

BIBLE READINGS for - March

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon.	9 th 32	Jeremiah 7:21-end	John 6:41-51
Tues.	10 th 50	Jeremiah 8:1-15	John 6:52-59
Wed.	11 th 35	Jeremiah 8:18-9:11	John 6:60-end
Thurs.	12 th 34	Jeremiah 9:12-24	John 7:1-13
Fri.	13 th 41	Jeremiah 10:1-16	John 7:14-24
Sat.	14 th 25	Jeremiah 10:17-24	John 7:25-36

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks for the excellent turn out (300+) at the Black Lion Community event. Pray that friendships established will be strengthened; that those on the fringes will feel welcome at St Mark's and eventually come into a relationship with Christ.
- Today (Sunday) marks International Women's Day. Please pray this week for girls and women around the world who make up nearly 70% of the world's poor. Pray for those women and girls who are exploited at home, at work and in the sex industry. Many suffer violence which can include rape, incest and other forms of physical and sexual abuse.
- The prayers of Chinese Christians have been heard and answered. In 2008, the Amity Press printed nine million Bibles. Praise God for this most amazing ministry. Pray that the Bibles will get into the hands of those in greatest need.
- Pray for Eritrean Christian refugees who have fled to Ethiopia and Sudan. Release International (a voice for persecuted Christians) has provided some practical support and pastoral encouragement to refugees in Ethiopia, including help with setting up their own small businesses.
- Let us continue to remember those of our number who are in need of prayer and practical support. Emma Bailey, Lesley Boast, Des and Celia Dickinson, Bruce and Natasha McCready. Lesley with acute headaches, Celia after recent knee surgery. Continue to remember June Carter's daughter, Angela, soon to have her twelfth surgical procedure.
- Let us remember Richard and Caroline Davey, our Mission Partners of the month, serving with WEC, UK. Please remember Richard following his mother's recent death, and see the Missions board for other information about WEC's ministries.

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with St. Mary's Island Church (a Local Ecumenical Partnership)

A Mission Shaped Church

Connecting people with Jesus

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen

Today's Services

Second Sunday of Lent

10.30 am: Holy Communion
Reflection: Glenn McWatt
Readings: 1 Kings 17: 7-24
Mark 9: 14-29

Theme: 'Power for Freedom'

6.30 pm: Evening Worship
Reflection: John Beck
Readings: Exodus 3: 11-15
John 8: 48-59

Theme: 'Who do you think you are?'

Other services today: 10.30 am - Mountevans House
11.00 am - Morning Service at St Mary's Island Church
5.00 pm - Communion by Extension 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 pm - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14s-18's) 8.00 pm - MTG Meeting - Garden House
Tuesday 10th	8.00 pm - Home Groups
Wednesday 11th	9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion in Church 9.10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage 'Fasting and Tongues' 1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall 7.30 - 8.30 pm - Baptism Preparation I
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
Saturday 14th	9.00 - 11.00 am - Leaders Follow-up meeting - Vicarage Hall 6.30 - 8.30 pm - SNUG (11-14's) - Old Vicarage
Next Sunday - 15th March	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 March - PCC Meeting - Old Vicarage
Wednesday 18th March - Baptism Preparation 2 - Old Vicarage
Sunday 22nd March - Mothering Sunday
Wednesday 25th March - Baptism Preparation 3 - Old Vicarage
Friday 27th March - Deadline for APCM reports
Friday 3rd April - Monthly Prayer meeting
Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday - AAFW
Monday 6th - Sunday 12th April - Holy Week - details of services to follow
Tuesday 7th April - Pastoral Leadership Team meeting
Sunday 26th April - APCM

GYFC - AGM

Saturday 21 March
4.00pm-6.00pm
Gillingham Methodist Church
Third Avenue, Gillingham



All who support the work of Gillingham Youth for Christ or just want to know more are welcome to join us, with families, to celebrate and be challenged about what God is doing among the young people in our town. With Fiesta fun and Mexican food
RSVP: Jeri on 01634 316478

APCM 26th April—Electoral roll

The APCM is fast approaching. If you wish to be able to vote at the APCM you need to be on the Electoral Roll. Please see Derick Thom (Electoral Roll Officer) ASAP to see if you qualify

Thank you

Parking Permit reminder

Application forms for Sunday and Bank Holiday parking permits, for Littlewoods and Jeffrey Street car parks, are available in church or from the office.

