

## BIBLE READINGS for - January

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon.	12 <sup>th</sup> 80	Amos 1	1 Corinthians 1:1-17
Tues.	13 <sup>th</sup> 89:1-18	Amos 2	1 Corinthians 1:18-end
Wed.	14 <sup>th</sup> 20	Amos 3	1 Corinthians 2
Thurs.	15 <sup>th</sup> 92	Amos 4	1 Corinthians 3
Fri.	16 <sup>th</sup> 88	Amos 5:1-17	1 Corinthians 4
Sat.	17 <sup>th</sup> 97	Amos 5:18-end	1 Corinthians 5

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Let us give thanks to the Lord for the Christmas season just past. Praise God for the enjoyment and refreshment that came through the extended break which many enjoyed with family and friends. However, remember those for whom it was not the blessing it might have been because of illness, sad news or even bereavement. May the new year bring fresh hope and renewed vision.
- Pray for Claire Coleman who will be travelling to Mosbach, Germany to attend the Operation Mobilisation Global Orientation conference, from Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, as part of her preparation for possible service with OM in Central Asia.
- Continue to remember 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 for John & Doreen Bodkin, who are making preparations to relocate later this month.
- Continue to remember the on-going conflict between Israelis and Palestinians in Gaza. Pray that positive action by the UN Security Council will bring a speedy end to the war which is causing so much unnecessary loss of life and suffering, particularly in Gaza.
- Let us remember Jan Whitmore, our Mission Partner of the month, who serves with the Mission Encouragement Trust in the UK. Please see the Missions board for details.

<b>Associate Vicar:</b>	<b>Revd Glenn McWatt</b>	<b>01634 575280</b>
<b>Youth Worker/School Chaplain</b>	<b>Mike King</b>	<b>07790 178554</b>
<b>Children's Co-ordinator:</b>	<b>Sarah Ryan</b>	<b>07949 751730</b>
<b>Church Administrator:</b>	<b>Pam Alexander</b>	<b>Church office: 01634 570489</b>
<b>Playgroup Leader:</b>	<b>Julie Hanning</b>	<b>07807 577836</b>
<b>Pastoral Assistant:</b>	<b>Keith Sheepwash</b>	<b>01634 571841</b>

If you would like a visit from one of the staff please phone to make an appointment

Email: [admin@stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk)

Website: [www.stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk](http://www.stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk)

# MARKtime

11 January 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

Eternal Father,  
who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant that we, being born again by water and the Spirit,  
may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, *Amen*

#### Today's Services

#### The First Sunday of Epiphany

**10.30 am:** Holy Communion

**Reflection:** Glenn McWatt

**Readings:** Romans 12: 1-8  
Matthew 25: 14-30

**Theme:** 'Gifts for God's Service'

**6.30 pm:** Evening Worship

**Reflection:** Glyn Allen

**Readings:** Ephesians 2: 1-10  
1 Peter 4: 1-6

**Theme** 'From Death to Life'

**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 12th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church  
7.30 - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14 - 18's) - Old Vicarage  
'Stand by me' - and please bring your forms for Soul Survivor with a cheque  
8.00 pm - MTG Meeting - Garden House
- Tuesday 13th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 14th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church  
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage  
'Important Work'  
1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent & Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
- Thursday 15th** 7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
- Friday 16th** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
- Saturday 17th** 10.30 for 11.00 am - 12.30 pm - Leaders Meeting  
- Vicarage Hall
- Next Sunday - 18th January** 10.30 am - Morning Worship  
6.30 pm - United Service at St Mark's - see opposite

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

## Dates for your diary.....

- Monday 19th January - PCC Meeting*  
*Wednesday 28th January - Uganda Meeting*  
*Sunday 1st February - All Age Family Worship*  
*Tuesday 3rd February - Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting*  
*Friday 6th February - Monthly Prayer Meeting*  
*Saturday 28th February - Black Lion Community Event*



Those who remember Sybil Bragg, a former member of St Mark's church, will be sorry to hear that she passed away on Tuesday 23rd December 2008.

There will be a short burial service at Woodlands Cemetery, Friday 16th January, 10.00 am

## Do you belong to a Home Group?

If not, and you are interested in joining one, please speak to Glenn. Time together involves studying God's word and asking how it applies to us today, prayer, sharing, and support for one another.



There are number of used books at the back of church that are available to all to read and pass on to others. Please help yourself.

**Not to be confused with bookstall items that are for sale**

As part of the **'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity'** we have a United meeting for Gillingham churches at St Mark's on Sunday 18th January 6:30-8:00pm

Our guest speaker is Mark Price from Open Doors with the theme of 'The Persecuted Church'.

Free refreshments will be available from 6:20pm onwards.

The evening will be interspersed with times of prayer, responding to Mark's worldwide focus and concluding with prayer for the needs and challenges around us in Gillingham.