5 May 2013
Mark – Evangelist & Martyr

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**Reflection**
Traditionally it is believed that Mark was a close companion of Peter. It is sufficient for the Church that Mark, perhaps John Mark, or the disciple spoken of by Paul (2 Tim 4.11) was an early Christian who wrote the first account of Jesus’ life, ministry and death.

**Today’s question:** Do we proclaim the Gospel as good news for today?
- Pray for all those who write Christian books.
- Give thanks that the Gospel is known in all the world and pray for those places hungry to hear and read the Scriptures.


We at St Mark’s aim to grow in our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and to welcome others into an open Christian community where we can experience and explore the reality of God in an atmosphere of acceptance and trust.
Welcome
Welcome to all visitors. As a guest, do not feel obliged to make an offering today – however we thank you if you choose to.

Special welcome to visiting preacher, The Revd Dr Alan Mugridge, Senior Lecturer in New Testament, Sydney Missionary & Bible College, and formerly with CMS in Tanzania; to the Choir after a break; and to Lois Little today as organist.

All are welcome to morning tea after both services.

Acknowledgement
We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Bidiagal people of the Eora nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past and present and commit ourselves to building more just ways of living together.

 Prayer circle
All welcome to pray for others at the Taizé cross at 9.30am.

Memorial
The flowers in the church today are in memory of Joy & Alan Martin’s parents; and Margaret Barratt & Jacqueline Carter.

Music
Communion Song (Taizé 4)
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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News & Events
BBQ luncheon – today
BBQ at the Rectory following today’s 10.00am service. Come and check out your refurbished Rectory which is being prepared for a new rector – when we find one. All welcome, especially children.

Mothers' Day ...
... will be celebrated at the 10am Family Worship next Sunday 12 May. It will be a morning prayer style service (without communion) – an opportunity to invite others who do not normally attend church. There will be special Sunday Club activities for children during the middle part of the service.

It’s on again! ... Monday Night Bible Study ...
... resumed last Monday at 8.00pm (tea & coffee from 7.50pm) at 104 Laycock Road, Hurstville Grove. This term we will be starting a new series based on Karen Armstrong’s 'History of God', using a series of study videos instead of a book. All are welcome to come along and join in the lively discussions that will be stimulated by the series. See you there!

Pauline Burdon 9570 8841
Pastoral care skills
A 40 hour Certificate of Pastoral Education is being offered at Kogarah Uniting Church in June/July – to gain pastoral care skills appropriate for St Mark's members who undertake pastoral visits. Also an orientation course for prospective chaplains is being held at Kirk Place Kogarah in Aug/Sep. Enquiries Lois Little 0428 544 610.

Buzy Beez ...
... will meet on the second Saturday of every month to clean up the gardens, lawns and Church properties. The first cleanup day will be held next Saturday 11 May from 9.am to 12 noon. Please talk to Wesley Fairhall (0408 182 685) about how you can help.

Ecumenical Prayer for Unity
All are invited to join in worship on Sunday 19 May at 3.00pm at Mater Dei Church, Blakehurst – and afternoon tea following. The theme for the 2013 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is ‘What does the Lord require of us?’ based on a liturgy by the National Council of Churches in Australia.

Some dates for your diary
• Taizé Prayer @ St Mark’s: 2nd Monday of month – 13 May at 7.30pm
• Pentecost: a chance to wear your St Mark's shirt or red clothing – 19 May
• Parish Council next meets: 3rd Tuesday of month – 21 May at 7.30pm
• Roger Woodward concert supporting Katoke Trust: Danebank – 24 May
• Parish Picnic: after the 10.00am service – 26 May

St Mark's -- pulling together
The Wardens and Parish Council are announcing a stewardship campaign to address concerning serious financial issues for St Mark’s. For example, there is insufficient giving to pay for the full time rector we are all anxiously awaiting and there are insufficient funds to undertake ongoing maintenance of our buildings. The Wardens and Parish Council are reviewing expenditure to ensure prudent and reasonable use of the funds we do have. The Property Committee is considering ways to increase income from use of the hall. There will be regular communication with the congregation about these challenges. Your commitment to increased giving of money, ideas and time are also needed to ensure an independent and thriving St Mark's into the future

Feedback from April Parish Council
• confirmed establishment of multi-purpose space at rear of church
• discussed St Mark’s ‘inclusive’ values
• agreed to a Winter Film Series, and Meet the Candidates Forum (before 14 Sep)
• agreed to a focus on stewardship, commencing with sermon / notice on 28 April, and a more strategic approach by wardens and council.

On-line offertories and donations
St Mark's members are welcome to make their regular offertory by electronic bank transfer. BSB 062 253; St Marks Anglican Church South Hurstville; Account no 00902175. Description 'Offertory8am' or 'Offertory10am'. Donation example 'DonationFlowers'.
Prayers

For those in need
Von Lawrenson; Margaret Barratt and son; Fay Hennes; Carla Furey and family; John Conlon; Garry Melhuish; Robert Taylor; Shirley Denyer; Anne McGowen; Barbara Cunningham; Edward Kaspars; Marjorie Collier; Susan Szalay; Michael; Marie Worsley; Asher & Eric; Fay Dempsey; Doug Stewart; Eleanor Hayden; Jean Hill; Gabrielle Hobbs; Betty Allan; Peter Mylecharane; Alan Cook; Yvonne Scott; Tony Platford.

For a rector
Bountiful God, grant to St Mark’s a faithful pastor and teacher who will speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will empower your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil your calling. Give to those who will choose a rector, your heavenly wisdom, discernment and patience, and to all of us give warm and generous hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week at St Mark’s

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<td>Devotions Mary Andrews Village (Barbara Falloon 9526 2504)</td>
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<td>Choir rehearsal (Deb Mulcair 0416 332 713)</td>
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<td>Christian Meditation (Bridget McKern 9546 4557)</td>
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Luke 24.44-53

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10.00am Family Worship
Mothers’ Day celebration

Notices for Connections are invited. Please email the parish office before Thursday evenings.

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