

BIBLE READINGS for - April/May

| Day | Psalm | 1 st Reading | 2 nd Reading |
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| Mon. 27 th | 96 | Deuteronomy 5:1-22 | Ephesians 1:1-14 |
| Tues. 28 th | 98 | Deuteronomy 5:22-end | Ephesians 1:15-end |
| Wed. 29 th | 105 | Deuteronomy 6 | Ephesians 2:1-10 |
| Thurs. 30 th | 136 | Deuteronomy 7:1-11 | Ephesians 2:11-end |
| Fri. 1 st | 139 | Proverbs 4:10-18 | James 1:1-12 |
| Sat. 2 nd | 110 | Deuteronomy 8 | Ephesians 3:14-end |
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| Mon. 4 th | 103 | Deuteronomy 9:1-21 | Ephesians 4:1-16 |
| Tues. 5 th | 48 | Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5 | Ephesians 4:17-end |
| Wed. 6 th | 135 | Deuteronomy 10:12-end | Ephesians 5:1-14 |
| Thurs. 7 th | 118 | Deuteronomy 11:8-end | Ephesians 5:15-end |
| Fri. 8 th | 33 | Deuteronomy 12:1-14 | Ephesians 6:1-9 |
| Sat. 9 th | 34 | Deuteronomy 15:1-18 | Ephesians 6:10-end |

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Saturday, 2nd May marks the anniversary of the devastating Burma cyclone. Pray for the on-going work to help more than 200,000 people in Burma's Irrawaddy delta region, where around 2.5 million people continue to be affected by the disaster.
- Please pray for the people of Ethiopia during the week 3rd - 9th May. The increasing incidence of drought means that clean water is becoming more and more scarce. People are forced to use stagnant ponds as water sources, which creates risks of intestinal problems, as well as providing a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- Praying for the 'Persecuted Church'. Pray for Christians in Tanzania and especially in Zanzibar as Muslim extremist groups try to Islamise the country, teaching the more moderate Muslim community to hate and despise those who hold fast to their Christian faith. Praise God that, despite these efforts, the Church is growing in number.
- Pray for David Allen, following his motorcycle accident on Easter Sunday. David is in the Stanmore Spinal Unit where he underwent surgery, and appears to be making a satisfactory recovery. Continue to pray for healing and wholeness.
- Along with Brian and Jenny Stutley our mission partners for April, let us remember Tim and Tricia Barrow, mission partners for the month of May who work with SIM in South Africa. Details will be on the Missions Board soon.

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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,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained
by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen

PRAYER FOR SUNDAY 3rd MAY

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Today's Services

10.30 am: Morning Worship with APCM

6.30 pm: Prayer Service

Other services today: 11.00 am - Family Service at St Mary's Island Church

Sunday 3rd May

Fourth Sunday of Easter

* **10.15am:** All Age Family Worship

Reflection: Lucy Wheatley

Reading: John 21

Theme: 'Breakfast with Jesus'

6.30 pm: Holy Communion

Reflection: Glenn McWatt

Readings: 1 Peter 5: 1-11
John 10: 11-18

Theme: 'The Good Shepherd'

Other services today: 11.00 am - Holy Communion 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 27th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church
7.30 pm - 9.15 pm - Landmark (14s-18's) - Old Vicarage,
'Prayer and Planning'
- Tuesday 28th** 10.30 am - 1.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage
Coffee Morning
8.00 pm - Home Groups (optional)
- Wednesday 29th April** 9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion - Church
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage
'Spiritual Warfare'
1.15 - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
8.00 pm - Confirmation Preparation - Old Vicarage
8.00pm - Sound Team meeting - church
- Thursday 30th** 9.30 am - GYFC prayer meeting - Old Vicarage
10.30 am - 1.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage
Moving in handling course
7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
- Friday 1st May** 10.30 am - 1.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage
Meeting for carers of the elderly
6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
8.00 pm - Monthly Prayer meeting - Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday - 3rd May** * 10.15 am - All Age Family Worship - **please note earlier start time**
6.30 pm - Holy Communion

What's on next week at St Mark's

- Monday 4th** **Bank Holiday**
- Tuesday 5th** 10.30 am - 1.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage
Meeting for Former Carers
8.00 pm - Home Groups
- Wednesday 6th** 9.00 am - Service of Holy Communion - Church
10.00 am - Ladies Group - Old Vicarage
'Coffee and Prayer Walk'
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
8.00 pm - Music Leaders planning meeting - Sarah Mann's
- Thursday 7th** 7.45 - 9.15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
- Friday 8th** 10.30 am - 1.30 pm - Medway Carer's Centre - Old Vicarage
Meeting for parent carers
6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
- Saturday 9th** 6.30 - 8.30 pm - **SNUG** (11-14's) - Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday - 10th May** 10.30 am - Holy Communion
6.30 pm - Evening Worship
- Monday - Friday** during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup

***The service on Sunday May 3rd**

will start with a breakfast of croissants, coffee and juice
From 10.15 am - 10.40am



Everyone is invited to come and join us breakfasting with Jesus!!

Dates for your diary.....

- Saturday 2nd May - Open Doors SE Regional Day at Ashford Baptist Church*
Sunday 3rd May - Rainham Ladies Choir - Central Theatre, 5.00 pm in support of 'Help for heroes'
- please speak to Angela Marlow for details
- Tuesday 5th May - Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting*
Wednesday 6th May - Music Leaders Planning meeting
Saturday 9th May - The Gospel of John - At. Augustine's Church - see notice on board
Saturday 9th May - Marilyn Baker Concert - Gillingham Methodist Church, 7.30 pm
Monday 11th May - MTG Meeting Garden House
Monday 11th May - Thursday 14th May - Maidstone Bible Convention - see poster at the back of church and pick up a leaflet
- Tuesday 12th May - Annual Women's Rally - Salem Church of the Nazarene at 2.30pm*
Saturday 16th May - Healing Service at Christchurch, Southborough, 7pm - see poster at back of church
Saturday 16th May - Quiz Night at the Salvation Army, Green Street - see poster at back of church
Saturday 16th May - Works Party at Old Vicarage site - bring tools and a desire to help - all ages welcome
Monday 18th May - PCC meeting
Thursday 21st May - start of 24/10 Prayer Watches leading to Global Day of Prayer
Friday/Saturday 29/30th - Global Day of Prayer Event - Gillingham Churches 'Line of Fire'
Sunday 31st May - Pentecost Sunday - Our worship will be at the Great Lines - see below
Saturday 6th June - Retreat Day at St. Mark's with Jan Whitmore and Mintie Nel - pick up a leaflet
Saturday 6th June - Angel fest, for children and young people - Aylesford Priory
Sunday 7th June - 'Ministry Fair' at St Mark's after the morning service

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 6am on Tuesday, 26th to 6am on Wednesday, 27th May.
Please sign-up at the back of church for one of the 24 hourly slots.
Advance notice: Our services on Sunday 31st May (Pentecost Sunday) will be part of the Global Day of Prayer. The venue will be The Great Lines, Gillingham. Morning Worship Service 10.30am - 12 noon, the main event.

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

Children's groups back to normal Sunday 10th May

Home group notes are at the back of the church

Thank you to all those who supplied hot x buns for coffee shop, Karen

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The office will be closed from Monday 27th April - Monday 11th May
For urgent pastoral matters please speak to Glenn (575280)
and urgent buildings matters to Glyn (855792), thank you