

## BIBLE READINGS for - February

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon.	23 <sup>rd</sup> 71	Jeremiah 1	John 3:1-21
Tues.	24 <sup>th</sup> 73	Jeremiah 2:1-13	John 3:22-end
Wed.	25 <sup>th</sup> 38	Daniel 9:3-6, 17-19	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Thurs.	26 <sup>th</sup> 78:1-39	Jeremiah 2:14-32	John 4:1-26
Fri.	27 <sup>th</sup> 55	Jeremiah 3:6-22	John 4:27-42
Sat.	28 <sup>th</sup> 76	Jeremiah 4:1-18	John 4:43-end

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks for the work of the Bible Society in Ghana. Translators are seeking to complete their work to produce the New Testament in Dagaare – the language of about one million people in north-western Ghana. Refer to Psalm 119:105.
- It has been a long time coming, but now it is here. Yes, the Black Lion Community Event is this Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, from 4.30 – 7.00pm. Please pray that it will be a real blessing for all those who join in the variety of activities on offer.
- Let us continue to remember those of our number who are in need of prayer and practical support. Daphne Beck, Des and Celia Dickinson, Bruce and Natasha McCready. Pray for June Carter's daughter, who is recovering after a series of major operations.
- Remember Janet Haskell (SMIC) whose mother's funeral will take place on Monday, and Elizabeth Hodge whose husband's funeral will be on Friday. Pray that the Lord will comfort each of them in their respective losses.
- Special prayer has been requested for Alan and Brenda Allen's daughter, Claire, who is currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Pray for the many Christians currently imprisoned in Vietnam because of their faith in Christ: there are estimated to be about 100 of them. Lord have mercy!
- Let us remember Katy Barnwell, our Mission Partner of the month, serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Please see the Missions board for her latest details.

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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 Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen

#### Today's Services

#### Sunday next before Lent

**10.30 am:** Holy Communion

**Reflection:** Mike King

**Readings:** I Corinthians 14: 1-19  
Mark 16: 14-20

**Theme:** 'What of Tongues & Prophecy?'

**6.30 pm:** Prayer Service

**Reflection:** John Beck

**Readings:** Various

**Theme:** 'Prayer in four ACTS'

**Other services today:** 11.00 am - Family 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.*

*Congratulations to Rose Clay who celebrated her 90th Birthday last week, Happy Birthday Rose!*

**What's on this week at St. Mark's**

**Monday 23rd** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church  
7.30 pm - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14's-18's) - Old Vicarage  
*'Gifts of the Spirit' - Part 4*

**Shrove Tuesday** 8.00 pm - Home Groups  
6.30 pm - 8.30 pm - Simpson's Pancake Party - Old Vicarage  
- see opposite

**Ash Wednesday** 9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion in Church  
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage  
*'The Holy Spirit and Prayer'*  
11.00 am - Graveside Committal of Olive Davey  
- Woodlands Cemetery followed at  
12.00 pm - Service of Thanksgiving in Church  
1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall

**Thursday 26th** 7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage

**Friday 27th** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage

**Saturday 28th** 4.30pm (3.45 team arrive to set up) - 7.00 pm  
Community Event at Black Lion - see opposite

**Next Sunday - 1st March** 10.30 am - All Age Family Worship  
6.30 pm - Holy Communion

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

**Simpson's Home Group Pancake Party!**



Shrove Tuesday  
Old Vicarage, 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm

In aid of Claire's planned work with Operation Mobilisation

Suggested donation £2 per person  
*sign up today*

**Suggested Reading for Lent**

The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren, published by Zondervan

Marking Time by Nick Baines (47 Reflections on Mark's Gospel for Lent) Published by St Andrew's Press

**For personal or group study**

LENTWISE by Paula Gooder (Spiritual essentials for real life) published by Church House

Jesus - The Wounded Saviour by Selwyn Hughes in the Cover to Cover Series

**Black Lion Community Event**

Saturday 28th February 2009, 4.30pm - 7.00pm

A variety of activities for all ages plus cafe to relax!

Please come yourself and invite friends and neighbours (fliers to give out at back of church)

**Please could team arrive for 3.45pm to help set up. Thank you**

**NOT TO BE MISSED! - FUN! - FUN! - FOR EVERYONE!**

**Dates for your diary.....**

Tuesday 3rd March  
- Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting

Friday 6th March  
- Monthly Prayer Meeting

Monday 9th March - MTG Meeting

Monday 16th March - PCC Meeting

Sunday 22nd March  
- Mothering Sunday

Please save used postage stamps and give to David Norton (Verger) for Guide Dogs for the Blind  
*Thank you*

All reports for the APCM to be submitted to Pam  
**by Friday 27th March**

Please prepare edited text in Arial, 12pt, 250 words max if possible. *Thank you*

**Easter Sunday Celebration with Baptisms (by immersion) at St Mark's, April 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

**Would you like to find out more about being baptised as part of your decision to obey and follow Jesus?**

If so, then sign up and come along to some informative preparation sessions with Mike King at the Old Vicarage, on 3 Wednesdays: March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 - 8:30pm

**Sign up at the back table or email Pam at the church office**