

## BIBLE READINGS for - January

Day	Psalm	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading
Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup>	66	Hosea 2:18-3:5	1 Corinthians 9:15-end
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	132	Hosea 4:1-16	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup>	119:153-end	Hosea 5:1-7	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Thurs. 29 <sup>th</sup>	143	Hosea 5:8-6:6	1 Corinthians 11:2-16
Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup>	144	Hosea 6:7-7:2	1 Corinthians 11:17-end
Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup>	147	Hosea 8	1 Corinthians 12:1-11

### Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks for the unilateral ceasefire declared by Israel and reciprocated by Hamas. Pray for the process to rebuild the devastated areas of Gaza and all attempts to restore some sense of order in the present state of chaos.
- Continue to remember those of our number who are in need of the Lord's healing: Daphne Beck, Rose Clay, Des and Celia Dickinson, Bruce and Natasha McCready. Give thanks that Bruce has now returned to work on a part time basis. Pray for the recovery of June Carter's daughter, who has had a series of major operations.
- Remember John and Ann Townsend in prayer. John's mother died suddenly last Sunday. Because there is no known cause of death, there will need to be a post-mortem before the funeral can be arranged.
- Further talks to resolve the power sharing agreement in Zimbabwe seem to have once again come to nought. Do continue to pray for the many who suffer because of the intransigence of Robert Mugabe. Lord, have mercy on this man!
- Give thanks for last Sunday evening's United Service and the visit of Mark Price from Open Doors. After hearing about some of the horrendous examples of persecution being experienced by Christians in North Korea, Indonesia, Pakistan and other countries, how can we possibly ignore the call to prayer?
- 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.

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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 God,  
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence;  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your mighty power;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

#### Today's Services

#### The Third Sunday of Epiphany

**10.30 am:** Holy Communion

**Reflection:** Malcolm Smith

**Readings:** 1 Corinthians 12: 12-27  
John 7: 37-44

**Theme:** 'Body Ministry'

**6.30 pm:** Service of Prayer for Healing

**Reflection:** Glenn McWatt

**Readings:** Acts 4: 23-31

**Theme:** 'Bold Believing Prayer'

**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 this week at St. Mark's

- Monday 26th** 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 2
- Tuesday 27th** 8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 28th** 9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion in Church  
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage  
'Prayer in the Old Testament'  
1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent & Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall  
8.00 pm - Uganda Meeting - Old Vicarage
- Thursday 29th** 7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
- Friday 30th** 6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday -  
1st February** 10.30 am - All Age Family Worship  
6.30 pm - Holy Communion

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

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

*Tuesday 3rd February - Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting*

*Friday 6th February - Monthly Prayer Meeting*

*Monday 9th February - MTG Meeting at Garden House*

*Monday 16th February - Standing Committee Meeting*

*Saturday 28th February - Black Lion Community Event - see opposite*

Large print Bible Study notes are available at the back of the Church for those who would prefer them.

## KEYS



We are carrying out a key audit/amnesty (!). If you are a 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Children's groups and Pathfinders will be joining us for Communion today.**

**Would Scramblers parents please collect their children between 11.20 am and 11.30am.**

## **Black Lion Community Event**

Saturday 28th February 2009

4.30pm - 7.00pm

Something for everyone, so do invite a friend or two!

More publicity to follow!