

St Mark's Lent Appeal 2014 - Syrian refugees

Many thanks to all who have contributed so far to our Lent Appeal for Christian Aid's work among Syrian refugees - and a reminder that there are two more weeks in which to do so. The need continues to be as urgent as ever as no end to the conflict is in sight and an outbreak of polio has added to the dreadful situation. The plight of those who have left their homes for temporary accommodation in Syria itself or neighbouring countries is unimaginable and our aim is to help in the provision of food, water, medical care, sanitation and shelter. Gift envelopes are still available at the back of the church and you are invited to give cash or cheques made out to St Mark's Parish Church, also completing the gift aid form if you are a taxpayer. The envelopes can be returned via the normal Sunday offertory bags or to a warden or Helen and John Richardson. Both Helen and John can provide more information - 01462 435595.

'What's on at St Mark's'

The latest three-monthly 'What's on' sheet listing forthcoming events at, or of interest to, St Mark's in April, May and June is available from the Welcomers' table at the back of church.

Please send notices for inclusion in this weekly sheet by 7pm Wed 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)

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St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

6th April 2014

Passion Sunday

Readings for today

Ezekial 37:1-14

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45 (for use at 8am only)



: to be read in church

Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p59 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p59 in folder)
7.30pm	Sunday Social at 27 Wellingham Ave

For prayer

Lord, we pray for all who are weighed down with the mystery of suffering. Reveal yourself to them as the God of love who bears all our sufferings yourself. Grant that they may know that suffering borne in fellowship with you is not waste or frustration, but can be turned to goodness and blessing, through him who suffered on the cross.

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

367 MP	Jesus is Lord
157 AMNS	Breathe on me, Breath of God
163 AMNS	Angel voices ever singing
401 MP	Let all that is within me
125 AMNS	O for a thousand tongues

Diary for the week

Wed 9 April	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Choir practice
Fri 11 April	12.30pm	St Mark's Friday Lunch

Next Sunday, 6 April – Passion Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion
9.40am	Palm Sunday procession beginning from Bedford Road, opposite BP garage
10.00am	Holy Communion
1.00pm	Baptism Service

Notices

Cake Stall

The cake stall in the Market Place on 22 March raised £266. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to everyone who supplied the goodies for the stall.

Judy Page

Friday Lunch on 11 April at 12.30pm

The first of our monthly Friday lunches will take place this week. It will be a hot lunch of soup, main course and pudding at a cost of £5 per person. There is no lower or upper age limit for coming to 'Friday Lunch', so anyone who fancies a lunch and a chance to sit and chat with others is very welcome. If you would like to come but need a lift, please don't let that put you off. Talk to Jane and a lift will be arranged. If you are intending to come, please sign the sheet on the welcomers' table at the back of church, so we can get a feel for how many we're catering for. We look forward to your company.

Easter Lilies

Once again, I shall be collecting names of loved ones and donations for Easter lilies. Please give donations either to me, Jane or a warden. Thank you for your support.

Ann Wakefield (Flower Co-ordinator)

Easter cards

As each year, Churches Together in Hitchin aims to give an Easter card to every household in Hitchin and St Mark's is invited to help in the distribution of these. The cards, with a new design by Michael Orton of St Mark's, are at the back of the church, bundled in roads - please take any that you can deliver over the next two weeks.

Palm Sunday Procession

Prior to our Palm Sunday service next week we will be having a walk of witness starting from opposite the BP garage on Bedford Road, making our way around Wellingham Ave, then rejoining Bedford Road to make our way to church. Please feel free to join us at the start, or along the way. Alternatively make your way as normal to church for the service to start at 10.00am.

Good Friday Workshop 18 April, 2.30-4.30pm

This is an afternoon aimed at helping all the family encounter the Easter Story. We begin with an hour of craft activities linked to the events of Holy Week and Easter and follow this by a short and very informal service, finishing with hot cross buns and drinks. This is an event where the whole family can join in and everyone is welcome. We simply ask for a £2 donation per child to help cover the cost of the craft activities. If you would like to help during the workshop by buttering hot cross buns, making drinks or helping with a craft activity, Jane would love to hear from you! Please add your name and contact details to the list at the back of church if you are able to help in any way.

Good Friday Walk of Witness and Service

Churches Together in Hitchin is arranging its annual Walk of Witness and Service on 18 April. We gather in Bancroft Gardens at 10.30am then walk along Bancroft and High Street for a united service in the Market Place at 11.00. The service will be led by Jane Litchmore-Grant, Chair of Churches Together in Hitchin and ministers of member churches, with music provided by St Mark's. All are welcome to take part in this important act of Christian witness in our town. Further information from John Richardson on 01462 435595

Easter Services

Sunday 13 April – Palm Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

9.40am Palm Sunday Procession leaving from opposite BP
Garage on Bedford Road

10.00am Palm Sunday Holy Communion

Holy Week

Mon 14 April 8.00pm Compline

Tue 15 April 8.00pm Compline

Wed 16 April 8.00pm Compline

Thur 17 April 8.00pm Maundy Thursday Iona-style Communion

Fri 18 April –
Good Friday 9.30am Service of Prayer and Reflection
10.00am Leave from St Mark's to join CTH Walk of
Witness
10.30am Gather in Bancroft Gardens for Walk of
Witness followed by service in the Market
Place
2.30pm Good Friday Workshop

Sat 19 April 9.00pm Joint Easter Vigil with St Faith's at St
Faith's

Sunday 20 April - Easter Day

8.00am Holy Communion (said)

10.00am Easter Sunday Family Communion