

### Jeni McQuaid's Ordination on 4 July at 4pm in St Albans Abbey

After serving a year as a deacon, Jeni will be ordained as a priest this summer. Everyone is invited to support her on this occasion. **We need to let St Albans Abbey know the number attending by next Sunday, 24 May so please add your name to the list at the back of church today if you would like to come to the ordination service.** If you would like to travel by coach, at the approximate cost of £7-£9 per person, please indicate this on the list as well. If there is enough interest, we will book a coach to leave from St Mark's and drop us at the Abbey, saving the walk from the car parks.

### St Mark's Summer Fair in the Market Place on 11 July

We would love to hear from any individuals, groups of individuals, or church groups who are willing to run a stall. Extra pairs of hands for the day can be provided, as can goods for sale, but what we need at this point are people to take responsibility for a particular stall. Please let Jane know if you, or your group, are willing to run a stall (01462 434686 or [jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk))

### Calling all gardeners...

We're going to have a Plant & Flower stall at the Summer Fair (see above), so if you're pricking out or potting on soon, please don't put your extras on the compost heap - save them for the stall instead! Any interesting cuttings also welcome. If you're running out of space and need plants picking up, please contact Maggie Mellersh.

**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 456184.**

### 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

**17 May 2015**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

### Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Family and Parade Service (separate service booklet)
11.15am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
4.00pm	Working party to empty the kitchen

### Readings for today

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

### 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.

### 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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## Hymns for 10.00am

All songs are printed in the service booklet

## Diary for the week beginning Monday 18 May

Tues 19	8.00pm	Churches Together in Hitchin Council meets at Hitchin Christian Centre
Wed 20	9.15am	Morning Prayer Kitchen re-fit begins <b>No choir practice!</b>
Fri 22	12.30pm	Church Lunch at 231 Bedford Road

## Next Sunday, 24 May – Pentecost

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
1.00pm	Baptism Service
3.30pm	Baptism Service

## Suggestions for prayer

### From our Cycle of Prayer:

St Mark's cleaners, gardener, flower arrangers and all who make refreshment

Hitchin Street Angels

Firs Close, Maxwells Path, Frank Young Court, Willow Tree Way

### From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link:

We pray with the following churches: **Holy Saviour**, giving thanks for all who have contributed to the life and witness of the church over the past 150 years and asking that it may continue to serve its local community for many years to come; **The Church of God of Prophecy** as they hold an 'Outreach Town Walk' next Saturday; **Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church** whose younger children will take another step this month in their entry into full membership of that Catholic community.

## Notices

### Red Bucket Appeal for Nepal

Following the devastating earthquakes in Nepal, there will be a red bucket at the back of church today if people wish to give donations to the DEC appeal.

### Help needed today, please, to prepare for kitchen re-fit!

The hall kitchen is to be completely gutted and refitted 20 -29 May and in preparation for the refit we need to empty the kitchen this afternoon! We would be very grateful for any willing volunteers who could spare a little time at 4pm to move all the crockery etc into the children's corner. Tea and cake will be provided! Please let Tricia Reed know if you're able to help - 440278 or [tricia.reed@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:tricia.reed@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

### Church Lunch on Friday 22 May at 12.30pm

As the hall and kitchen will be out of use this week, this month's lunch will be happening at 231 Bedford Road. Please sign the list at the back of church today if you'd like to come. All are very welcome and lifts can be provided.

### Family Services in the summer

There will be no Family Service on 21 June as it is the day of our annual team service when all the Anglican churches join together in the St Mary's tent at the Rhythms of the World Festival. Everyone is very welcome to join us there and there will be activities for the children. However, as we are missing a Family Service in June, we shall have one in August this year. So, Family Services for the summer will be on 19 July and 16 August.

### A plea for help with the CTH stall at Rhythms of the World

Going to Rhythms of the World? Volunteers are needed to staff the CTH stall in the community marquee for just 1 hour over the weekend of 20/21 June. If you can help, please call Eddy on 619205.