

Thursday Group meeting 7 April, 7.45pm for 8pm in the hall

An evening with a representative from the Charity 'Help for Heroes'. Please come along and find out more about this organisation and how the donations are used. All are welcome. £3 per person (refreshments included).

Saturday 23rd April, 2.00-5.00pm – St Mark's Games Afternoon

With Slot-Stock Car Racing - "Scalextric with Attitude"

Something for all ages to enjoy - challenge yourselves in the church with the car racing or join in board games in the hall, or a bit of both! From Bananagrams to Buckaroo, Cluedo to Connect 4, or bring along your own favourite board game! Also Giant Draughts and Dominoes, and a 'Quiet Corner' for Scrabble or something more sedate.

Refreshments available throughout the afternoon. **BOOK THIS IN YOUR DIARY NOW!**

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

27 March 2016

Easter Day

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Family Communion (separate booklet)

Readings for today

Isaiah 65:17-25
Acts 10:34-43
John 10:1-18

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to our Vicar, Jane. 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: Separate song sheet

Diary for the week beginning Monday 28 March

Mon 28	7.15am	Walk to St Albans Abbey leaving from The Three Moorhens
Wed 30	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Fri 1 April	9.30am	Little Lions
	12.30pm	Church Lunch
Sat 2	9.45am	Exploring Christianity
	10.00am	Confirmation information session at St Mary's

Hall bookings – Thursday 31 March to Saturday 2 April

Thur 31	9.30-11.30am	Monkey Club
	6.30-9.00pm	GWNN and 2Confused
Fri 1 Apr	9.00-11.00am	Little Lions
	12.30-2.30pm	Church Lunch
Sat 2	9.30-11.30am	Exploring Christianity
	1.00-5.00pm	Party booking

Next Sunday, 3 April – Second Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Informal Service (See notice)

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. The space around the side altar remains available for you to be with your own thoughts, to pray by yourself or simply to light a candle.

Suggestions for prayer

From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Curates and Readers in the parish; Age UK; Ickleford Road, Dukes Lane, Bunyan Road

Notices

Thank you

A big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed in any way to the marking of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter this year.

Jane

Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey

People, young and old, walk from across the diocese to meet and gather together in the cathedral on Easter Monday. For many years people have walked from Hitchin, sometimes just 2 people, sometimes 20 or more. Roger and Naomi Morris are planning to walk again this year and invite anyone interested to join them. We will meet at the Three Moorhens roundabout at 7.15am tomorrow morning and walk to St Albans with the aim of arriving at the abbey in time for the service with everyone at 3.00pm. Please talk to one of us after today's service to find out more.

A new service at St Mark's: 3 April at 6.30pm

Next Sunday sees the exciting launch of our new-style monthly evening service. It will last no more than 45 minutes and it's going to be quite different from anything else we do at St Mark's, with its mix of modern worship songs, bible readings in 21st century language, people's stories of their Christian faith and an opportunity to get to know people by chatting to them and praying for them in a simple way. We hope many of you will give this new venture a try and then, if you like, join us afterwards at *The Angels* for our Sunday Social.

St Mark's Lent Appeal 2016

Many thanks to all who have contributed so far to this year's Lent Appeal in support of the work done by Christian organisations in Greece for refugees from Syria, Afghanistan and other countries who arrive in small boats, often after a perilous journey. The Appeal will be open until Sunday 10 April so it's not too late if you wish to give something. Please put cash or a cheque (payable to St Mark's Parish Church) in one of the Lent Appeal gift envelopes available at the back of the church - gift-aided if possible - and place this in the offertory bag or hand it to Jane, a churchwarden or John Richardson. Next Sunday, 3 April, we shall welcome Emma Kevan of the Anglican mission agency *Us* to our morning service and she will tell us more about how the money is being used. Many thanks for your generosity.

Annual General Meeting: 11.30am on 10 April

Our AGM is fast approaching. Nomination forms for DCC members, Churchwardens, CTH reps etc can be found on the mission table (table by the door covered in red velvet) today. Please consider whether you, or someone you know, could serve, particularly as a member of the District Church Council (a role for three years) or as one of our representatives on the Churches Together in Hitchin council. Reports, which give a really good picture of life at St Mark's, are also available for you to take away and read prior to the meeting.

Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll is the membership roll for the church. If you aren't currently on the Roll but consider yourself part of St Mark's, please pick up an Electoral Roll form from the back of church. Forms can be returned to Jane or to Jean Jenkins, the Electoral Roll Secretary. If you'd like more details, please talk to Jane or Jean.