

Essential electrical maintenance work in church

This work will be carried out on Monday 16, Tuesday 17 and, possibly, Wednesday 18 November. Apart from Wednesday morning, when Morning Prayer will take place as usual, the church and hall will be out of action on these days.

Jewellery Party at 231 Bedford Rd on Tues 1 December at 7.30pm

Please let me know asap if you are interested in coming to this party, which will help raise funds for St Mark's. This is a chance to hear Melak, a Hatton Garden trained jeweller, talk about gold, silver and stones and to browse a selection of items for sale at very affordable prices. Entrance fee: £2.50. Refreshments (wine and cheese, coffee) will be offered.

Joy Hukin (01462 455316)

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.

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 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

St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

8 November 2015

Remembrance Sunday

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Family Communion and Parade Service with Act of Remembrance (separate booklet)

Readings for today

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 1:14-20

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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Suggestions for prayer

Hymns for 10.00am

AMNS 397	Lord, save thy world
MP 651	The kingdom of God is justice and joy
AMNS 132	Son of God, eternal Saviour
MP 456	Make me a channel of your peace
SF 17	In Christ alone my hope is found

Diary for the week beginning Monday 9 November

Mon 9	2.30pm	Prayer Group meets at 6 Fosman Close. All are welcome.
Wed 11	9.15am 7.00pm 8.15pm	Morning Prayer Choir Practice Worship Committee
Thur 12	6.30pm 7.45pm 8.00pm	Group With No Name meets in the hall 2Confused meets in the Vicarage Licensing Service for Jane Mainwaring as Rural Dean
Fri 13	7.00pm	Quiz Night

Hall bookings – Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 November

Thur 12	9.15-11.30am 6.15-7.45pm 8.00pm	Monkey Club Group With No Name Licensing Service in church
Fri 13	9.00-11.30am 2.00-3.30pm 7.00pm	Twins Club Setting up for quiz Quiz Night
Sat 14	No bookings	

Next Sunday, 15 November – Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Service
11.15am	Holy Communion

From our Cycle of Prayer:

St Mark's District Church Council, Pastoral, Mission, Worship Communications and Fabric Committees
Arthritis Care and North and East Herts Osteoporosis Group
Westmill Road, Westmill Court, Westmill Lawns

From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link:

The **Built on Faith, Bibleway Church** ask that we pray for The Extra Smile Project which provides practical support and solutions to families in their time of need whilst helping them to help themselves in the process.

Holy Saviour Church asks for our prayers as they continue work on the project to install internal glass doors at the church entrance.

PHASE asks for prayer for their Quiz Night this coming Friday. May it may be a fun and enjoyable evening that raises much-needed funds to further their support of young people.

Notices

Licensing of Jane as Rural Dean on 12 November at 8pm in St Mark's

All are welcome at this Thursday's service when Jane will be licensed as Rural Dean. We will also be welcoming people from across our Deanery, which covers Hitchin, Letchworth and surrounding villages, and would love to offer our customary hospitality to those who share in our worship that evening. Therefore, if anyone would be able to help with serving teas and coffees after the service or could provide a cake or some biscuits, please let Jane know.

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.

Traidcraft Stall after the 10am service on 15 November

We are currently trialling having a monthly Traidcraft stall at St Mark's. This month's stall will be next Sunday and the following month's will be on 13 December. Thank you all for your support for Traidcraft – buying Fairtrade really does make a difference.

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. As we did last week, we shall be starting our 10am service on 15th, 22nd and 29th by 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 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 the above Sundays for any donations. Forms will also be available for anyone who 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 month.

More information about the work of Phase can be found on their website www.phase-hitchin.org

CTH Annual General Meeting: Thursday 19 November at 8.00pm

This will be held at The New Testament Church of God on the corner of Hampden Road and Willian Road. We will receive reports for the past year and make appointments for the coming one, then we will have a session with John Francis, the Editor of the Comet, who will share his thoughts on the purpose and values of a local paper and how he sees relations with local churches. More details in due course but please book the date now - and read the Comet assiduously so that you can come armed with questions and comments!

John Richardson

Becky's Hair Cut!

On 19 November, Becky Watson is having her hair severely shortened so that she can donate what's been cut off to the *Little Princess Trust* (<http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>). This charity provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children throughout the UK and Ireland who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment.

As a result of hair donations, the trust obtains a large number of wigs manufactured for free but any that they do need to buy cost, on average, in excess of £350. It would be great if, in addition to donating her own hair, Becky could raise enough money to buy at least one wig.

If you are able to do so, please consider sponsoring Becky, either online at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/thewatsons53> or by filling in the sponsor sheet at the back of church. Many thanks.

Anne & Peter Watson

Tap dancing shoes wanted for Uganda

Tap dancing shoes are being collected by Our Lady's RC Church to be taken by a dance group to Uganda in December. If anyone has any lurking in a cupboard that they no longer use, please deposit them in the box placed in the porch of Our Lady's church - corner of Grove Rd and Nightingale Rd. The church porch is open in the day. If you belong to a tap dance class do spread the word. **Helen Richardson**