

BIBLE READINGS for - May

| Day | Psalm | 1 st Reading | 2 nd Reading |
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| Mon. 18 th | 65 | Deuteronomy 26 1 Peter | 4:1-11 |
| Tues. 19 th | 126 | Deuteronomy 28:1-14 | 1 Peter 4:12-end |
| Wed. 20 th | 132 | Deuteronomy 28:58-end | 1 Peter 5 |
| Thurs. 21 st | 110 | Isaiah 52:7-end | Hebrews 7:11-end |
| Fri. 22 nd | 81 | Deuteronomy 29:2-15 | 1 John 1-2:6 |
| Sat. 23 rd | 47 | Deuteronomy 30 | 1 John 2:7-17 |

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks that Terry Whittaker has been given the all clear since the healing of the stress fracture on his ankle. Pray for continued good health. Pray also for Florence Rawlings (95), who has been in hospital following a severe reaction to her prescribed blood pressure tablets.
- Please remember to pray for the following forthcoming events: Global Day of Prayer: Twenty-four hours of prayer at St Mark's from 6.00am on Tuesday, 26th to 6.00 am on Wednesday 27th May. The three days of events on the Great Lines from Friday, 29th to Sunday 31st May. Pray especially for the Pentecost Sunday worship from 10.30 to noon. Day Retreat with Jan Whitmore and Mintie Nel, and *Angel Fest* for children and young people at Aylesford Priory. Both on Saturday, 6th June.
- Give thanks for the committed team leading our children's work each week. Please pray for more leaders – particularly for the Scramblers (pre-school) and Climbers groups.
- Praying for the 'Persecuted Church'. Pray for the Church in Laos as it faces harassment, intimidation and persecution from the government and local authorities. Pray for the many Christians detained or imprisoned on false allegations and charges.
- Fifty years ago the school curriculum included Scripture or Religious Knowledge, focusing on Christianity. Today the religious education curriculum embraces the study of all major faiths, and a generation is growing up unfamiliar with Bible stories. Pray for those church schools which seek to emphasize the importance of the Bible and Christian faith. Pray also for the thirteen year nine pupils injured by the collapsed heating duct at Minster College on the Isle of Sheppey.
- Pray for Tim and Tricia Barrow, our Mission Partners for the month of May, who are working with SIM in South Africa. Look out for up-to-date information on the Missions Board.

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17th May 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

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Today's Services

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Morning Worship

Reflection: John Beck

Readings: Acts 1: 12-17
Mark 3: 13-19

Theme: 'The Church Prays and Prepares'

6.30 pm: Youth Led Service

Reflection: Tom Ryan

Readings: Matthew 14: 22-36

Theme: 'Choices'

All welcome - refreshments from 6.20 pm

Other services today: 11.00 am - Morning Service 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

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| Monday 18th | 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 7.30 pm - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14s-18's) - Old Vicarage 'Interactive-get-the-message' led by Rob and Andy |
| Tuesday 19th | 10.30 am - 12.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage Ex Carers meeting 8.00 pm - Home Groups |
| Wednesday 20th | 9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion - Church 9.30 am - GYFC Prayer meeting - Old Vicarage 10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage 'Women in Ministry - Headship' 1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light - Vicarage Hall 8.00 pm - Confirmation Preparation - Old Vicarage |
| Thursday 21st | 7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage |
| Friday 22nd | 10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group - Old Vicarage 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage |
| Next Sunday - 24th May | 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.....

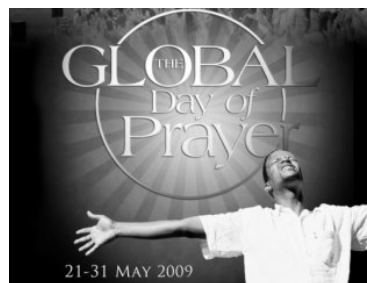
Monday 18th May - PCC meeting at St Mary's Island
Thursday 21st May - start of 24/10 Prayer Watches leading to Global Day of Prayer
Friday/Saturday 29/30th - Global Day of Prayer Event - Gillingham Churches 'Line of Fire'
Sunday 31st May - Pentecost Sunday - our worship will be at the Great Lines, see all opp.
Saturday 6th June - Retreat Day at St. Mark's with Jan Whitmore and Mintie Nel, see opp.
Saturday 6th June - Angel fest, for children and young people - Aylesford Priory
Monday 8th June - MTG Meeting at Garden House
Tuesday 9th June - Prayer Market - see opp.
Sunday 19th July - Family Fun Day - Riverside Country Park

If you wish to reserve a place for your child at St Mark's Playgroup this September please speak to Julie Hanning on 07807 577836



Home group notes
are available at the back of the
church

A small pair of glasses
was left at Mountevans
House last week. They
are in office with Natalie
awaiting collection



Global Day of Prayer 24/10

Pray with many around the clock for ten days,
21st - 30th May,
leading to the Global Day of Prayer
when millions around the world will be joining
in prayer on Pentecost Sunday (31st May).

St Marks will be open for prayer
from 6am on Tuesday, 26th to 6am on Wednesday, 27th May
Please sign-up at the back of church for one of the 24 hourly slots.

Advance notice: Our services on Sunday 31st May (Pentecost Sunday)
will be part of the Global Day of Prayer.

The venue will be The Great Lines, Gillingham.
Morning Worship Service 10.30am - 12 noon, the main event.

Lots of helpers are needed in a variety of ways
See notice board at back of church

The well is deep...

come drink with us.

Jan Whitmore & Mintie Nel, Directors
of Mission Encouragement Trust, invite
us to a refreshing day of retreat, 'MET
style'

Saturday 6th June 2009
9.30 am - 5.30 pm
at Vicarage Hall

Theme: *Dwelling in Covenant*
Guest Worship Leaders:
David & Alison John

Last chance to reserve a place
Please ring Chantal on 01634 309789

Prayer Market

....the most important meeting at
St. Mark's

Tuesday 9th June
7.45 pm for coffee
8.00 pm start
until 9.15 pm

Intercessions room
Quiet room
Prayer thru' art
Music and prayer
Praying with the bible

Draw close to God and he will draw close to you
James 4.8