

BIBLE READINGS for - February

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon.	16 th 44	Ecclesiastes 7:1-14	John 19:1-16
Tues.	17 th 48	Ecclesiastes 7:15-end	John 19:17-30
Wed.	18 th 119:57-80	Ecclesiastes 8	John 19:31-end
Thurs.	19 th 57	Ecclesiastes 9	John 20:1-10
Fri.	20 th 51	Ecclesiastes 11:1-8	John 20:11-18
Sat.	21 st 68	Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14	John 20:19-end

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, his work is perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he. Deut. 32:3, 4.
- Remember the forthcoming event due to be held at the Black Lion Leisure Centre on Saturday, 28th February. Pray that there will be a good number willing to join in this opportunity for outreach and witness to our local community.
- Let us continue to remember those of our number who are in need of prayer and practical support. Daphne Beck, Des and Celia Dickinson, Brenda Eames, Bruce and Natasha McCready. Pray for June Carter's daughter, recovering after a series of major operations.
- Remember the communities in south-east Australia (particularly Victoria) that have suffered the ravages of wild fires. Many have lost their homes and all possessions. Some have lost loved ones and are in need special counselling. Pray for God's grace.
- Pray for Elizabeth Hodge, the widow of Tony, who died suddenly last week. Even though not a member of St Mark's, Tony was a regular helper at Coffee Shop.
- Special prayer has been requested for Alan and Brenda Allen's daughter, Claire, who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Pray with the group planning their trip to Uganda in August. The additional cost of air fares has significantly increased the overall costs. Ask the Lord to overrule.
- Let us remember Katy Barnwell, our Mission Partner of the month, serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Please see the Missions board for her latest details.

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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

Almighty God,
who has created the heavens and the earth
and has made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, Amen

Today's Services

The Second Sunday before Lent

10.30 am: Morning Worship	6.30 pm: Youth Led Service
Reflection: John Beck	Reflection: Tom Ryan
Readings: I Corinthians 12: 1-11 Ephesians 4: 1-13	Readings: I John 3: 16-24 I Corinthians 13: 1-8
Theme: 'Unity in Spiritual Gifts'	Theme: 'The Father's Love'

Other services today: 11.00 am - Morning Worship at St Mary's Island Church

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 during half-term at St. Mark's

Monday 16th	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 8.00 pm - Standing Committee Meeting - Old Vicarage
Wednesday 18th	9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion in Church 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light - Vicarage Hall
Thursday 19th	7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
Friday 20th	10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group - Old Vicarage
Next Sunday - 22nd February	10.30 am - Holy Communion 6.30 pm - Prayer Service

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

Dates for your diary.....

Wednesday 25th February - Special Service of Holy Communion
for Ash Wednesday

- Funeral of Olive Davey

Saturday 28th February - Black Lion Community Event - see opposite

Sunday 1st March - All Age Family Worship

Tuesday 3rd March - Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting

Friday 6th March - Monthly Prayer Meeting

Monday 9th March - MTG Meeting

Monday 16th March - PCC Meeting

Sunday 22nd March - Mothering Sunday

Please can all reports for the APCM be submitted to Pam
by Friday 27th March

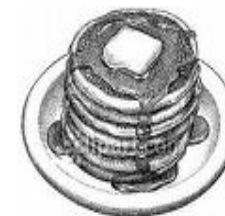
Please prepare your text in
Arial 12pt, maximum 250 words
where possible. Thank you

If anyone has a gas cooker,
washing machine or
microwave that is in good
working order but needs a
new home, please let Pam
know. Thank you

The Simpson's Home Group invites you to:

A Pancake Party

24th February, (Shrove Tuesday)
Old Vicarage, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm



To support Claire Coleman's planned work with Operation Mobilisation
in Central Asia

Suggested donation per person £2, though feel free to give more!

Speak to one of the Home Group over coffee today to sign up

NOT TO BE MISSED!

Black Lion Community Event

Saturday 28th February 2009, 4.30pm - 7.00pm

A variety of activities for all ages plus cafe to relax!

Please come yourself and invite friends and neighbours
(fliers to give out at back of church)

*Cakes and fruit are needed for the café,
please speak to Martha if you can help*

Easter Sunday Celebration with Baptisms (by immersion) at St Mark's, April 12th 6:30pm

**Would you like to find out more about being baptised as part
of your decision to obey and follow Jesus?**

If so, then sign up and come along to some informative preparation
sessions with Mike King at the Old Vicarage, on 3 Wednesdays:
March 11th, 18th and 25th 7:30 - 8:30pm

Sign up at the back table or email Pam at the church office