

BIBLE READINGS for - May

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon. 25 th	93	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	1 John 2:18-end
Tues. 26 th	99	Deuteronomy 31:14-29	1 John 3:1-10
Wed. 27 th	29	Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14	1 John 3:11-end
Thurs. 28 th	24	Deuteronomy 32:15-47	1 John 4:1-6
Fri. 29 th	28	Deuteronomy 33	1 John 4:7-end
Sat. 30 th	43	Deuteronomy 32:48-endof34	1 John 5

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Praise the Lord for the glory of Ascension Day celebrated last Thursday, and let us look forward with joy and expectation to the festival of Pentecost. Pray that the celebration on the Great Lines (29/30/31) will be a powerful witness to many in Medway who are still seeking after meaning and purpose in life.
- Remember those who are away on family holidays during this half-term break. Pray for good times of relaxation and refreshment, especially for the many children who have recently been under stress because of exams and tests.
- Please remember to pray for the following important events: Day Retreat with Jan Whitmore and Mintie Nel, and *Angel Fest* for children and young people at Aylesford Priory, both on Saturday, 6th June. Pray for and try to attend the Prayer Market to be held in the Old Vicarage on Tuesday evening 9th 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. Pray for Bruce's dad recently diagnosed with leukaemia and baby Luke with mild whooping cough.
- Praying for the 'Persecuted Church'. Praise God for the small Christian Presence in Afghanistan, where Taliban insurgents continue to make life difficult for great swathes of the population. Pray for the protection of Afghan Christians, especially those who are converts from Islam. The renouncing of Islam is still punishable by death.
- Ask God to bless and heal all those Christians affected by Hindu militant violence in India (particularly in Orissa state). Many are said to be too frightened to return home – but have not been given enough government support to settle elsewhere.
- Pray for Tim and Tricia Barrow, our Mission Partners for the month of May, who are working with SIM in South Africa. See the Missions Board for up-to-date information.

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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

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Today's Services

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10.30am: Holy Communion

Reflection: Revd Kim Hitch

Readings: Acts 1: 18-26

John 14: 15-21

Theme: 'A Successor to Judas'

6.30 pm: Prayer Service

Reflection: Glenn McWatt

Readings: 1 John 1: 5-2: 6

John 17: 20-26

Theme: 'Praying for all Believers'

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.

What's on during half-term at St Mark's

Monday 25th Bank Holiday	10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church as usual
Tuesday 26th	6.00 am - Start of 24 Hours of Prayer at St Marks 10.30 am - 1.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage <i>Coffee Morning</i> 8.00 - 9.30 pm - Prayer and Praise in Church
Wednesday 27th	9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion - Church
Thursday 28th	7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
Friday 29th	9.30 am - 12.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage Mental Health Carers Global Day of Prayer Events - Great Lines - see leaflet
Saturday 30th	Global Day of Prayer Events - Great Lines - see leaflet
Pentecost Sunday - 31st May	9.00 am - Holy Communion (said) at St. Mark's 10.30 am - Morning Worship - Great Lines, see opp. 2.00 - 5.00 pm - Main Event - Prayer - Great Lines 6.30 pm - NO evening service

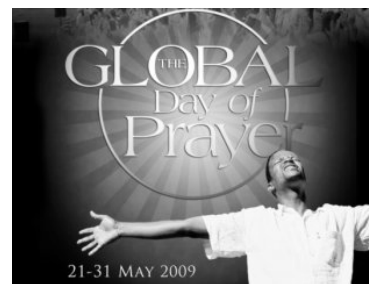
Monday - Friday during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup

Dates for your diary.....

Saturday 6th June - Retreat Day at St. Mark's with Jan Whitmore and Mintie Nel
Saturday 6th June - Angel fest, for children and young people - Aylesford Priory
Sunday 7th June - Trinity Sunday - All Age Family Worship - the service will be starting with coffee and biscuits - theme 'Prayer' - speaker: Jan Whitmore
Monday 8th June - MTG Meeting - Garden House
Tuesday 9th June - Prayer Market at the Old Vicarage - see opp.
Monday 15th June - Standing Committee meeting - Old Vicarage
Tuesday 16th June - Evensong at Rochester Cathedral - 5.30 pm

SPLAT! 2009
October 26th-30th
Recruiting team now!
Speak to Sarah Ryan
or Jo Whittaker

A Summer Drop - in for children
is to be held on Thursdays during
August outside the church
10.30 am - 12.30 pm



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 6.00 am on Tuesday 26th May until 6.00 am on Wednesday 27th May. There are still slots available, please take a look at the sheet and offer to cover one of the vacant hours.

There will be Prayer and Praise in church on Tuesday 26th May, 8.00 - 9.30 pm

On Sunday 31st May (Pentecost Sunday) there will be as service of Holy Communion at St. Mark's at 9.00 am and our main services will be on the Great Lines as part of the Global Day of Prayer :

Morning Worship 10.30am - 12 noon

Main Event - 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Prayer Market

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

The Dean and Chapter
of Rochester Cathedral
would like to welcome
members of St Mark's
at Evensong (said)



on Tuesday 16th June 2009
at 5.30 pm

where they will be remembering the
Parish of St. Mark, Gillingham within
the Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Please let Glenn or Pam know if you
would like to attend

OM's new ship Logos Hope
will be in London, 11th to 28th June
Do take the opportunity to visit the
latest addition to the OM fleet



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Julija Varniene

urgently requires accommodation
please speak to her after church
or ring her on 07784 979856 if you
are able to help. *Thank you*