

## BIBLE READINGS for OCTOBER

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup>	80	2 Chronicles 17:1-12	Mark 15:1-15
Tues. 13 <sup>th</sup>	89:1-18 2	2 Chronicles 18:1-27	Mark 15:16-32
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup>	119:105-128	2 Chronicles 18:28-end 19	Mark 15:33-41
Thurs. 15 <sup>th</sup>	92	2 Chronicles 20:1-23	Mark 15:42-end
Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup>	88	2 Chronicles 22:10-end 23	Mark 16:1-8
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup>	97	2 Chronicles 24:1-22	Mark 16:9-end

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks for last Sunday's harvest celebrations, and for all the interesting and informative things shared by the members of the Uganda team. Let us take this opportunity to remember those who did not have a harvest this year, either because of insufficient rain for the crops to grow, or because of some natural disaster or war.
- Please continue to remember the people of Western Samoa and Tonga, still trying to come to terms with the devastation caused by the tsunami. Let us also pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods in the recent earthquake on the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Pray that there will be a good response to the recent appeal by the Disasters Emergency Committee.
- Please pray this week for the 'Nets for Life' scheme being operated by a consortium of aid and development charities. Their aim is to distribute five million mosquito nets during a period of five years to eighteen countries in Africa, with the hope of preventing malaria.
- Emma Bailey, Rose Clay, Des Dickerson, Kate and Paul Holden would like to thank you for your prayers. Please continue to remember Sean, the fourteen month old great nephew of Shiralee Haggart, who is being treated by a neurologist.
- Please pray for the Christians in Somalia, especially the tiny number of converts from Islam. Islamic extremism is spreading and many Muslims are pressing for the implementation of strict shari'a laws in the country. Pray for God's hand of protection over the small Christian community.
- Pray for our Mission Partners Mike and Helen Tozer, who are working with Crossroads in Hong Kong. Please consult the Missions board for up-to-date information. Please also remember Chris and Mandy who are working there until December, helping with 'Crossroads Exports Refugee Simulation to the World' programme.

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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 and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### Mission Partner focus for this Sunday

Mike and Helen Tozer

### Today's Services *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

10.30am: Holy Communion	6.30 pm: Celebration with MiMi
Reflection: Ernie Mann	Reflection: Eric Thorn
Readings: John 6: 25-40	Readings: Psalm 14
John 6: 41-59	Luke 11:9-13
Theme: Jesus the Bread of Life	Theme: Prayer and Trust

Other services today: 11am - St Mary's Island - **Morning Service**

### 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 AT ST MARK'S THIS WEEK

Monday 12th	10.00am - 12.00pm	Coffee Shop in Church
	7.30 - 9.15pm	Landmark 14-18 year old - Old Vicarage
	8.00pm	MTG meeting - Garden House Supporting our missionaries in prayer
Tuesday 13th	7.45 for 8.00pm	Interactive Prayer Market - Old Vicarage
Wednesday 14th	9.00am	Service of Holy Communion - Church
	10.00am	Ladies' Group - Old Vicarage Who is Jesus? (John 7)
	1.15 - 2.45pm	Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
Thursday 15th	7.45 - 9.15pm	Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
Friday 16th	10am - 12 noon	Lydia Fellowship - Old Vicarage
	6.15 - 7.30pm	Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
Next Sunday: 18 October		
St Marks		
10.30am Morning service		
6.30pm Celebration for Youth & Adults		
Other services		
11am St Mary's Island - All Age service with baptisms		
Monday - Friday during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup		

Dates for your diary.....

Sunday 18 October	SPLAT team leaders meeting 12-1.15pm - Old Vicarage
Monday 19 October	PCC meeting
Wednesday 28 October	Asian Christian Fellowship (see advert)

*If you would like a visit from one of the staff (see opposite page) please phone to make an appointment*

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### Church Office

The office will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday until further notice. If you have any urgent needs when the office is closed, please contact Glenn McWatt, Glyn Allen or Terry Whittaker.

If you have anything for inclusion in Marktime, please send to Nikki Bailey at: [nbailey@fortpitt.medway.sch.uk](mailto:nbailey@fortpitt.medway.sch.uk). Please ensure items are emailed by Thursday of each week.

# SPLAT!

UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

A family event on

Saturday 31 October - 4-6pm

in church.

Sarah and Jo urgently need YOUR help to make this event a success.

If you are willing and able please see one of them as soon as possible.

A BIG thank you for your prayers for SPLAT leaders - prayers have been answered and there are now enough leaders. Also forms are now coming back from children in the parish. Don't stop praying! All prayers needed to make this a great success.

### **Baptismal Preparation Classes**

There are plans to start a series of Baptismal Preparation classes quite soon. If interested please sign up. The list is on the table near the entrance.

### ASIAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Starting on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm – 8.00pm in the Vicarage Hall .**

Any one interested in joining this group, which will meet once a month, please contact **Ghazala Bhatti - Tel: 316866**

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