

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18 to 25 January

The theme this year, chosen by the churches of Brazil, is *The well is deep* based on John chapter 4.

Here in Hitchin, we are marking the week as follows:

*Sundays 18 & 25 January:* morning pulpit exchanges

*Sunday 18 January - 6.30pm:* United Service at Walsworth Road Baptist Church, including the induction of the Rev John Hardaker of Christchurch as Chair of Churches Together in Hitchin

*Tuesday 20 January - 7.45pm:* Ladies' United Service at St Faith's

*Sunday 25 January - 6.30 pm:* Taizé Service at St Mark's

All are welcome at any of the above. More information from John Richardson 01462 435595. Material for the Week, including prayers, readings and reflections, can be found on the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland website - [www.ctbi.org.uk](http://www.ctbi.org.uk)

### Refreshments after the Taizé Service next Sunday evening

If you are able to help with serving and/or providing refreshments after next Sunday's Taizé Service here, please sign the list at the back of church.

**Please send notices for inclusion in this weekly sheet by 7pm Wed to [deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto: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, do introduce yourself to Jane, our Vicar, or Jeni, our curate, who will be at the back of the church at the end of the service.

### 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](mailto:deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

# St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

18 January 2015

Second Sunday of Epiphany

### Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Family Service and Parade (separate service booklet)
11.15am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
6.30pm	United Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Walsworth Road Baptist Church

### For prayer:

At the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we give thanks for the worship and witness of the different churches in Hitchin: we pray for the united service to be held at Walsworth Road Baptist Church this evening and for the Rev John Hardaker who, at this service, will be welcomed as Chair of Churches Together for the coming year.

### 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](mailto:deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

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### Readings for today

1 Samuel 3:1-10
Revelation 5:1-10
John 1:43-51

### Hymns for 10.00am

All are included in the service booklet

### Diary for the week beginning Monday 19 January

Tue 20	1.00pm 8.00pm	Funeral Service Fellowship Group meets at 19 Wilbury Way
Wed 21	9.15am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Choir Practice
Thur 22	6.30pm 7.45pm 8.00pm	Group With No Name 2Confused DCC meets in church
Fri 23	9.30am 12.30pm	Fellowship Group meets at 22 Passingham Ave Church Lunch
Sat 24	9.45am	Exploring Christianity

### Next Sunday, 25 January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion – we welcome Revd John Hardaker from Christchurch as our preacher at this service
6.30pm	Taizé Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

### Notices

#### Coffee and tables!

At the end of their session, the Sunday School team currently puts out a couple of extra tables and some chairs for coffee time, which means they miss the last part of the service. To enable the team to be in church for this, we're asking the first people into the hall for coffee, if they are able, to get out a couple of tables and an appropriate number of chairs. Thank you in advance for your help with this task.

*Jane*

### Fellowship Groups meeting this week

New people are always welcome at any of the groups. For times and venues see 'Diary for the week'. If you would like more information about the groups meeting this week, contact Spencer or Marie Polley (**Tuesday group**) or Jeni on 07773784736 (**Friday group**).

### Taxi

To enable less mobile members of our church family to attend services a 'taxi' rota of volunteers is in place. It works out at about once every five weeks per driver. Almost all those needing a lift are in streets not far from St Mark's and not everyone needs a lift every week. If a date is unsuitable for a volunteer then swapping dates with each other is the norm. Volunteers have to give up for all kinds of reasons and at present two are doing so. If you could carry out this ministry, or would like to know more, please contact Helen Richardson on 01462 435595

Many thanks to Roy Dixon who has been a taxi volunteer for many years, enabling numerous people to attend our services and is now handing in his car keys! Thanks also to Maggie Mellersh, who has had a short run but has been appreciated!

### Church Lunch on Friday at 12.30pm

Why not come along and enjoy a three course meal for just £5.00 and good company thrown in free? Please sign the sheet at the back of church today if you would like to come.

### 'Caring for God's Earth - Growing Sustainable Communities' Conference at St Albans Cathedral on Saturday 25 April

North Herts Inter-Faith Forum is hoping to organise a local Inter-Faith group to attend this Conference. Austin Smith would be glad to know of any members of St Mark's who might like to go. Please contact him on 01462-437433 **before 4 February**. The full programme for the conference is available at

<http://www.stalbans.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Caring-Leaflet-FINAL-CB-HH-151014.pdf>