

BIBLE READINGS for SEPTEMBER

Day	Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon	14th 146	Genesis 3:1-15	John 12:27-36a
Tues	15th 5	1 Chronicles 13	Mark 10:1-16
Wed	16th 119:1-32	1 Chronicles 15:1-16:3	Mark 10:17-31
Thurs	17th 15	1 Chronicles 17	Mark 10:32-34
Fri.	18th 19	1 Chronicles 21:1-22:1	Mark 10:35-45
Sat.	19th 23	1 Chronicles 22:2-end	Mark 10:46-end

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks with Chris Tozer, who was cleared for his return journey to Hong Kong after seeing his consultant on Monday, 7th September. Chris flew out last Wednesday evening and wishes to thank us all for our love and concern, and the Lord for answered prayers.
- Please continue to remember our Archdeacon, Peter Lock, who is making a good recovery following his recent heart attack. Pray for him as he tries to tie up a few loose ends in anticipation of his retirement. Pray also for Bishop Brian as he shoulders much of the responsibility for diocesan matters since the departure of Bishop Michael.
- Saturday, 19th September marks both the end of the Islamic month of Ramadan and the start of the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah (New Year). Let us remember to pray for relations between the Israelis and Palestinians, especially in Gaza, where there is so much need for social justice and human rights.
- Let us continue to remember those whom we know to be in special need of prayer: Emma Bailey, Rose Clay, Des Dickinson. Pray also for Pam Alexander's and Bruce McCready's dads.
- Praying for the 'Persecuted Church': As you know, the recent elections in Afghanistan have been considered to be tainted because of tampering with ballot papers. An unjust result does not favour Afghan Christians. Pray that it will soon be possible for the Gospel to be proclaimed freely in the country, and for Afghan believers to be able to meet openly in church buildings.
- Pray for our Mission Partner Lucy Haslam who is now in Brussels with her colleague Miriam. Lucy specifically requests that we pray for them to find the right accommodation. Pray that the Lord will grant them wisdom as they view different places.

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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, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Mission Partner focus for this Sunday

LUCY HASLAM—see prayer needs on back page

Today's Services

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Holy Communion	6.30 pm: Evening Service
Reflection: Glenn McWatt	Reflection: Graham Davis
Readings: Hebrews 1:1-5 (page 1201)	Readings: Exodus 18:13-27
John 1:1-18 (page 1063)	Matthew 7:1-14
Theme: 'Jesus – Word made flesh'	Theme: Sharing the load

Other services today:
Communion by extension and anointing with oil — St Marks 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 AT ST MARK'S THIS WEEK

Monday 14th	10.00am - 12.00pm 8pm	Coffee Shop in Church MTG meeting - Old Vicarage
Wednesday 16th	9.00am 10.00am 1.15 - 2.45pm	Service of Holy Communion - Church Ladies Group - Old Vicarage Jesus teaches Nicodemus (John 3) Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
Thursday 17th	9.30am 7.45 - 9.15pm	GYFC prayers - Old Vicarage Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
Friday 18th	10am 6.15 - 7.30pm -	Lydia Prayer Group - Old Vicarage Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
Next Sunday 20 September		
10.30am	Morning Worship	
6.30pm	Evening Worship	
Monday - Friday during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup		

Dates for your diary.....

Monday September 21st	PCC Meeting—Old Vicarage
Sunday October 4th	All Age Family Service—Harvest Celebration
Sunday October 11th	An evening celebration with MiMi – see advert

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

Email: admin@stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk

Website: www.stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk

Church Office

Until a new Church Administrator is appointed, the Church Office will only be partly staffed and will not be open every morning each week. This coming week, the office will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. 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. Please ensure items are emailed by Thursday of each week.

An evening of celebration

An evening of celebration with Thai singer MiMi. Thousands of lives have been touched through her amazing music ministry.

Come and hear her live at St Mark's on Sunday 11th October at 6.30pm.

You may visit her website at:

www.mimimusicministry.btik.com

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If anyone has a keyboard (musical not computer!) lying around that they don't use that I could borrow for a few months until either Father Christmas or the Birthday Bunny arrives to replace the one that has just broken and become unusable, then I would be grateful. Tel either 232433 and leave a message if I'm out, or 07950 191912, obviously, I will collect.

Thank you

Pauline Jackson

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