

Churches Together in Hitchin Council Meeting Wednesday 18 September, 8.00pm at Walsworth Road Baptist Church

After one or two items of CTH business, most of the evening will be devoted to hearing how the Hitchin Foodbank has fared in its opening weeks and discussing how it can be more effective in our community. Those who have been involved in its establishment will speak and members of all churches will be welcome at the meeting.

The Council will be preceded at 7.30pm by the **Annual General Meeting of PHASE**, the Hitchin Churches' Schools Worker Project. We will receive a report of its work over the last year and its plans for the coming months. Again all are welcome. For more details about the above, contact John Richardson on 01462 435595.

Weekly notice sheet

Please send notices for inclusion in the weekly sheet by 7pm Wednesday to deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk or ring Deirdre on 456184.

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers. If you are new here, please complete and detach this slip and give it to a warden or a sidesperson. Name
Address
Tel.No.
Email address (if applicable)

How to contact us

While a few telephone numbers of church members may be included in this web version of the notice sheet, most contact details for events are published only in the hard copy, available in church. If you have no access to this, please contact Deirdre Parr, one of the churchwardens, on 01462 456184 or e-mail deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

St Mark's Church

Hitchin



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

8th September 2013
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings for today

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Philemon 1:1-21 
Luke 14:25-33 

: to be read in church

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
2.00pm	Baptism Service
6.30pm	St Mary's Patronal Festival

Please pray:

We give thanks for the more than 600 churches and chapels of most Christian denominations throughout Beds & Herts which will open their doors to riders and walkers in next Saturday's fundraising Bike'n'Hike, and pray for safety and enjoyment for all taking part.

PLEASE TAKE THESE NOTICES HOME WITH YOU

If you wish to receive this notice sheet via email in future, please send an email to deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

website: www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk



Hymns for 10.00am

247 AMNS	I heard the voice of Jesus say
596 MP	Show your power, O Lord
9 SF	Brother, sister, let me serve you
170 MP	Give thanks with a grateful heart
235 AMNS	O Jesus I have promised

Diary for the week

Tues 10 Sept	7.15pm	Pastoral and Bereavement Groups meet
Wed 11 Sept	9.15am	Morning prayer
	7.00pm	Choir practice
Thurs 12 Sept	6.30pm	Group with No Name
	8.00pm	District Church Council
Sat 14 Sept	10.00am - 6.00pm	Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust Sponsored Bike'n'Ride See display at back of church

Next Sunday, 15 September – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Service
11.15am	Holy Communion
1.00pm	Baptism Service
2.00pm	Baptism Service
3.00pm	Baptism Service

Notices

New Service Folders

We have purchased 30 new service folders and all the pages are ready to be collated to go inside them. If anyone would be willing to help with this (including sticking hole re-inforcers on each page!), we will be collating them after Morning Prayer (9.45am onwards) on Wednesday morning this week. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be provided to help any willing volunteers!

St Mark's Church Directory

If you ordered a copy of the directory, it is now available for you to collect from the table at the back of church.

Children's Activities Planner September 2013 to August 2014

Parents are invited to help themselves to a leaflet, available from the back of church, showing all children's activities at St Mark's for the next year, both on Sundays and weekdays.

Silver Survey

At the moment, St Mark's is a thriving, growing church. Most of our newer members are aged under 40, so we have recently focussed on setting up activities for younger people and families. In order to ensure that we continue to serve all members of the congregation as well as we can, the DCC has voted to concentrate on what we do, and what we could do better, for our older parishioners. Our first step towards achieving this is asking that group of people to tell us their views via a questionnaire. If you feel that you are a member of a more mature age group for which we should be doing more, please take a Silver Survey questionnaire from the back of church, take it home, complete it and put it into the box provided by Sunday 29 September.

New Church Drama Group

We are planning to start a new Drama Group in September for St Mark's. The group (final name to be decided) will be open to young people (Year 7 and upwards) and adults of **all** ages who would like to perform sketches and drama in church services. We expect that the sketches will be based around biblical stories and themes and will be a chance to share humour and a deeper understanding of God's word with our growing congregation.

Are you:

- someone who enjoys doing drama at school?
- someone who has experience in amateur and/or professional acting?
- someone who enjoys standing in front of an audience and making a fool of yourself?
- someone who has a loud and clear voice?
- someone who can write natural and humorous dialogue?
- someone who has experience directing drama in churches or other amateur productions?

If so, please come to a short meeting at 11:15am after church on **Sunday 22 September** to learn more. If you cannot attend this meeting, do contact me if you would like to be involved.

Edward Stone, Drama Coordinator

New Prayer Group at St Mark's

Several people have expressed an interest in starting a regular prayer group which would meet fortnightly in members' homes on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday morning at 10.00am. If you are interested in being part of the group, please let Clare Redd know which day would be best for you. Transport can be provided.