

BIBLE READINGS for - April

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon. 20 th	19	Deuteronomy 1: 3-18	John 20:1-10
Tues. 21 st	8	Deuteronomy 1:19-40	John 20:11-18
Wed. 22 nd	30	Deuteronomy 3:18	John 20:19-end
Thurs. 23 rd	5	Joshua 1:1-9	Ephesians 6:10-20
Fri. 24 th	61	Deuteronomy 4:15-31	John 21:15-19
Sat. 25 th	37	Isaiah 62:6-10	Acts 12:25-13:13

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Remember the APCM next Sunday. Pray that there will be a good attendance, and that everyone who attends will find it an informative and encouraging time. Pray that the morning worship which will form an integral part of the meeting may be led by the Holy Spirit and bring glory to God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Global Campaign for Education takes place on Tuesday of this week. Pray for governments and local authorities to hear the voices of the poorest people and communities, especially in places like Sierra Leone. Remember people who are giving time and energy to repair schools and clinics destroyed during the civil war.
- Praying for the 'Persecuted Church'. Pray for the church in Yemen, which is made up mostly of expatriate workers and refugees, and especially for the small number of Yemeni believers. Pray for their protection as they have to negotiate living their faith amidst severe restrictions, and even the possibility of death. Being converted to the Christian faith from Islam carries the death penalty.
- Please continue to pray about the desperate situation in Zimbabwe. Recent reports indicate that many more people are experiencing poverty and malnutrition. Health care is at an all time low and practically non-existent. 'O Lord, how much longer must these people suffer unnecessarily?' Lord, have mercy!
- Let us continue to remember those of our number who are in need of prayer and practical support. Des and Celia Dickinson, Keith Sheepwash and Terry Whittaker. Celia, making a good recovery after knee surgery. Keith, gives thanks that angina was a misdiagnosis; and Terry is coping with wearing his special boot to aid the healing of his ankle. Helen Towers gives thanks for the healing of her back.
- Let us remember Brian and Jenny Stutley, our mission partners for the month of April, working with CLC, UK. Please see the Missions Board for the latest information about their work.

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19th April 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

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Today's Services

Second Sunday of Easter

10.30 am: Morning Worship	6.30 pm: Evening Worship
Reflection: Graham Wilkins	Reflection: Graham Davis
Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-44 Psalm 133 John 20: 19-31	Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Luke 24: 1-12
Theme: 'The doubting disciple'	Theme: 'Life from dead bones'

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

Monday 20th	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church 9.30 am - 12.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage <i>Mental Health Carers meeting</i> 7.30 pm - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14s-18's) - Old Vicarage <i>'Chill 'n' chips' - (Bring £1)</i>
Tuesday 21st	10.30 am - 1.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage <i>Former Carers meeting</i> 8.00 pm - Home Groups
Wednesday 22nd April	9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion - Church 10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage <i>'Paul's Prayers'</i> 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 23rd	7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
Friday 24th	10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group - Old Vicarage 10.30 am - 1.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage <i>Meeting for carers of the Elderly</i>
Saturday 25th	10.00 am - 4.00 pm - Medway Women's Conference 2009 - see opposite 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm - GYFC Family Splash and Sponsored Swim - see opposite
Next Sunday - 26th April	10.30 am - Morning Worship with APCM 6.30 pm - Evening Worship
Monday - Friday during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup	

Dates for your diary.....

Thursday 30th April - Waverley Church Leaders Forum
Friday 1st May - Monthly Prayer Meeting - Old Vicarage
Saturday 2nd May - Open Doors SE Regional Day at Ashford Baptist Church - see opp.
Sunday 3rd May - All Age Family Worship
Tuesday 5th May - Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting - Old Vicarage
Saturday 9th May - The Gospel of John - St. Augustine's Church - see notice on board
Monday 11th May - MTG Meeting - Garden House
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th - Maidstone Bible Convention - see opposite
Saturday 16th May - Healing Service - Christchurch, Southborough, 7pm
Sunday 17th May - 'Ministry Fair' at St Mark's after the morning service
Monday 18th May - PCC meeting
Saturday 6th June - Retreat Day at St. Mark's with Jan Whitmore and Mintie Nel

Gillingham Youth for Christ

Family Splash and Sponsored Swim
at Black Lion Leisure Centre
Saturday 25 April, 5.00pm-7.00pm



Come along to this relaxing, fun session with the children.
Main Pool, Baby Pool and Diving Boards available.

Raise funds for GYFC by gaining sponsorship for swimming lengths of the pool.
Forms available on request - see Jeri East, Martha Prankard, or Wendy Haslam
Everyone welcome! Pay on the door: Family £5, Adult £3, Juniors (U16) £2

Medway Women's Conference 2009

Devoted to Christ with Valerie Archer

Saturday 25th April 09

A one day Conference for women
10 am - 4 pm (refreshments from 9.30 am)



FREE ENTRY
at The Moat House
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APCM - 26 April 2009

APCM reports are available at
the back of church. Please read
before APCM next week and
allow one per family. Thank you

If anyone would like to check
their details on the Electoral
Roll for 2009 please see Derick
Thom after the morning
service. Thank you

'Walk with Them'

Open Doors SE Regional Day,
Saturday 2nd May 2009

Ashford Baptist Church,
St John's Lane, Ashford TN23 1PS
10.30 - 16.00 hours

Speakers Gerry & Ans Brugman

24/10 Prayer Watches, Line of Fire and Global Day of Prayer

culminating on
The Great Lines
21st - 31st May 2009

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

Maidstone Bible Convention

11 - 14 May 2009, 8.00 pm
Salvation Army Citadel,
Union Street, Maidstone
See notice at back of Church