

BIBLE READINGS for - July

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon.	6 th	80	Job 33
Tues.	7 th	89:1-18	Job 38
Wed.	8 th	119:105-128	Job 39
Thurs.	9 th	92	Job 40
Fri.	10 th	88	Job 41
Sat.	11 th	97	Job 42

Points for Praise and Prayer

- After more than 20 years of brutal conflict, the Sudanese civil war between north and south came to an end with the signing of a Peace Agreement in 2005. National elections are due to be held this month. If they are delayed or fail, there could be a return to war. Continue to pray for peace, and for the people who fled violence in Darfur and are still living in refugee camps.
- Pray for Scripture Union's 'Frontline Teams' of over 16's preparing to go to Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Ukraine. They are taking up the challenge of working in a different culture, becoming part of what God is doing among children and young people there. Action in response to Matthew 28:19.
- Continue to remember Claire Coleman in her preparations for service with OM in Central Asia, commencing on September 1st. Claire finished her paid employment on Friday, 26th June, and will be spending most of her remaining two months in the UK making final preparations. Pray that her required monthly support of £560 will be met before the end of August.
- Let us continue to persist in prayer for Rose Clay, Rachel Littlewood and her daughter Lucy, Florence Rawlings, Chris Tozer, Terry Whittaker and Bruce McCready's dad.
- Praying for the 'Persecuted Church'. This year, 2009, there is a special prayer focus for Tunisia, where Christians make up less than 2.5% of the population. At this midway point of the year, please pray for this extremely secular country where Islam is the state religion. Pray for the few Tunisian Christian converts from Islam, who are often isolated and face harassment and discrimination.
- Pray for our Mission Partner Lynne Martin, working with Friends International as part of the Paisley Development Group. Please see the Missions Board for recent news and prayer points.

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5th July 2009

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

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen*

Mission Partner focus for this Sunday - Lynne Martin
Please look out for information about Lynne on the screen

<i>Today's Services</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</i>
10.30am: All Age Family Worship	6.30 pm: Holy Communion
Reflection: Glenn McWatt	Reflection: Glenn McWatt
Readings: Acts 6	Readings: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9
Romans 12: 3-13	Luke 10: 25-37
Theme: 'Freely you have received, freely give'	Theme: 'Neighbours'

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 6th	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 pm - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14's-18's) - Old Vicarage
Tuesday 7th	8.00 pm - Home Groups 8.00 pm - Pastoral Leadership Team meeting - Old Vicarage
Wednesday 8th	9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion - Church 9.30 am - GYFC prayers - Old Vicarage 10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage <i>'Using our Gifts'</i> 1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
Thursday 9th	7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
Friday 10th	6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
Saturday 11th	6.30 for 7.00 pm - Beetle Drive in Vicarage Hall 7.30 pm - YOUTH JAM - Church
Next Sunday - 12th July	10.30 am - Holy Communion - Commissioning of the team going to Bufukhula, Uganda from the 6th to 22nd August. 6.30 pm - Youth Led Service
Monday - Friday during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup	

Dates for your diary.....

Monday 13th July - MTG meeting - Garden House
 Tuesday 14th July - Monthly Interactive Prayer Meeting - Old Vicarage
 Sunday 19th July - Family Fun Day - Riverside Country Park
 Monday 20th July - PCC Meeting
 Saturday 8th - Thursday 13th August - Detling Summer Conference
 - see opposite

Thank you
 on behalf of the
 Uganda Exodus
 team as all funds
 have been
 received or
 promised.



We really appreciate all the
 financial support,
 encouragement and prayers from
 St Mark's for this project.

Interactive Prayer Meeting

8.00 pm, Tuesday 14th July
 The Old Vicarage

Intercessions room, Quiet room

Prayer thru' art, music and
 prayer, Praying with the Bible

DETLING SUMMER CONFERENCE

'Nothing is Impossible'

August 8th - 13th 2009

Kent County Showground,
 Detling, Kent

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**Summer Drop - in
 for children**

Thursdays during August
 outside church, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm