

## Prayer Requests

If you didn't get a copy of the news sheet last week and, therefore, didn't see the new arrangements for requesting prayers for people, please pick up an explanatory sheet from the back of church today.

## Traidcraft Stall – Help make a difference!

There will be a Traidcraft stall after the 10am service next Sunday, 12 July. Traidcraft is the UK'S leading Fairtrade company and was founded in 1979 as a Christian response to poverty. It aims to fight poverty through trade, helping people in developing countries transform their lives.

## St Mark's Rainbows

After twenty-one years as Rainbow Guider at St Mark's, I have decided to retire at Christmas. Glenda Darby has agreed to take over as leader and we hope to have a leader-in-training soon, but we still need extra pairs of hands so, if you feel you would like to be a leader or a unit helper for one hour a week, please have a word with me.

**Val Chamberlain**

## Receiving the news sheet by email or submitting notices

If you would like either to receive this news sheet via email in future or would like to have a notice included in the next news sheet, please email [deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk) or ring 456184.

**Please send notices for inclusion in the news sheet by 7pm on Wed evening.**

## 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

5 July 2015

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

## Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
12.30pm	Bring-and-share lunch in the Vicarage garden
6.30pm	Memorial Service preceded by tea at 5.30pm

## Readings for today

Ezekiel 2:1-5
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

## 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.

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### Hymns for 10.00am

MP 51	Be thou my vision
Song sheet	Light of the world
SF 10	I, the Lord of sea and sky
SF 7	All heaven declares
SF 17	In Christ alone

### Diary for the week beginning Monday 6 July

Wed 8	9.15am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer District Church Council meets
Thurs 9	6.30pm 7.45pm	Group With No Name 2Confused
Sat 11	9am-3pm	St Mark's Summer Fair in the Market Place

### Hall bookings – Thursday 9 to Saturday 11 July

Thur	9.15-11.30am 4.00-5.30pm 6.30-9.00pm	Monkey Club Dance Group GWNN and 2Confused
Fri	9.30am-12 noon	Twins Club
Sat	8.30-11.00am	Youth Forum

### Next Sunday, 12 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
4-6pm	Praise and Picnic at St Paul's Waldenbury

### Suggestions for prayer

#### From our Cycle of Prayer:

St Faith's  
Garden House Hospice, Lavender Fields Cheshire Home and  
Stagenhoe Sue Ryder Home  
Beaumont Close, Nutleigh Grove

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

**Walsworth Road Baptist Church** have a world mission flavour to their weekend with friends joining them from Italy and from South East Asia. We thank God for them, and for their informing and inspiring of Walsworth Road this weekend.

**The Hub Church** ask that we join in prayer to thank God for all that he is doing in their church. Particular prayer is asked for their new families' community as it grows and changes, for their website, and their new vision as a church.

### Notices

#### Memorial Service of Thanksgiving today at 6.30pm

All are welcome to this annual service which will be preceded by tea in the church hall from 5.30pm.

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. **Please note** that names will not automatically be read out; rather, they will only be read out if you have let Mike know this is your wish.

#### Questionnaire

Following our Away Morning in April, and subsequent DCC discussion, we would now like to invite everyone in St Mark's to give their views on some suggestions people have made as we look to our future together. To give everyone a chance to respond, we have created a very short and simple questionnaire which should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. If you have access to the internet, the questionnaire can be found on St Mark's website under the 'News' tab and follow the link to 'The Way Forward for St Mark's.'

Alternatively the URL is <http://www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk/the-way-forward-for-st-marks/>

If you don't have access to the internet, there are paper copies available in church, which can be returned by placing them in the box on the welcome table. If you have the option of completing the questionnaire online, it would be really helpful if you could use that method. Please complete the questionnaire by Sunday 26 July. We look forward to hearing your views.

**St Mark's Summer Fair: next Saturday, 11 July in the Market Place**

Thanks to all who have volunteered to coordinate the following stalls: cakes, plants, tombola, books, jewellery, kitchenalia and a chocolate lucky dip. Boxes are still available at the back of church for donations to any of these stalls. (See below for more information about donations to the first 4 of these stalls.) There is also still a sheet for you to sign to indicate if you are able to offer a hand for an hour during the day itself. We had a very successful day last year. Please help us to make it equally successful this year.

*Jane*

**Requests from Summer Fair stall organisers:**

**Cake Stall:** donations of cakes or preserves can be delivered to the stall on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> or can be collected during the coming week. Contact *Val Conetta* or *Judy Page*.

**Plant and flower stall**

if you have any plants for the stall, I can collect, or you can bring them along on the day. Please contact me if you would like me to collect them. *Maggie Mellersh*

**Tombola Stall:** we would welcome bottles and any unwanted presents. *Pauline Banks, Carol Fishlock and Dianne Rogers*

**Book Stall:** I would welcome fruit trays to help with transporting the books. These can be delivered to 53 Wellingham Avenue.

*Anne Watson*

Many thanks in advance for your contributions to the above.

**Faiths' Perspective on Environment and Climate Change - Saturday 11 July, 11am-3pm at Our Lady's Church Hall**

North Herts Inter Faith Forum invites you to call in any time to learn what different faiths have to contribute to the Climate Change debate. There will be exhibitions, talks and an act of inter faith worship at 1pm. See noticeboard for further details, or speak to Austin Smith (437433)

**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.