

Draft Pastoral Scheme - Benefices of Hitchin Team Ministry and St Paul's Walden

It is proposed that the Hitchin Team Ministry and the Parish of St Paul's Walden formally join together to make a new benefice and team. Over the last few years we have been working together well, and it is now the wish of both PCCs that we make this informal arrangement more formal. Between 26 July and 1 September there is a formal consultation period. During this time, copies of the draft scheme will be available in church for anyone to inspect. If you would like to make your views on the proposal known, either for or against, please see the blue notice on the door of the church for details about to whom views can be sent. If you would like any clarification or further details about the proposal, feel free to talk to Jane or the Wardens.

News Sheets in August

Please note that the news sheet will appear fortnightly rather than weekly this month. Therefore, the next news sheet will appear on 16 August. If you would like to have a notice included in that news sheet, please email jeni.mcquaid@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk
Please send notices for inclusion in the news sheet by 7pm on Wed evening.

Receiving the news sheet by email

If you would like to receive this news sheet via email in future please email 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

2 and 9 August 2015

Ninth and Tenth Sundays after Trinity

Services on both Sundays

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (separate order of service)

Readings for 2 August

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Readings for 9 August

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to 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 on 2 August

JP 166	Morning has broken
AMNS 376	In Christ there is no east or west
AMNS 146	When morning gilds the skies
JP 365	Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
AMNS 391	Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Diary for the week beginning Monday 3 August

Wed 5	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Thur 6	10.00am	Holy Communion at Westmill Lawns

Next Sunday, 9 August – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (page 29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (separate order of service)
2.00pm	Baptism Service

Hymns for 10.00am on 9 August

AMNS 212	Who would true valour see
AMNS 113	Father, hear the prayer we offer
AMNS 131	Love Divine (<i>tune Blaenwern 464</i>)
JP 161	Make me a channel of your peace
JP 188	One more step along the road I go

Diary for the week beginning Monday 10 August

Wed 12	9.15am	Morning Prayer
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Services on 16 August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (page 29 in folder)
10.00am	Family Service (page 5 in folder)
11.15am	Holy Communion (page 29 in folder)
2.30pm	Baptism Service

Hall bookings – Thursday 6 to Saturday 8 August Thursday 13 to Saturday 15 August

Thur 6	9.15-11.30am	Monkey Club
Fri 7	9.00-11.30am	Little Lions
Sat 8	1.00-3.30pm	Party booking
Thur 13	9.15-11.30am	Monkey Club
Fri 14	9.30-12 noon	Twins Club
Sat 15	No bookings	

Suggestions for prayer

From our Cycle of Prayer:

2 August: The clergy in the Hitchin team ministry
Citizens' Advice Bureau and Black Squirrel Credit Union
Symonds Road, Chestnut Court

9 August: St Mark's Morning Prayer, Thursday Group, Prayer Group,
Fellowship Groups and Friday Lunches
Lonely and housebound people
The Crescent, Freemans Close, Mattocke Road

Notices

Sunday School Lite

Our normal crèche, Sunday School, Pathfinders and Travellers groups have stopped for the summer. However, Sunday mornings offer a slightly more family-friendly communion service with the opportunity for children and young people to go into the Vicarage garden (hall, if wet) for some games during the middle part of the service. (While there is no formal crèche, toys will always be out in the hall should you want to use this area.) If you could lead games/treasure hunt/play in the Vicarage garden on 9, 23 or 30 August, please let Marie Polley know. There are usually plenty of adults to help! Don't forget that **16th August will be Family Service**, followed by an 11.15am service of Holy Communion.

Leading/ helping with crèche, children's and young people's groups

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped this year with crèche, Sunday School, Singing Sunday School, Pathfinders, Travellers, GWNN, 2Confused and the Hot Chocolate Club. It is wonderful to see how all the groups are thriving. During the summer holidays, please take a few minutes to pray for the continuing success of the groups. If you have been on one of the rotas and feel that now is the right time to step down and look for different ways to be part of church life, then please do let us know. Similarly, if you feel that you would like to start helping with one of the groups, we'd love to talk to you. We'd also love to hear from anyone who feels that, with a bit of support, they could lead a group (all our material is pre-prepared and we aim for people to be on the rota only once every 6 weeks). Do have a chat with me, Jane or Jeni. Thanks in advance!

Marie Polley

Archive of the Parish Magazine

Val Holland from St Mary's has spent the last few years archiving all the issues of 'Contact', the parish magazine, dating from 1911 up to a couple of years ago. There is now a large folder in the vestry of all the material relating to St Mark's, categorised into different topics. If you would like to have a look at the archive, or borrow the folder, do ask either Jane or the Wardens.

Update on Fundraising for *Sue Andrews Trust* and *Emily's Star*

I wanted to update those of you who were kind enough to donate wool for our fundraising events for the above charities. We have had our summer fair at work and made just over £800 on the day. Other events have brought us up to the £1000 mark and we have a couple more events to go. Thank you, everyone, once again

Eileen Duckett