

BIBLE READINGS for - June

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon.	15 th	30	Job 13
Tues.	16 th	36	Job 14
Wed.	17 th	34	Job 15
Thurs.	18 th	37	Job 16:1-17:2
Fri.	19 th	31	Job 17:3-end
Sat.	20 th	42	Job 18

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. Give thanks with those who attend the Day Retreat on Saturday 10th June led by Jan Whitmore and Mintie Nel. Please pray for Jan who is still recovering from her unfortunate set-back following a very busy day of ministry.
- Next Saturday (20th June) is World Refugee Day. Please pray for the many who face the stigma and marginalisation associated with refugee status. Think of the people of Iraq, where nearly a fifth of the population has been forced to leave their homes because of violence.
- Give thanks for the Scripture Union booklet 'It's Your Move!' which is aimed at helping children cope with the transition from primary to secondary school. Over one million copies of the booklet have been printed and distributed.
- Pray for Florence Rawlings who has recently settled in a new care home in Wigmore, following her recent stay in hospital. Ask the Lord to help her adjust to her new accommodation. Continue to remember Bruce McCready's dad who is receiving treatment for cancer.
- Praying for the 'Persecuted Church'. Pray for Christians in Somalia, especially the tiny number of converts from Islam, as Islamic extremism is spreading and Islamists press for the implementation of strict Shari'a law in the country. Pray for God's hand of protection over the small Christian community in Somalia.
- Continue to pray for Chris Tozer 's 'health issues'. Please remember Tim and Lesley Boast in their bereavement; Tim's mother died peacefully last Monday.
- Pray for Joy Thomas (the widow of David) who continues as our Mission Partner serving in the OM UK accounts department. Please see the Missions Board for recent news and prayer points.

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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

O God,
the strength of all those who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your commandments
we may please you both in will and deed;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

***Mission Partner focus for this Sunday - Lucy Haslam**
Please look out for information about Lucy on Screen

Today's Services

First Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Holy Communion	6.30 pm: Evening Worship
Reflection: Graham Davis	Reflection: Glenn McWatt
Reading: Acts 2: 14-28 Matthew 28: 16-20	Readings: 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 16: 5-15
Theme: 'Peter's Pentecost Proclamation'	Theme: 'The Spirit of Righteousness'

Other services today: 10.30 am - Mountevans House
11.00 am - Morning Service at St Mary's Island Church
5.00 pm - Word Service 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 15th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church
7.30 pm - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14's-18's) - Old Vicarage
'Expressing life, faith and God, in music and song' - bring fave CD or MP3
8.00 pm - Standing Committee Meeting - Old Vicarage
- Tuesday 16th** 5.30 pm - Evensong at Rochester Cathedral
8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 17th** 9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion - Church
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage
'Women in ministry – many different views'
1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light - Vicarage Hall
- Thursday 18th** 7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
- Friday 19th** 10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group - Old Vicarage
6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday - 21st June** 10.30 am - Morning Worship
6.30 pm - Evening Worship
6.00 - 8.30 pm - AngelSpace for Youth - Rochester Cathedral

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

Dates for your diary.....

- Sunday 28th June - Visiting Speaker - Tony Williams of the Kenward Trust; the service will include the commissioning of Claire Coleman for her mission with OM in Central Asia*
- Sunday 5th July - All Age Family Worship with Ministry Fair*
- Tuesday 7th July - Pastoral Leadership Team meeting - Old Vicarage*
- Sunday 12th July - Commissioning of the team going to Bufukhula, Uganda from the 6th to 22nd August.*
- Monday 13th July - MTG meeting - Garden House*
- Tuesday 14th July - Interactive Monthly Prayer Meeting - Old Vicarage*
- Sunday 19th July - Family Fun Day - Riverside Country Park*
- Monday 20th July - PCC Meeting*
- Saturday 8th - Thursday 13th August – Detling Summer Conference*
Theme - 'Nothing is Impossible'



Fun fundraising evening for Uganda team

Vicarage Hall, Saturday 11th July
6.30 pm for prompt start at 7.00pm

Tables of 6, bring own drinks and nibbles

Fish and Chip supper - 'best fish and chips in Gillingham!'

£7.50 per adult, children 9 and under free

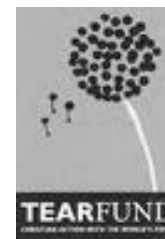
Tickets available from Lesley Boast or Gary Atkins



Tearfund Representative

Wendy Haslam is standing down as the Church Representative for Tearfund, and we are looking for a volunteer to replace her.

If you would like to take over from Wendy, who has served faithfully for many years, please have a word with Glenn or perhaps have a chat with Wendy herself.



OM's new ship **Logos Hope** will be in London, 11th to 28th June

Do take the opportunity to visit the latest addition to the OM fleet



Website: www.uk.om.org

Church Book Stall

The books on the Church Bookstall at present are now available for **free**.

They are second hand Christian books that have been donated and will hopefully be of benefit to others.



Sunday Parking

Medway Councils Annual fee for Sunday Parking is now £25 (since 1st April 2009)

Summer Drop – in for children

Thursdays during August outside church, 10.30 am - 12.30 pm
Sign up at the back of church