

European Parliamentary Election – Quiz the Candidates:

7.30 for 8.00pm, Thursday 8 May at Christchurch

Christian organisations in Brussels have prepared a useful leaflet with suggestions of topics to raise – see

<http://www.ecumenicalvoices2014.eu/> Further details from Austin Smith. Also, if you would like to raise a particular question with the candidates, please let Austin know beforehand.

Celebrate 100

The Diocese of St Albans, in its current formation, is 100 years old this year. To celebrate this anniversary, there is going to be a big day of celebration on Monday, 25 August at The College Equestrian Centre at Keysoe, north of Bedford. Please put this date in your diary. There is something planned for everyone and it looks like it will be a really good day out for all ages, ending with a celebration Eucharist. There are leaflets at the back of church with more details and watch out for more details in the notice sheet. You can find out more of what's planned for the day by going to

www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/what-s-on

Please send notices for inclusion in next week's sheet by 7pm Wed, 7 May 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

4th May 2014

Third Sunday of Easter

Readings for today

Acts 2:14a, 36-41



1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35



: to be read in church

Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
12.30pm	Baptism Service
2.00pm	Baptism Service
7.30pm	Sunday Social (venue to be confirmed)

For prayer:

Father, we ask for your blessing on all those who are unemployed and cannot provide for themselves and their families. Give wisdom and compassion to politicians and civil servants who are responsible for helping them find work. We also pray for those who are struggling in their jobs and ask that your power and love may be present in every workplace through Christians witnessing to their friends and colleagues.

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

83 AMNS	Love's redeeming work is done
501 AMNS	Now the green blade riseth
82 AMNS	Jesus lives! thy terrors now
349 AMNS	Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest
3 JP	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Diary for the week

Tues 6 May	7.30pm	Confirmation Group
Wed 7 May	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Choir practice
Thur 8 May	6.30pm	Group With No Name
	8.00pm	District Church Council meets
Fri 9 May	3.00pm	Funeral Service
Sat 10 May	10.00am	Team Service planning meeting in the hall

Next Sunday, 11 May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
1.00pm	Baptism Service
6.30pm	Taizé Service for St Mark's Tide

Notices

Welcomers at Baptisms

Over the course of the year we welcome more than 30 children and adults to baptism in St Mark's. Most of these baptism services happen on Sunday afternoons. We have a small team of baptism visitors who help support these families, but also welcome them into the church for the service. We could really do with a few more people who might be willing to act as welcomers at these services. If you would be willing to help welcome people at a baptism service, then please let Jane or Linda Sandy know. All offers will be gratefully received!

Taizé Service next Sunday, 11 May at 6.30pm

We are once again holding a Taizé-style service in celebration of our Patronal Festival. As in previous years, we are inviting members of other churches to join us both for the service and for tea and cake afterwards. If you can help by providing a cake and/or serving the refreshments after the service, we would be very grateful. Please sign the list at the back of church today or let Judy Page know.

Exploring Christianity over Croissants and Coffee

We are considering organising a Saturday morning opportunity to explore the basics of Christianity. This would be held in church and would be open to anyone who would like to come along, from those who would like to explore the basics of Christianity for the first time, to those who would like an opportunity to re-visit the basics. The proposed time would be 10-11am on a Saturday morning, possibly twice a month. Coffee and croissants would be provided and, if required, a crèche in the hall. If there is enough interest, we would be looking to start this in September. Please let us know if this is something that would interest you so we can plan. If you would like an opportunity to explore the basics of Christianity but wouldn't be able to make a Saturday morning, please do let us know so that we can try and arrange an alternative time. Either speak to Andrew (tel: 456184), John (tel: 435595) or Jane (tel: 434686 or email: jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

Summer Fayre Saturday, 19 July 10am-3pm in the Market Place

We are beginning to gear up for our Summer Fayre on 19 July. The stalls which are being run are: cakes; books and plants; chocolate and cuddly toy tombola; bottle and general tombola; good quality bric-a-brac; toys and children's books. Boxes will be at the back of church from next Sunday onwards for contributions towards these stalls - no cakes or plants at this stage, please! A number of the stalls are being run by groups, but there are several being run by individuals who would love some extra pairs of hands on the day. Therefore, from next Sunday, there will also be a list at the back of church for anyone able to offer an hour on 19 July to help with a stall. Thank you in advance for your contributions and your help.