

BIBLE READINGS for - April

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon. 13 th	111	Song of Solomon 1:9-2:7	Mark 16:1-8
Tues. 14 th	112	Song of Solomon 2:8-end	Luke 24:1-12
Wed. 15 th	113	Song of Solomon 3	Matthew 28:16-end
Thurs. 16 th	114	Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3	Luke 7:11-17
Fri. 17 th	115	Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4	Luke 8:41-end
Sat. 18 th	116	Song of Solomon 8:5-7	John 11:17-44

Points for Praise and Prayer

- We praise you, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that in your mercy you have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. We have an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade – kept in heaven for us, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time; in this we greatly rejoice. Amen.
- Please pray for Corrie, Dale, Katie and Samuel (the four baptismal candidates), that they may know God's grace to face the trials that will surely come after their confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ through the waters of baptism.
- Praying for the 'Persecuted Church'. The Christians in Turkmenistan are facing oppressive government controls on all their activities. Pray that their current President will hold true to his promises, and stop all ongoing violations of the people's rights to freedom of thought, conscience and belief. Pray also that Christians will stand strong in their faith despite threats of imprisonment.
- This month marks another anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda. Between 800,000 and one million people were killed 15 years ago in just 100 days. More than two million people were displaced. Please pray for ongoing peace building, and for the hope of Easter in the aftermath of such horrific violence.
- Let us continue to remember those of our number who are in need of prayer and practical support. Des and Celia Dickinson, Keith Sheepwash and Terry Whittaker. Celia, making a good recovery after knee surgery. Keith, gives thanks that angina was a misdiagnosis; and Terry is coping with wearing his special boot to aid the healing of his ankle. Helen Towers gives thanks for the healing of her back.
- Let us remember Brian and Jenny Stutley, our mission partners for the month of April, working with CLC, UK. Please see the Missions Board for the latest information about their work.

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12th April 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

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. Amen



Today's Services

Easter Sunday

10.30 am: Family Communion

Reflection: Glenn McWatt

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8
Mark 16: 1-8

Theme: 'Christ is Risen'

6.30 pm: Evening Worship

Reflection: Mike King

Readings: Colossians 2: 1-12
John 20: 1-20

Theme: 'God's Wisdom - Jesus Christ risen
from the dead'

Other services today: 5.45 am - Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
and 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

Tuesday 14th	10.30 am - 1.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage <i>Coffee morning</i>
Wednesday 15th April	9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion - Church 8.00 pm - Confirmation Preparation - Old Vicarage
Thursday 16th	7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
Friday 17th	10.30 am - 1.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage <i>Meeting for carers of the elderly</i>
Next Sunday - 19th April	10.30 am - Morning Worship Social for the Children - Old Vicarage 6.30 pm - Evening Worship

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

Dates for your diary.....

Sunday 26th April - Morning Worship with APCM

Thursday 30th April - Waverley Church Leaders Forum - See opposite

Saturday 6th June - Retreat Day at St. Mark's with Jan Whitmore and Mintie Nel

To all those who helped to
decorate the church for Easter



Electoral Roll

If you wish to vote at the APCM,
today is the last opportunity to be
placed on the electoral roll.

Please see Derick Thom after the
service.

**APCM reports are available at the back of church, for
you to read before the APCM being held here on Sunday
26th April . Please allow one per family. Thank you**

Confirmation Classes

are being held on Wednesday evenings,
at 8.00 pm in the Old Vicarage.

The weekly sessions will lead to Confirmation
on Sunday 24th May at 10.00 am,
at St. Mary Magdalene, Gillingham Green.

Please sign up at the back of church or contact Graham Davis
or Keith Sheepwash



Gillingham Youth for Christ

Family Splash and Sponsored Swim
At Black Lion Leisure Centre
Saturday 25 April, 5.00pm-7.00pm



Come along to this relaxing, fun session with the children.
Main Pool, Baby Pool and Diving Boards available.

Raise funds for GYFC by gaining sponsorship for swimming lengths of the pool.
Forms available on request - see Jeri East, Martha Prankard, or Wendy Haslam

Everyone welcome! Pay on the door: Family £5, Adult £3, Juniors (U16) £2

Medway Women's Conference 2009
Devoted to Christ
with Valerie Archer

Saturday 25th April 09

A one day Conference for women
10 am - 4 pm (refreshments from 9.30 am)



FREE ENTRY
at The Moat House
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Waverley Church Leaders Forums

Thursday 30th April 2009
10am - 3pm

Team Leadership - Creative Tension?

Tuesday 20 October 2009
10am-3pm

Leading Effective Change

Further information and a
booking form is available at the
back of Church