

BIBLE READINGS for - January

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon. 19 th	146	Amos 6	1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Tues. 20 th	132	Amos 7	1 Corinthians 6:12-end
Wed. 21 st	111	Amos 8	1 Corinthians 7:1-24
Thurs. 22 nd	115	Amos 9	1 Corinthians 7:25-end
Fri. 23 rd	139	Hosea 1:1-2:1	1 Corinthians 8
Sat. 24 th	122	Hosea 2:2-17	1 Corinthians 9:1-14

Points for Praise and Prayer

- As we explore the subject of Spiritual Gifts on Sunday mornings, pray that the Lord will reveal to each believer the importance of these gifts. However, let us not forget what the Apostle Paul says: 'There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.'
- Continue to remember those of our number who are in need of the Lord's healing. Emma Bailey, Daphne Beck, Rose Clay, Des and Celia Dickinson, Sadie Forrest, Bruce and Natasha McCreedy, and David Bairnsfather's sister, Ella. Pray also for John & Doreen Bodkin, who are making preparations to relocate this month.
- Many Christian converts have to live in hiding in Islamic countries, for fear of death as apostates. Pray for our Lord to be especially close to such believers and their families in hiding in Afghanistan, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan and other places.
- What hope is there of resolving the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians? When will there be an end to the awful suffering in Zimbabwe? There isn't an easy answer to either of these questions, so let us not give up praying. The Lord is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.
- Let us remember Jan Whitmore, our Mission Partner of the month, who serves with the Mission Encouragement Trust in the UK. Please see the Missions board for details, including the latest itinerary for her South African trip.
- Pray for Barack Obama on the occasion of his inauguration as the forty-fourth President of the USA on Tuesday.

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A Mission Shaped Church

Connecting people with Jesus

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God,
who in Christ makes all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

Today's Services

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.30 am: Morning Worship

Reflection: Graham Davis

Readings: I Samuel 16: 1- 12
John 4: 1-3

Theme: 'The Gift of Discernment'

6.30 pm: United Service for Gillingham

Speaker: Mark Price from Open Doors

The evening will include times of prayer
Refreshments from 6.20 pm onwards

Theme: 'The Persecuted Church'

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 19th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church
7.30 - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14 -18's) - Old Vicarage
'Gifts of the Spirit' - Part 1
7.45 for 8.00 pm - PCC Meeting - Old Vicarage
- Tuesday 20th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 21st** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage
'Facing Opposition'
1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent & Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm - Faith and Light - Vicarage Hall
- Thursday 22nd** 7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
- Friday 23rd** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday -
25th January** 10.30 am - Holy Communion
6.30 pm - A Service of Prayer for Healing

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

Dates for your diary.....

- Wednesday 28th January - Uganda Meeting
Sunday 1st February - All Age Family Worship
Tuesday 3rd February - Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting
Friday 6th February - Monthly Prayer Meeting
Monday 9th February - MTG Meeting at Garden House
Saturday 28th February - Black Lion Community Event

St Mark's Church extends a warm welcome to our visitors today, who are from St. John's Church, Blackheath

Keys

We are carrying out a key audit/amnesty (!). If you are a current key holder to the Church, the Old Vicarage or Vicarage Hall, or know of any one who is who might not read this, please let Pam know. Or, if you have keys to any of the above and no longer need them please return them to the office. *Thank you.*



The Lydia Fellowship

is meeting at St Justus church
on Monday 9th February 2009

10.30 am -1.00pm

Peter Marchand will speak about the Global Day of Prayer and 24/7 prayer times

All ladies most welcome

Hot drinks served from 10.00 am
Bring sandwiches and stay on after 1.00 pm for a time of fellowship



There are number of used books at the back of church that are available to all to read and pass on to others.

Please help yourself.

Not to be confused with bookstall items that are for sale