

## **Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Annual 'Bike Ride'**

**Saturday, 12 September 10am-6pm**

In this annual event where participants are asked to get themselves sponsored, the money raised is split equally between the participants' chosen church and the Trust. Last year, 2 people from St Mark's participated, raising more than £200. Over 600 churches and chapels can be visited. It's a very good way to visit our historic churches/chapels and to raise money for their upkeep. Any means of getting from one church to another is permissible – running, walking, travelling by bike, car, coach or on horseback! Please do give this challenge your careful consideration. Sponsor forms available from **Jane** or sign the form at the back of church.

### **Phase Celebration Evening at Walsworth Road Baptist Church,**

**Sunday 13 September, 6:30-7:30pm followed by refreshments**

Join the Phase team as they celebrate all that has been achieved over the past year. Hear from young people about the difference the work of Phase has made to their lives and the impact Phase is having across the town. It will be a fun and enjoyable evening, where you will also hear about the exciting hopes and plans for the coming year!

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

# **St Mark's Church**

**Hitchin**

**A member of Churches Together in Hitchin**

**6 September 2015**  
**Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **Services and events today**

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
3.30pm	Talk on China by Dominic Stockbridge
8.00pm	Sunday Social at the Angels

### **Readings for today**

Isaiah 35:4-7a
James 2:1-10, 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

### **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

AMNS 172	Glorious things of thee are spoken
AMNS 98	From all that dwell below the skies
AMNS 132	Son of God, eternal Saviour
SF 13	Beauty for brokenness
SF 24	We are marching in the light of God

## Diary for the week beginning Monday 7 September

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

## Hall bookings – Thursday 10 to Saturday 12 September

Thur 10	9.15-11.30am 4.00-5.00pm 6.30-9.00pm	Monkey Club Dance Group Group with No Name & 2Confused
Fri 11	10am -12noon	Twins Group
Sat 12	No bookings	

## Next Sunday, 13 September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Phase Celebration Service at Walsworth Rd Baptist Church

## Suggestions for prayer

### From our Cycle of Prayer:

St Mark's; Local doctors and all who work with them in the community; Redhill Road, Oughtonhead Lane

## From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link:

We offer prayers in support of PHASE as, from tomorrow, they will be running Year 6 workshops called 'On Your Marks' in our schools. We hold in our prayers all Hitchin churches taking part in the Heritage Open Days and all those participating in the Beds and Herts Churches Bike Ride both of which take place over next weekend.

## Notices

### Do you want to know anything about China?

As many people will know, I have spent much of the past year in China learning Mandarin. I also had a decent amount of time to travel and get a basic impression of what this amazing, diverse country is about.

Our family has always been really grateful for the support of the community at St Mark's, and so I thought it would be nice to share some of my experiences with everyone. As such, I'll be presenting some stories and (amateurish) photographs at **3.30pm this afternoon in the hall**. It will be very casual - but hopefully fun, and with any luck, a chance to learn something too! Refreshments might be provided (if I remember).

**Dominic Stockbridge**

### New volunteers to join church cleaning rota urgently needed!

Every week, between Thursday afternoon and Saturday evening, 2 people from a team of volunteers clean the church at a time convenient to them. If you could offer a couple of hours every couple of months to do this vital job, the Wardens would love to hear from you. You won't have to vacuum the carpet – Roy Dixon does that every week! If you can help or would like more information, please speak to Louise.

### Traidcraft Stall: Sunday, 13 September

There will be a stall at the back of the church after the 10am service next Sunday. By buying from Traidcraft you are helping support producers and farmers in developing countries - Fair Trade really does make a difference!