

## BIBLE READINGS for - February

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1	Hosea 9	1 Corinthians 12:12-end
Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	Hosea 10	1 Corinthians 13
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup>	119:1-32	Hosea 11:1-11	1 Corinthians 14:1-19
Thurs. 5 <sup>th</sup>	15	Hosea 11:12-12:14	1 Corinthians 14:20-end
Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup>	19	Hosea 13:1-14	1 Corinthians 16:1-9
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>	23	Hosea 14	1 Corinthians 16:10-end

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Praise the Lord for the many gifts he has bestowed on his church. As members of the body of Christ here in St Mark's, let us pray that God will show each of us how we can best serve him as part of the worshipping community in Gillingham.
- Remember the forthcoming event due to be held at the Black Lion Leisure Centre on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. Pray that there will be a good number willing to join in this opportunity for witness to our local community.
- Let us continue to remember those of our number who are in need of prayer and practical support. Daphne Beck, Rose Clay, Des and Celia Dickinson, Bruce and Natasha McCready. Pray for June Carter's daughter, who is recovering from a series of major operations.
- Remember John and Ann Townsend in prayer. The funeral of John's mother will take place on Wednesday of this week. Pray also for Janet Haskell (SMIC) and her two sisters Judy and Frances whose mother died last Monday.
- Let us pray for Joy Thomas, following the news that the Home Office has refused an extension to her visa. Pray that her appeal against the decision will meet with a favourable response. Remember that Joy is an American citizen.
- Pray for the church in Mosul, Iraq where Islamist radicals have been waging a concerted campaign of violence against Christians since last September.
- Let us remember Katy Barnwell, our Mission Partner of the month, serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Please see the Missions board for her latest details.

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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 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,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever. Amen

#### Today's Services

#### The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

**10.30 am:** All Age Family Worship

**6.30 pm:** Holy Communion

**Reflection:** Sarah and Jo

**Reflection:** Graham Davis

**Reading:** Ephesians 4: 16ff

**Readings:** Hebrews 2: 14-18  
Luke 2: 22-40

**Theme:** 'Here is the church...!'

**Theme:** 'Help for the tempted'

**Other services today: 11.00 am - Holy Communion 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

<b>Monday 2nd</b>	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14-18's) - Social 'Chillin' out at the Easts' - 118 Woodlands Road, Gillingham
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	8.00 pm - Home Groups (Optional) 8.00 pm - Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting - Old Vicarage
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion in Church 10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage 'Coffee, Prayer and Praise' 1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent & Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light - Vicarage Hall
<b>Thursday 5th</b>	7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
<b>Friday 6th</b>	6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage 8.00 pm - Monthly Prayer Meeting - Old Vicarage
<b>Saturday 7th</b>	6.30 - 8.30 pm - <b>SNUG</b> (11-14's) - Old Vicarage
<b>Next Sunday - 8th February</b>	10.30 am - Holy Communion 6.30 pm - Evening Worship

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

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

Monday 9th February - MTG Meeting at Garden House

Monday 16th February - Standing Committee Meeting

Wednesday 25th February - Special Service of Holy Communion

for Ash Wednesday

Saturday 28th February - Black Lion Community Event - see opposite

The **Volunteer Centre Gillingham**, is carrying out a survey in order to prove the high level of work undertaken by volunteers in Medway. If your work is voluntary and you would like to take part in the survey please complete a registration form at the back of the church and give it to Pam. *Thank you*

## The Lydia Fellowship

is meeting at St Justus church

on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2009

10.30 am - 1.00pm

Peter Marchand will speak about the Global Day of Prayer and 24/7 prayer times

*All ladies most welcome*

Hot drinks served from 10.00 am

*Bring sandwiches and stay on after 1.00 pm for a time of fellowship*

## The Simpson's Home Group

invites you to:

### A Pancake Party

on 24th February, (Shrove Tuesday)

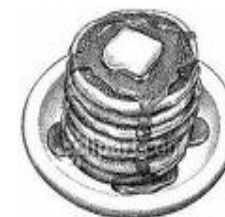
at the Old Vicarage from 6.30 to 8.30 pm

In support of Claire Coleman's planned work in Central Asia with Operation Mobilisation

Come along and eat pancakes and hear more about what Claire is doing and give her your support

Suggested donation per person £2, though feel free to give more!

*Speak to one of the Home Group over coffee today to sign up*



## Black Lion Community Event

Saturday 28th February 2009, 4.30pm - 7.00pm  
Something for everyone, so do invite a friend or two!

More publicity to follow!

*There is a new selection of books available to purchase on the church bookstall ....*