

## Confirmation Group

Our team confirmation group will be meeting on Sunday afternoons at 5pm at St Mary's, starting on 24 April. If you'd like to join in with the group, please let Jane know. If you'd like to explore the possibility of confirmation but aren't able to make Sunday afternoons, don't let that put you off. Please talk to Jane and we can make alternative arrangements. By exploring confirmation you are not committing yourself to being confirmed in July. Contact details: 01462 434686 or [jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

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

Slot Stock Car Racing – "Scalextric with Attitude"

Challenge yourselves in the church with the car racing or join in board games in the hall, or a do bit of both! Something for all ages to enjoy – 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.

## 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 email [deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)*

# St Mark's Church



**A member of Churches Together in Hitchin**

**10 April 2016**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Services and events today**

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
11.30am	Annual General Meeting
2.30pm	Baptism Service

## Readings for today

Acts 9: 1-6
Revelation 5: 11-14
John 21: 1-19

## St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to our Curate, Jeni. 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 428	Thine be the glory
AMNS 501	Now the green blade riseth
AMNS 146	When morning gilds the skies
MP 30	Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord
SF 6	Lord, for the years

### Diary for the week beginning Monday 11 April

Tue 12	8.00pm	Informal Service review and planning meeting at the Vicarage
Wed 13	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Choir Practice

### Hall bookings – Thursday 14 to Saturday 16 April

Thur 14	9.00-11.30am	Monkey Club
Fri 15	No bookings	
Sat 16	9.30am-4.00pm	Buzzworks

### Next Sunday, 17 April – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

### 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:

St Mark's crèche, Sunday School, Travellers, Pathfinders and uniformed groups;  
MP for Hitchin, North Herts District Council and Herts County Council;  
Moss Way, Kings Hedges, Dugdale Court

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

**St Faith's Church**, asking that their work with local schools will continue to grow;  
wisdom for the deacons of **Wymondley Baptist Chapel** as they continue to pray for their Church fellowship and as they consider leadership options for the future.

### Notices

#### Traidcraft Stall

There will be a Traidcraft stall at the back of church after the 10am service today.

#### Annual 24-hour gate closure: from 4.30pm today, 10 April

The gates to St Mark's grounds have to be closed for a period of 24 hours once a year to prevent the land becoming a public right of way. This year they will be closed as above and will reopen at 4.30pm on Monday, 11 April.

#### Little Lions

Please note that Little Lions will not be meeting on Friday 15 April.

#### Hall bookings

Maggie Mellersh is now looking after the hall bookings. If you would like to book the hall or need to check availability, please contact Maggie at [maggie.mellersh@phonecoop.coop](mailto:maggie.mellersh@phonecoop.coop) or ring her on 01462 504003.

### **Church Flowers**

If anyone has a special request for flowers (e.g. to mark an anniversary or celebrate a family event), please contact Diane Porter or Joy Hukin. Diane and Joy are also the people the flower team should contact when they need the church key.

### **St Mark's Lent Appeal 2016**

Today is the last opportunity to contribute to our 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. If you wish to give something and have not yet done so, please put cash or a cheque (payable to St Mark's Parish Church) today 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. Many thanks to all of you who have contributed so far, or intend to do so - your generosity is much appreciated.

### **St Andrew's C of E Primary School is seeking new governors**

St Andrew's School is seeking new governors to join the governing body over the next 18 months. In particular, they are seeking Foundation Governors (those that attend local churches) to help promote the Christian values of the school and are keen to appoint people with experience in the following areas: human resources; marketing; finance/accountancy. Even if you don't have this experience but are interested in becoming a governor, please let the school know. Being a governor is an extremely interesting and rewarding job. It will entail 1-2 meetings every 3 months and you will work alongside a team of extremely dedicated people. Please contact Ms Fenn (Headteacher) on 01462 459160 or Adam Heaysman on 07515 515 164 or [a\\_heaysman@hotmail.com](mailto:a_heaysman@hotmail.com)

### **Christian Aid Admin - help desperately needed!**

Two people are needed to count out materials for collectors and distribute these to them, plus a bit of paper work. One person is needed for six collectors in the Blackhorse Road area, the other for Benslow Lane and the small roads off Wymondley Rd. Christian Aid Week is 15-20 May and this is a once-a-year only job preparing for this. For more explicit information, please contact Helen Richardson: 01462 435595 or [helenwrich@btinternet.com](mailto:helenwrich@btinternet.com)