Old Vicarage
'Opposition from the outside'
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
- Friday 3rd** 6.15 pm - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub for children 7-11 years at the Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday 5th October** 10.30 am - Harvest - All Age Family Service - see opposite
6.30 pm - Holy Communion

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

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER HARVEST CELEBRATION

10.30am



A celebration of remembering and thanksgiving
for all ages

Please come with some ideas of things to be thankful
for to add to our Harvest shelter

Also, please bring tins/dried food to add to our store
cupboard in the Old Vicarage, for emergency supplies
to those in need

Thank you

Dates for your diary.....

- Tuesday 7th October - Pastoral Leadership Team meeting 8.00 pm - Old Vicarage
Saturday 11th October - **SNUG** (11-14's) 6.30 - 8.30 pm - Old Vicarage
Monday 13th October - MTG meeting at 8.00 pm - Garden House
Sunday 19th October - SPLAT! team meeting 12.15-1.15 pm - Old Vicarage
Monday 20th October - Standing Committee Meeting - 8.00 pm - Old Vicarage
Sunday 26th October - Summer time ends - clocks go back
Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st October - SPLAT! week

Please can all groups using the Old Vicarage make
sure that the rooms are left clean and tidy for the
next user group. Thank you.

Chris Green is reducing his time in the office to
just 2 mornings per week so please give as much
notice as possible for those 'little extras'!