

A date for your diary: Cake Stall on Saturday 8 November

The next St Mark's cake stall in the Market Place will be on 8 November from 8.30am until we sell out. As usual, all donations – cakes etc, money for ingredients, help on the day – will be gratefully received. Further information nearer the time. *Judy Page*

Notice sheets in October

Please note that there will be **no notice sheet on 26 October**. Next Sunday's notice sheet will, therefore, be a 'double issue'. Please bear this in mind if you have any notices you would like to circulate for the end of the month or early November and let me have them by 7pm on Wednesday 15th for printing the following day.

deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk or 01462 456184

Deirdre Parr

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

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 on 01462 456184 or e-mail deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

12th October 2014

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Readings for today

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
2.00pm	Baptism Service

For prayer:

We pray for our political leaders. Give them compassion for the poor and vulnerable. Give them wisdom as they deal with a multitude of difficult decisions and courage to do what is right, rather than what is popular. Guide world leaders as they struggle to respond to bloodshed and hatred in so many conflicts in the Middle East. Turn aside the men of hate and fear and bring peace, reconciliation and justice.

PLEASE TAKE THESE NOTICES HOME WITH YOU

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

website: www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk



Hymns for 10.00am

199 AMNS	Immortal, invisible, God only wise
23 SF	As the deer
64 JP	Great is your faithfulness
259 AMNS	My God, and is thy table spread
532 AMNS	Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Diary for the week

Mon 13 Oct	10.00am 7.30pm	Prayer Meeting at 221 Bedford Road Fellowship Group meets
Wed 15 Oct	9.15am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Choir practice
Thur 16 Oct	2.30pm 7.30pm	Harvest Festival at Westmill Lawns Fellowship Group meets
Fri 17 Oct	9.30am	Little Lions

Next Sunday, 19 October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Service
11.15am	Holy Communion
3.00pm	Baptism of Piper Burrows

Notices

Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal

Leaflets about the appeal and gift envelopes (including Gift Aid forms) are still available at the back of the church today and the envelopes can be given in today's offertory. The appeal is raising funds for the Coptic Orthodox Church's BLESS project in Egypt which provides literacy classes for young women in that country. Egypt has been through turmoil over the past year or so and the education of Christian women in particular has suffered. The money raised through the Appeal will make a difference to the lives of many. Many thanks in advance for your support.

Fellowship Groups meeting this week: Mon or Thurs at 7.30pm

If fellowship groups are not your experience, why not come on Monday to 16 Whitehurst Avenue or on Thursday to 52 Bessemer Close and just listen to what goes on. You may join in the discussion if you wish, of course, but are welcome just to observe. Come for a 'taster' session! We're a friendly bunch in both groups and you may well recognise some of us. More info about the Monday group from Helen Richardson - 435595 helenwrich@btinternet.com - and about the Thursday group from Andrew Parr - 456184 wilderspin66@btinternet.com

Autumn Parties

Once again, we are planning to hold autumn parties for our children and young people in the half-term holiday. Following last year's success of having a younger and an older party, we are once again going to do the double but this year we're holding them on the same day! Therefore, on Friday 31 October from 3.30-5.30pm, there will be a party in the church hall for all children who are Year 2 or younger (babies and toddlers are very welcome). Then, from 6.30-8.30pm there will be a party in the Vicarage for all those in Year 3 and above at school. Please put these dates in your diaries and invitations will be sent out soon. However, to make these parties happen we need a few people to help with the planning and preparations and then a little team of people who would be willing to help clear up after the afternoon party to allow others to go on to get ready for the next one! If you think you might be able to help in any way, big or small, Jane would love to hear from you on 01462 434686 or jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

Monthly Church Lunch

Our next church lunch will be on Friday 24 October at 12.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to join us for lunch (cost: £5). Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you'd like to come or let Jane know (01462 434686 or jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk). Lifts can be provided if needed.

St Mark's Church Taxi Rota

The taxi rota is a way of enabling older members of our church family to attend our services when they are no longer able to get themselves to church. With a good number of volunteers, each driver's turn falls about once in six weeks. At present, we are in need of one more driver to enable the six weeks to prevail! If this is something you could do to help keep our church family together, please contact me on 07880 682681, 01462 435595 or

helenwrich@btinternet.com

Helen Richardson

Change of date for the next Thursday Group meeting

On **30 October** we are holding a card-making workshop in the church hall, 7.45 for 8pm start. All are welcome. Visitors £3 (includes refreshments).

Val Conetta

North Herts Inter-Faith Forum: Thursday, 16 October at Walsworth Road Baptist Church

After the AGM at 7.30 pm, there will be a talk at 8pm on 'Do Inter-Faith Marriages Work? – When Two Faiths Meet'. Discussion will be led by Julian Bond, Director of the Christian-Muslim Forum, Tehmina Kazi of *British Muslims for Secular Democracy* and Zara Afzal, director of 'Hidden Heart', a film about inter-faith marriage. See poster on Mission noticeboard. Refreshments available – all welcome. The text of 'When Two Faiths Meet' can be found online at

<http://www.christianmuslimforum.org/images/When%20Two%20Faiths%20Meet%20guidelines.pdf>

Music Praise

Churches Together in Hitchin is holding its annual Music Praise event at Walsworth Road Baptist Church at 6.30pm on Sunday, 19 October. Phil Jackson of Hitchin Christian Centre has once again brought together a number of choirs and music groups from member churches (including St Mark's) to sing a couple of items each and, in so doing, 'make a joyful noise to the Lord'! Those of you who have been before will know what a great time of worship this is - if you haven't, do come along and share in this good occasion. All are very welcome.