

Thanks and an invitation from Jeni

As my ordination to the priesthood fast approaches, I want to thank every one of you for the incredible warmth of welcome Finn, Lorna and I have received this year. Thank you for your patience with me when I have made mistakes. We have been very moved to see the way that the whole community has loved and cared for us. For so many this time in training is full of obstacles and anxieties but I have felt thoroughly supported every step of the way and I am enormously grateful to you all. The ordination itself is on Saturday 4 July at 4pm in St Albans Cathedral and I will be celebrating my first Holy Communion at the 10am service on the 5th. I would love to invite all of you to a bring and share lunch afterwards by way of thanks for all you have done. Please do feel free to head into the Vicarage gardens straight after the service. We will aim to eat at about 12.30. *Jeni*

Memorial Service of Thanksgiving

This year's Memorial Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 5 July at 6.30pm. The service will be preceded by tea in the church hall from 5.30pm. All are welcome.

During the service the names of those to be remembered will be read out. If you would like a name(s) to be read out, please contact Mike Davies on 01462 434202. Please note that names will not automatically be read out, rather they will only be read if you have let Mike know this is your wish.

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

St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

7 June 2015

First Sunday after Trinity

Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
2.00pm	Baptism Service
8.00pm	Sunday Social at The Angels

Readings for today

Genesis 3:8-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to Jane, our Vicar, who will be at the back of the church at the end of the service.

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Hymns for 10.00am

AMNS 117	Praise to the Holiest in the height
AMNS 518	Walking in the garden
AMNS 171	Thy hand, O God, has guided
SF 33	Spirit of God, unseen as the wind
SF 10	I, the Lord of sea and sky

Diary for the week beginning Monday 8 June

Tues 9	8.00pm	Deanery Synod at St Mary's, Pirton
Wed 10	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Choir practice
Thur 11	6.30pm	Group With No Name
	7.45pm	2Confused

Next Sunday, 14 June – Second Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Parish Confirmation Service at St Mary's

Hall bookings – Thursday 11 to Saturday 13 June

Thur	9.15-11.30am	Monkey Club
	4.00-5.00pm	Dance Group
	6.30-9.00pm	GWNN and 2Confused
Fri	9.30am-12 noon	Twins Club
Sat	No bookings	

Suggestions for prayer

From our Cycle of Prayer:

All Saints St Paul's Walden, St Martin's Preston and other village churches; Relate and Cruse bereavement care; Wellingham Avenue, Bowyers Close, Castle Court

From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link:

We join with **Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church** in prayers for their younger children as they take another step in their entry into full membership of that church community during this month.

Notices

Cleaning and Flowers

Thanks to everyone who generously gives up their time to clean the church and hall and to decorate the church with flowers. With the hall being increasingly used, we thought it would be useful to publish the hall bookings for Thursday to Saturday of the coming week to help cleaners and flower arrangers plan. Therefore, from this week, the notice sheet will carry this information. We hope you will find this helpful.

Traidcraft orders

Maggie Mellersh will be placing an order w/c 15 June. If you would like to order anything please let her know by Sunday 14th June. Catalogues are at the back of church or at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

Team Service: 21 June at 10.00am

Our annual Team Service will take place in the Big Top in the middle of the Rhythms of the World Festival in the Priory grounds. Everyone is very welcome. It will be a communion service with activities for children and young people outside while the adult sermon takes place in the tent. This year St Mark's is running the children and young people's side (if anyone would like to help Jane please do let her know!). There is no parking at The Priory so please plan to walk or park at one of the town car parks. However, we are allowed to park a limited number of cars pretty close to the tent for those who are unable to walk to the venue. Therefore, if you need, or plan to offer, transport, please let Jane know as we have to provide the registration numbers of cars we wish to take into the grounds. There will be no services in St Mark's on 21 June but we look forward to seeing you in the Big Top!

St Mark's Summer Fair: 11 July in the Market Place - URGENT PLEA!

Thanks to those who have volunteered to run stalls for our summer fair. So far we have definite offers of 3 stalls: tombola, plant and cake stalls. We also have the beginnings of a bookstall (a few boxes of books and one offer of help on the day) but need someone to take charge of it. We could do with some other stalls. Please think about whether you, or a group you belong to, could run the bookstall or offer another stall and let me know as soon as possible if you decide you can. If you've told me that you would run a stall and it's none of the above, please tell me again! Many thanks. *Jane*

Tombola Stall at the Summer Fair

We need lots of bottles and will also welcome any unwanted presents for the tombola stall on 11 July. Any donations can be brought to church from next Sunday (14 June) onwards. Many thanks in advance for your contributions.

Pauline Banks, Carol Fishlock and Dianne Rogers

Praise and Picnic at St Paul's Walden Bury 12 July 4.00-6.00pm

We are invited to join the other churches in our Team and the Parish of St Paul's Walden and Preston for a Praise and Picnic event in the grounds of St Paul's Walden Bury on 12 July. Bring your picnic and enjoy the lovely grounds from 4.00pm onwards. The afternoon will conclude with a Songs of Praise service at 5.30pm.

GADRA: see the update on our web site

The St Mark's Lent appeal for 2015 raised money for GADRA, a charity in the small South African town of Grahamstown. The charity has been assisting the acutely poor and marginalised community of the town for over 50 years, through combating poverty, inequality and unemployment. GADRA provides both short-term solutions, assisting those in need and providing them with opportunities (particularly the disabled), and long-term solutions, ensuring food security and breaking the cycle of poverty through education. For details of how GADRA is using the money we sent, click on the 'News and Events' tab, then on 'News'.