

## St Mark's Quiz Night on 13 November

If you haven't managed to buy a ticket for our quiz, today is absolutely your last chance to do so as there are just a couple left. Please see Joy Hukin or Roger Sandy after today's 10am service. If you have to miss out on the St Mark's quiz, how about going along to the Phase Quiz Night on the following evening?

### Saturday 14 November 7pm: Phase Quiz Night at Christchurch

Teams of 6-8 – get a team together or join a team on the night. £10 per person which includes a fish/sausage/vegetarian pancake roll and chip supper. Book your place by emailing [quiznight@phase-hitchin.org](mailto:quiznight@phase-hitchin.org). For more info call the Phase office on 01462 422940.

### Jewellery Party at 231 Bedford Rd – change of date

The party, which will help raise funds for St Mark's, will now be **on Tuesday, 1 December at 7.30pm**. Do come along to hear Melak, a Hatton Garden trained jeweller, give a talk on gold, silver and stones and browse a selection of items for sale at very affordable prices. Entrance fee: £2.50. Refreshments (wine and cheese, coffee) will be offered. Please let me know asap if this is of interest to you.

**Joy Hukin (01462 455316)**

### 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

**1 November 2015**

**All Saints' Sunday**

### Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
4.00pm	Baptism Service
8.00pm	Sunday Social at The Angels

### Readings for today

Isaiah 25:6-9
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

### 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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## Suggestions for prayer

### Hymns for 10.00am

AMNS 508	Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days
AMNS 360	For Mary, Mother of our Lord
AMNS 305	For all the saints who from their labours rest
SF 31	This is Saint Mark who followed Christ
SF 24	We are marching in the light of God

### Diary for the week beginning Monday 2 November

Wed 4	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Choir practice
	8.15pm	Standing Committee
Thur 5	10.00am	Communion at Westmill Lawns
	7.45pm	Thursday Group
Fri 6	9.30am	Little Lions
Sat 7	8.30am	Cake Stall in the Market Place
	9.45am	Exploring Christianity Group

### Hall bookings – Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 November

Thur 5	9.15-11.30am	Monkey Club
	7.30-10.00pm	Thursday Group
Fri 6	9.00-11.30am	Little Lions
	6.30-9.30pm	Party booking
Sat 7	9.45-11.15am	Exploring Christianity
	1.30-4.30pm	Party booking

### Next Sunday, 8 November – Remembrance Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Communion and Parade Service with Act of Remembrance

### From our Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of St Albans and its bishops  
Lister Hospital, its staff, patients, chaplains and Christian visitors  
Westbury Close, Friday Furlong, Lower Innings

We also pray for those named in our Prayer Request book and on the Prayer Tree in church

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

Please pray for the Westmill Music Project which is aimed primarily at young people and will take place every Tuesday evening in November. This is a joint initiative by **Built on Faith, Bibleway Church** and **Christchurch**, supported by North Hertfordshire Partnership and is an integral part of the 'Love your Neighbourhood' project. Please pray that through music and singing in an informal yet structured environment people will see and experience the love of Jesus.

### Notices

#### Thursday Group Meeting: 5 November 7.45 for 8pm start

A *Body Shop* sales evening – a chance to sample their range of products, including items from their Christmas catalogue, and an opportunity to order from the representative. All welcome. Visitors £3 (includes refreshments and a raffle ticket). **Val Conetta**

#### Cake Stall: Saturday 7 November in the Market Place from 8.30am

As usual, all donations of cakes etc or money for ingredients will be gratefully received. If you need to have cakes collected or can help on the day, please contact Judy Page or Joy Hukin.

#### Congregational Meeting Sunday: 22 November at 11.15am

Following the recent review of our Mission Action Plan, we would like to invite everyone to a short (10 minute) meeting after the 10am service on 22 November to share with you how, in the months ahead, we are going to move forward the priorities we have set. This will also be an opportunity to have some further input as we move forward together.

### **Licensing of Jane as Rural Dean on 12 November 8.00pm**

We will be welcoming people from across our Deanery (which covers Hitchin, Letchworth and surrounding villages) on 12 November when Jane will be licensed as the Rural Dean. It would be lovely to be able to offer our customary hospitality to those who share in our worship that evening. Therefore, if anyone would be able to help with providing teas and coffees after the service or by providing a cake or some biscuits, please let Jane know.

### **Café Afternoon: 28 November from 2 to 4pm in the church hall**

Group With No Name, 2Confused and Hot Chocolate Club will be hosting another one of our fun café afternoons. We aim to entertain all ages! The youth groups will be running a café, serving cakes, fruit, and drinks and we will have another one of our killer quizzes. It is always a great afternoon, so do come and join us. If anyone would like to perform, just let Marie Polley know.

### **Advent Carol Service: Advent Sunday, 29 November at 5.00pm**

This will be an opportunity to sing some of the lovely Advent Carols, to hear some readings from the Bible setting the scene for Advent and to mark the beginning of this important season as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Everyone is very welcome to join us at this service.

### **4 Weeks for Phase in November**

Recently, the District Church Council agreed to support an initiative launched by Phase (the Schools' Worker Project) to help fund a new worker who is focusing particularly on issues of mental health amongst our young people, including supporting those who are struggling with self-harm, across our three secondary schools. For 4 Sundays in November (1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th) at the start of our 10am service, we will be hearing some short stories of youngsters affected by mental health difficulties and issues of self-harm, and praying for the work of Phase as they seek to help our young people. We are being encouraged to consider whether we can donate £1 in each of these 4 weeks towards the work of Phase – '4 Weeks, 4

Pounds, 4 Young People, 4 Change'. We are aware that many people were very generous in supporting the 'Pedalling Priests' sponsored event which also raised funds for this new work, and we thank you very much for that support. This initiative during November gives another opportunity for others to support this vital work. There will be a yellow bucket at the back of church on each of these Sundays for any donations. Also available in church will be forms for people who feel that they would like to support Phase in an on-going capacity, maybe by committing £4 a month. Thank you for praying for Phase and for considering whether you can help financially during this coming month. More information about the work of Phase can be found on their website [www.phase-hitchin.org](http://www.phase-hitchin.org)