

Reading

September -



Mark's Gospel

November 2014

How well do you know your Bible?

Do you, for example, use the whole bible in searching out God's Word for your life; or just gravitate to favourite verses, passages and familiar bible stories? Yet to grow spiritually is to be always willing to take a new approach, to try a different tack, to have an open mind and a spirit of enquiry.

Kate writes.....'If we want to grow as Christians we need to know what lies between the covers of our Bible, because it is our handbook for life. I am keen that as a church we engage more deeply with the Bible, and so from September to Advent we will be following Mark's gospel in our worship. Mark, it is thought, was a friend of St Peter. His was the first gospel to be written and is therefore perhaps the most accurate.'

The Sermon Slot.....

Instead of the traditional sermon there will be a ten-minute talk, followed by 5 minutes or so of reflection, considering some questions put by the speaker. You may be invited to discuss the question with the person next to you (or in front, or behind!)

The questions are only to help you discuss with each other what you think was going on in the passage. They may help you to apply what you have heard to your situation; they may only throw up more questions in your mind. The aim is to get talking and engaging with scripture, and asking more questions.....!

Each Sunday, the leader/speaker will inform everyone which chapter/s of Mark to read during the intervening week, to prepare for the following Sunday's reading and discussion.

PROGRAMME OF READINGS

7th September: **Mark 1 The Story begins.** Reading: Mark 1:1-14

14th September: **Mark 2-3 The Kingdom breaks in, and opposition mounts.**
Reading: Mark 2:13-28

21st September: **Mark 4 Preaching in Parables.** Reading: Mark 4:1-20

28th September: **Mark 5-6 Jesus feeds the hungry.** Reading: Mark 6:30-44

5th October: **Mark 7 Jesus reaches out to all.** Reading: Mark 7:24-37

12th October: **Mark 8 Jesus is the Messiah.** Reading: Mark 8:27-38

19th October: **Mark 9 Where is Jesus to be found?** Reading: Mark 9:30-41

26th October: **Mark 10 He turns our world's values upside-down.** Reading:
Mark 10:17-31

2nd November: **Mark 11 The end of secrecy, the beginning of confrontation.**
Reading- Mark 11:1-19

9th November: (Remembrance Sunday): **Mark 12 Jesus faces conflict.**
Reading- Mark 12:18-34

16th November: **Mark 13 Jesus tells of the end of our world.** Reading- Mark
13:1-13

23rd November: **Mark 14-16 The life of Jesus on earth comes to an end.**
Reading together, followed by a short time of meditation.