

BIBLE READINGS for SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Day	Psalm	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading
Mon 28 th	44	2 Chronicles 2:1-16	Mark 12:28-34
Tues 29 th	150	Daniel 12:1-4	Acts 12:1-11
Wed 30 th	119:57-80	2 Chronicles 5	Mark 13:1-13
Thurs 1 st	57	2 Chronicles 6:1-21	Mark 13:14-23
Fri 2 nd	51	2 Chronicles 6:22-end	Mark 13:24-31
Sat 3 rd	68	2 Chronicles 7	Mark 13:32-end

Points for Praise and Prayer

- Give thanks for the forthcoming Harvest Thanksgiving service which will form an integral part of next Sunday's All Age Family Worship. Pray for the members of the Uganda team who are planning and leading the service, and that there will be a good response to the appeal for both non perishable and fresh produce
- Pray with Scripture Union for their vision to become a reality - that every Christian be engaged enthusiastically with the Bible; every church be fully equipped to make disciples of children and young people, and every community have a vital witness to children, young people and families. On this score remember to pray for SPLAT.
- Pray for the ministry of SAT-7 – reaching out to the Middle East and North Africa with the good news. Satellite television still remains the most influential form of mass media, and the best major source of uncensored information in the Arabic language.
- 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': Remember the church in Pakistan, where on average, one Christian is murdered and one arrested (mostly on blasphemy charges) every month. Kidnapping and various forms of harassment occur even more frequently and attacks on the property of Christians and churches occur almost every week
- Pray for our Mission Partners Mike and Helen Tozer, who are working with Crossroads in Hong Kong. Look out for information soon to be posted on the Missions board. Also remember Chris and Mandy who are working there until December, helping with 'Crossroads Exports Refugee Simulation to the World' programme.

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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

Oh Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have the grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Mission Partner focus for this Sunday

Jan Whitmore

Today's Services

10.30am: Holy Communion

Reflection: Mike King

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11

John 4:1-26

Theme: Jesus and the Samaritan woman

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

6.30 pm: Prayer Service

Reflection: Keith Sheepwash

Other services today: 11am Family Harvest Service - Back to Church Sunday - 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 28th	10.00am - 12.00pm	Coffee Shop in Church
Wednesday 30th	9.00am	Service of Holy Communion - Church
	10.00am	Ladies' Group - Old Vicarage Jesus the Bread of Life (John 6)
	1.15 - 2.45pm	Parent and Toddler Group - Vicarage Hall
Thursday Oct 1st	7.45 - 9.15pm	Narcotics Anonymous - Old Vicarage
Friday Oct 2nd	6.15 - 7.30pm	Kidz Klub (7-11's) - Old Vicarage
Next Sunday: October 4th		
St Mark's		
10.30am All Age Family Service—Harvest Celebration (see next page)		
6.30pm Holy Communion		
Other services		
11am St Mary's Island - Holy Communion		
Monday - Friday during term time - 9.30 am - 12.15 pm - Playgroup		

Dates for your diary.....

Saturday Oct 3rd	Gideon's open meeting –Gillingham Baptist Church from 2.30pm in the Lighthouse
Sunday Oct 4th	All Age Family Service—Harvest Celebration (see next page) 3:15pm Evensong at Rochester Cathedral—Kenward Trust
Tuesday Oct 6th	8pm Pastoral Leadership Team Meeting—Old Vicarage



An evening of celebration with Thai singer MiMi. Thousands of lives have been touched through her amazing music ministry.

Come and hear her live at St Mark's on Sunday 11th October at 6.30pm.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday until further notice. 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.

WANTED

Host Home/Family needed for a girl who has come to work with GYFC on the British Youth for Christ gap year scheme. If you think you may be in a position to help and want to know more, please speak to either Wendy Haslam, Martha Prankard or Jeri East.

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 AN-OTHER 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 produce as well (all will be explained on the day!).

Associate Vicar:
Youth Worker/School Chaplain
Children's Co-ordinator:
Church Administrator:
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