

BIBLE READINGS for - January

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon. 5th	48	Isaiah 61	John 2:1-12
Tues. 6th	73	Isaiah 62	John 2:13-end
Wed. 7th	99	Isaiah 63:7-end	1 John 3
Thurs. 8th	46	Isaiah 64	1 John 4:7-end
Fri. 9th	148	Isaiah 65:1-16	1 John 5:1-12
Sat. 10th	149	Isaiah 65:17-end	1 John 5:13-end

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Playgroup, Coffee Shop, Ladies Group and Home Groups etc. start again this week. Please pray for inspiration and willing hands for those leading and participating in the various activities. Pray also for the Youth and Children's ministry here at St. Marks and for the chaplaincy work at New Brompton College and St. Mary's Island School.
- As we commence this new year, let us thank God for the powerful witness of our persecuted brothers and sisters worldwide who risk everything to follow Christ. For our part, let us ask the Lord to make us worthy of being called Christians in our increasingly secular society where so many show complete indifference to the message of the gospel.
- We continue to remember in our prayers those of our number who are in need of the Lord's healing: Emma Bailey, Daphne Beck, Rose Clay, Des and Celia Dickinson, Bruce and Natasha McCready and David Bairnsfather's sister, Ella. Pray too for John and Doreen Bodkin who are also preparing to relocate towards the end of Jan.
- Pray for a diplomatic solution to the on-going conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, as Hamas continues its relentless rocket attacks on Israeli towns, and Israel its heavy handed retaliation on Gaza. Pray for Christians in Gaza as they live with the constant tit for tat exchanges.
- Continue to pray for Afghanistan, DR Congo, Iraq and the sad state of Zimbabwe.
- Remember in our prayers Jan Whitmore, our Mission Partner for the month. Please see the Mission board for details.

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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

Almighty God,
in the birth of your Son
you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word,
and shown us the fullness of your love:
help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love
that we may know the fullness of his joy. *Amen*

Today's Services

The Second Sunday of Christmas

10.30 am: All Age Family Service

6.30 pm: Holy Communion

Reflection: Terry Whittaker

Reflection: Glenn McWatt

Readings: Ephesians 4: 1-16

Readings: Ephesians 1: 3-14

John 1; 1-18

Theme: 'We're all in this together'

Theme 'The Word Revealed'

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

Monday 5th	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14- 18's) - Old Vicarage 'Welcome to the New Year'
Tuesday 6th	8.00 pm - Pastoral Leadership Team meeting - Old Vicarage 8.00 pm - Home Groups (optional)
Wednesday 7th	9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church 10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage 'Coffee, Prayer and Praise' 1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall 8.00 pm - Music Group Leaders meeting - Sarah Mann's
Thursday 8th	7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous meeting - Old Vicarage
Friday 9th	10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group - Old Vicarage 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage 8.00 pm - Monthly Prayer Meeting - Old Vicarage
Saturday 10th	6.30 - 8.30 pm - SNUG (11-14's) - Old Vicarage <i>Fun, Games and refreshments. Being yourself, being friends and finding direction in your life.</i>
Next Sunday - 11th January	<i>Children's Sunday groups resume</i> 10.30 am - Holy Communion with Baptism 6.30 pm - Evening Worship

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

Dates for your diary.....

Monday 12th January - MTG meeting at Garden House

Saturday 17th January - Leaders meeting

Sunday 18th January - United Service at St Mark's (pm) - with guest speaker from
Open Doors

Monday 19th January - PCC Meeting

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Best wishes to all our readers for 2009.

*As we begin a new year together
may God be with us in all we do.*

*May we know His will day by day
as together we step out in faith.*

If you have regular or intermittent bookings of Vicarage Hall, the Church or the Old Vicarage please let Pam have the dates well in advance to avoid double booking.

Thank you.

I would like to thank very much the person who so kindly and thoughtfully gave me a boxed present on Sunday, 28 December. I would like you know that I am touched and appreciate very much your kindness.



"Insofar as you have done it unto the least of your children,
you have done it unto me"

Graham Davis