

BIBLE READINGS for - February

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon. 9 th	30	Ecclesiastes 1	John 17:1-5
Tues. 10 th	36	Ecclesiastes 2	John 17:6-19
Wed. 11 th	34	Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	John 17:20-end
Thurs. 12 th	37	Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:16	John 18:1-11
Fri. 13 th	31	Ecclesiastes 5	John 18:12-27
Sat. 14 th	42	Ecclesiastes 6	John 18:28-end

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks for the good work being done among the children and young people at St Mark's. Pray for Sarah Ryan and her faithful team of helpers. Also remember Mike King, in his dual role as Youth Worker and School Chaplain.
- Remember the forthcoming event due to be held at the Black Lion Leisure Centre on Saturday, 28th 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, Brenda Eames, Bruce and Natasha McCready. Pray for June Carter's daughter, who is recovering after a series of major operations.
- Let us continue to 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 future of the north-south peace deal signed four years ago in Sudan, which ended the long civil war. Thank God that the deal has held, despite some continuing instability in parts of the country.
- Pray with the group planning their trip to Uganda in August. The additional cost of air fares has significantly increased the overall costs. Ask the Lord to overrule.
- 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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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 Almighty God
who alone can bring order to the unruly wills
and passions of sinful humanity:
give your people grace so to love what you command,
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

Today's Services

The Third Sunday before Lent

10.30 am: Holy Communion
Reflection: Darell Miller
Readings: Ecclesiastes 5: 10-20
Matthew 25: 24-34

6.30 pm: Evening Worship
Reflection: Jerri East

Theme: 'The debt we owe'

Theme: 'In the middle of our story'

Other services today: 10.30 am - Mountevans House
11.00 am - Morning Service at St Mary's Island Church
5.00 pm - Word Service at St Mark's House

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 9th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church
7.30 - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14-18's) - Old Vicarage
'Spiritual Gifts - Part 3'
8.00 pm - MTG Meeting - Garden House
- Tuesday 10th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
8.00 pm - Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting
- Wednesday 11th** 9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion in Church
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage
'Prayer in the Life of Jesus'
1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent & Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
- Thursday 12th** 7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
- Friday 13th** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday -
15th February** 10.30 am - Morning Worship
6.30 pm - Youth Led Service

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

Dates for your diary.....

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

*Jagan Balwath
is looking for a
companion to play chess
after the morning service,
if interested please ring
him on 01634 579622*

Congratulations to
Vanessa and John
Chambers
on the birth of
Jasmine Ann
at 2.30 am
on Wed 4th Feb
weighing 9lbs 7oz



The Lydia Fellowship

is meeting at St Justus church tomorrow (9th February 2009)

10.30 am - 1.00pm

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

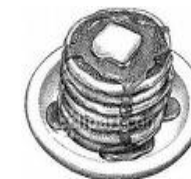
24th February, (Shrove Tuesday)

Old Vicarage, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

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

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

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



Those who remember Olive Davey will be sorry to hear that she passed away on Wednesday 4th February 2009. She was an active member of St. Marks where her involvement also included Coffee shop. Her son Richard, with his wife Carolyn, is one of our Mission Partners. Olive's funeral will take place on Wed 25th February 2009, with a graveside committal at Woodland's Cemetery at 11.00 am, followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mark's at 12.00 pm. Please pray for the family at this time.



Black Lion Community Event

Saturday 28th February 2009, 4.30pm - 7.00pm

Something for everyone, so do invite a friend or two!

We are looking for people to supervise sports and be available to chat - please speak to Gary Atkins or Jo Whittaker