

BIBLE READINGS for SEPTEMBER

Day		Psalm	1st Reading	2nd Reading
Mon	21 st	49	1 Kings 19:15- end	2 Timothy 3:14-end
Tues	22 nd	36	1 Chronicles 28:11-end	Mark 11:12-26
Wed	23 rd	34	1 Chronicles 29:1-9	Mark 11:27-end
Thurs	24 th	37	1 Chronicles 29:10-20	Mark 12:1-12
Fri.	25 th	31	1 Chronicles 29:21-end	Mark 12:13-17
Sat.	26 th	42	2 Chronicles 1:1-13	Mark 12:18-27

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Priest in Charge of St Mark's: Give thanks for the meeting between a potential candidate and the PCC, which took place on Friday, 11th September, and the subsequent interview on Saturday 12th. Pray that the Lord will direct the way forward in the process to appoint a new incumbent.
- Pray for the many young people who are entering a new phase in their lives – leaving home for training situations, college or university. Some are taking a gap year to gain experience in various fields of ministry. Remember change can be challenging, stressful and revitalising.
- Remember Nepal where politics remain volatile. Pray for stability and freedom for the Gospel to continue. Pray also for the recent launch of a new 'Faith Comes by Hearing' audio New Testament in Newar, the main language spoken in Kathmandu valley.
- Let us continue to remember those whom we know to be in special need of prayer: Emma Bailey, Rose Clay, Des Dickinson, Kate & Paul Holden whose daughter Chloe died after a decision was taken to switch off her life support system. Pray also for Pam Alexander's and Bruce McCready's dads.
- Praying for the 'Persecuted Church': The small Christian community in the Maldives practise their faith only in private because of fear. Pray for a change of heart among the Maldivian people and their government in particular. Pray that the average citizen will be able to accept that it is possible to be a Maldivian without being a Muslim as well.
- Pray for our Mission Partner Lucy Haslam and her colleague Miriam, with IFES InterAction in Brussels. Lucy specifically requests that we pray for them to find the right accommodation. Pray that the Lord will lead them to the place of his appointment.

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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

God, who in your generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord. Amen

Mission Partner focus for this Sunday

Jan Whitmore

Today's Services

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am: Morning Service

6.30 pm: Informal Service

Reflection: John Bloor

Reflection: Mike King

Readings: 1 John 2:29-3:3

Readings: Ephesians 4:15-5:2

John 3:1-21

2 Corinthians 2:14

Theme: 'Jesus teaches Nicodemus'

Theme: Jesus is King: Belonging and
Fragrance

Other services today: 11am Morning Service - St Mary's Island

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 AT ST MARK'S THIS WEEK

Monday 21st	10.00am - 12.00pm 7.45 for 8pm 7.30-9.15pm	Coffee Shop in Church MTG meeting—Old Vicarage Landmark (14-18's) Joseph Part 2 - Dreams, Attitude and Bullying
Wednesday 23rd	9.00am 10.00am 1.15 - 2.45pm 7-9pm	Service of Holy Communion - Church Ladies Group - Old Vicarage Jesus and the Samaritan woman (John 4) Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall Faith and Light—Vicarage Hall
Thursday 24th	9.30am 7.45 - 9.15pm	GYFC prayers - Old Vicarage Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
Friday 25th	6.15 - 7.30pm	Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage

Next Sunday: 4 October

St Marks

10.30am Holy Communion

6.30pm Evening Worship

Other services

11am St Mary's Island - Family Harvest/Back to Church Sunday

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

Dates for your diary.....

Sunday October 4	All Age Family Service—Harvest Celebration (see next page) 3:15pm Evensong at Rochester Cathedral—Kenward Trust
Tuesday 6 October	8pm Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting—Old Vicarage
Sunday October 11	An evening celebration with MiMi

If you would like a visit from one of the staff (see back page) please phone to make an appointment

Email: admin@stmarkschurchgillingham.co.uk

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Church Office

Until a new Church Administrator is appointed, the Church Office will only be partly staffed and will not be open every morning each week. This coming week, the office will be open on Wednesday and Thursday this week. If you have any urgent needs when the office is closed, please contact Glenn McWatt, Glyn Allen or Terry Whittaker.

If you have anything for inclusion in Marktime, please send to Nikki Bailey at: nbailey@fortpitt.medway.sch.uk. Please ensure items are emailed by Thursday of each week.

CHRISTIAN HOUSE SHARE

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(see details on notice board)

SPLAT!

Many thanks for those who offered their help for our annual EVENT! However we do need a few more volunteers to help make this ANOTHER success. Please see Sarah Ryan or Jo Whittaker if you are interested in reaching children and parents in our community. It's during the week of October 27th (half term)

Also needed—small variety size cereal boxes (so you can EAT and donate!), again please see Sarah Ryan or Jo Whittaker.

HARVEST

Our Harvest Service will be on 4th October this year. As always donations of tins and packet food produce are accepted for use to stock the church larder for those in specific need, however the Uganda team would particularly welcome donations of fresh

Associate Vicar:
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