

Good Friday Workshop

If anyone would like to help in the planning of this year's workshop, please let Jane know asap: 434686 / jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

St Mark's Social and Fundraising events in 2016

If you missed last Sunday's flyer listing our planned events between now and November, there are plenty of spare copies on the Welcomers' table. Also on the table you will find information sheets about our **Lent Appeal** in aid of the Rapid Response Fund for Refugees along with envelopes for contributions.

St Mark's Cake Stall in the Market Place: 12 March, 8.30am to 1pm

Just two weeks to go to what we hope will be another bumper cake stall! Please let Judy Page or Joy Hukin know if you can offer cakes and/or help on the day.

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

28 February 2016

Third Sunday of Lent

Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p59 in folder)
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6.30pm	Youth Alpha in the Vicarage
7.00pm	Year 13 Concert in church

Readings for today

Isaiah 55:1-9
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

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. Please also feel free to take and fill in one of the newcomers' cards which you'll find on the Welcomers' table near the entrance to the hall.

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Hymns for 10.00am

AMNS 172	Glorious things of thee are spoken
AMNS 270	Bread of the world in mercy broken (Tune 434)
AMNS 214	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
MP 402	Led like a lamb to the slaughter
MP 796	You shall go out with joy

Diary for the week beginning Monday 29 February

Mon 29	8.00pm	Informal Service planning meeting at the Vicarage
Wed 2 Mar	9.15am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Choir Practice
Thur 3	10.00am 2.30pm 7.45pm	Communion Service at Westmill Lawns Oughton Primary and Nursery Schools' Mothers' Day Service Thursday Group
Fri 4	9.30am	Little Lions
Sat 5	9.45am	Exploring Christianity Group

Hall bookings – Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 March

Thur 25	9.30-11.30am 7.30-10.00pm	Monkey Club Thursday Group
Fri 26	9.00-11.30am	Little Lions
Sat 27	9.30-11.15am 4.00-5.30pm	Exploring Christianity Group Private booking

Next Sunday, 6 March – Mothering Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Communion
6.30pm	Youth Alpha
8.00pm	Sunday Social

Suggestions for prayer

From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Bible Society; Home carers; Fishponds Road, Bearton Avenue

From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link, we pray for:

The Hub Church as they begin *The Prayer Course*, an initiative which will run throughout March.

Hitchin Christian Centre's ParentTalk course running at present.

May the course help all those attending.

The Music Workshop initiative taking place on the Westmill Estate.

Built on Faith, Bibleway Church ask that we continue to pray for the funding of this project as they move to the new Community Centre.

Prayer Ministry

If you wish to pray with someone or to be prayed for at the end of the 10am service, someone will be near the side altar to listen, talk and pray with you. Feel free to approach whoever is there.

Notices

Real Easter Eggs

If you would like to order a Real Easter Egg from Traidcraft, please sign up **today** on the form at the back of church. You can also pick up the new spring **Traidcraft Catalogue**. Orders can be placed directly via the website or, to save postage and packing, via Maggie Mellersh

Year 13 Recitals at St Mark's this evening at 7.00pm

Once again, St Mark's is providing the venue for final year music students from the three Hitchin secondary schools to perform their examination pieces. Tickets available on the door or in church this morning from Shirley Basford: £3 for adults, £1 for children – includes interval drink.

Thursday Group: 3 March 7.45 for 8pm start in the church hall

Kieran Murphy will give a presentation about the work of *Phase*, a Hitchin Christian Charity that works with children and young people in schools, offering support and help with emotional and physical problems. All welcome. Visitors £3 including refreshments.

Service for Women's World Day of Prayer on 4 March

All are welcome at this ecumenical service which, this year, will be in St Faith's at 1.30pm.

Apple juice and Learning Difficulties!

As part of St Mark's Mission, we give money each year to local, national and international charities. We recently supported *Growing Ability* which teaches therapeutic horticulture to people with learning difficulties. This is held at the Triangle Community Garden in Ransom's Rec. If you wish to continue to support this personally, purchasing bottles of apple juice produced by the Community will contribute to their funds. These are available from Alan Byrne, a member of our 8am congregation. A sample bottle is on the mission table at the back of church and an information notice on the board next to it. Further information also on

<http://www.trianglegarden.org>

Hitchin Chamber Orchestra: Concert at St Mary's, Sat 5 March

Following their successful inaugural launch in November, Hitchin Chamber Orchestra returns to St Mary's for their spring concert on Saturday at 7.30pm to play a lovely programme including music by Ireland, Corelli and Bach. Tickets on the Door £12/£6 or in advance from Eventbrite, Hitchin Initiative and their website

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