

## BIBLE READINGS for - March

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon.	16 <sup>th</sup> 5	Jeremiah 11:1-17	John 7:37-52
Tues.	17 <sup>th</sup> 9	Jeremiah 11:18-12:6	John 7:53-8:11
Wed.	18 <sup>th</sup> 38	Jeremiah 13:1-11	John 8:12-30
Thurs.	19 <sup>th</sup> 25	Isaiah 11:1-10	Matthew 13:54-end
Fri.	20 <sup>th</sup> 22	Jeremiah 15:10-end	John 8:48-end
Sat.	21 <sup>st</sup> 31	Jeremiah 16:10-17:4	John 9:1-17

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks for answered prayer regarding Joy Thomas' appeal to the Home Office, for an extension to her visa. Pray for Joy as she commences a short term post with the general OM Finance Office, before focusing on the more specific Ships Ministry.
- Please pray for the recently launched campaign on 'tax justice', which seeks to promote greater accountability by both multinational companies and national governments around the world on tax. It is reported that just two forms of tax evasion alone by multinationals cost the developing world \$160 billion in lost tax revenue.
- Praying for the 'Persecuted Church during Lent'. The ethnic Kazakh Church is a very young church and mostly made up of believers from a Muslim background. Pray that the Lord will raise up wise and strong leaders from among his people in Kazakhstan.
- Remember the families of the two soldiers and policeman who were recently killed in Northern Ireland. Pray that those responsible for these acts of terrorism will soon be apprehended, and that the province will not return to the old sectarian ways.
- Let us continue to remember those of our number who are in need of prayer and practical support. Lesley Boast, Des and Celia Dickinson, Bruce and Natasha McCready, Keith Sheepwash and Terry Whittaker. Lesley awaiting further tests, Celia after her recent knee surgery, and Terry who has suffered a stress fracture in his ankle. Continue to remember June Carter's daughter, Angela, at home after having her twelfth surgical procedure.
- Let us remember Richard and Carolyn Davey, our Mission Partners of the month, serving with WEC, UK. Please remember Richard following his mother's recent death, and see the Missions board for other information about WEC's ministries.

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# MARKtime

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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,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

#### Today's Services

#### Third Sunday of Lent

**10.30 am:** Morning Worship  
**Reflection:** Ernie Mann  
**Readings:** Philippians 2: 1-11  
Psalm 1  
Mark 9: 30-37

**Theme:** 'Who is the greatest?'

**6.30 pm:** Youth-led Service  
**Reflection:** Wendy Haslam  
**Readings:** Isaiah 61: 1-4  
Ezekiel 36: 25-27

**Theme:** 'Which Jesus do you follow?'

**All welcome - refreshments from 6.20 pm**

**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 this week at St. Mark's

- Monday 16th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church  
7.30 pm - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14s-18's)  
*'Bringing it all together'* - Old Vicarage  
**Please bring consent forms for next week's bowling**  
7.45 pm for 8.00 pm - PCC Meeting - Old Vicarage
- Tuesday 17th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 18th** 9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion in Church  
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage  
*'Intercession'*  
1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall  
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light - Vicarage Hall  
7.30 - 8.30 pm - Baptism Preparation 2 - Old Vicarage
- Thursday 19th** 7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
- Friday 20th** 10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group - Old Vicarage  
6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
- Saturday 21st** 6.30 - 8.30 pm - **SNUG** (11-14's) - Old Vicarage  
4.00 pm - 6.00 pm GYFC AGM - see *opposite*
- Next Sunday - 22nd March** 10.30 am - Morning Worship - Mothering Sunday  
6.30 pm - Prayer Service

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

### Dates for your diary.....

- Wednesday 25th March - Baptism Preparation 3 - Old Vicarage  
Friday 27th March - Deadline for APCM reports  
Friday 3rd April - Monthly Prayer meeting  
Sunday 5th April - Palm Sunday - AAFW  
Monday 6th - Sunday 12th April - Holy Week - details of services to follow  
Tuesday 7th April - Pastoral Leadership Team meeting  
Tuesday 7th April - 'One Road to Reconciliation' - St. Matthew's Church, Wigmore - see notice at back of the church  
Sunday 26th April - APCM

## GYFC - AGM

Saturday 21 March  
4.00pm - 6.00pm  
Gillingham Methodist Church  
Third Avenue, Gillingham



### Mexican Fiesta



All who support the work of Gillingham Youth for Christ or just want to know more are welcome to join us, with families, to celebrate and be challenged, about what God is doing among the young people in our town.  
With Fiesta fun and Mexican food .....  
RSVP: Jeri on 01634 316478

## APCM 26th April—Electoral Roll

The APCM is fast approaching  
If you wish to be able to vote at the APCM you will need to be on the Electoral Roll.  
Please see Derick Thom (Electoral Roll Officer) ASAP to see if you qualify. *Thank you*

A big thank you to all those who dressed up, washed cars, had their cars 'washed' - and paid for the privilege!  
£126.00 was raised which will be shared between the Uganda fund and Comic Relief

### ALSO...

Thank you everyone who came to the 'Simpson's Pancake Party' to raise funds for Claire going off to Central Asia. £177 was raised which she will put towards her injections



Thanks for your generosity and support