

### Monthly Foodbank Collection: Sunday 29 May

Thank you for your continuing support of the Foodbank. If you would like to contribute to next week's collection, the following are the items which are needed urgently:

tins of rice pudding, fruit and vegetables (but not sweetcorn); biscuits; sponge puddings; tea; sugar (500g or 1kg bags); long grain rice; instant potato; cereals; dried milk; squash.

### A Royal Garden Party: Sun 12 June, 3-5pm in the Vicarage garden

High tea, live music and a children's 'royal' fancy dress competition.

**If your child would like to enter the fancy dress competition, please sign the list at the back of church to help us with planning.** Adults are invited to dust off their tiaras and to don red, white and blue! For more details, see the notice in church and/or contact Joy Hukin.

### Coach Trip to Southend-on-Sea: 20 August

To help us gauge viability, please sign the list at the back of church **by 5 June** to indicate your interest.

### 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

**22 May 2016**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Services and events today**

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
11.30am	Mission Committee meeting
1.00pm	Baptism Service
5.00pm	Confirmation Group meets at St Mary's

**Readings for today**

Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
Romans 5: 1-5
John 16: 12-15

**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.

**PLEASE TAKE THESE NOTICES HOME WITH YOU**

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### Hymns for 10.00am

AMNS 95	Holy, holy, holy
AMNS 355 (i)	Father all powerful, thine is the kingdom vv 1,3,5,7
MP 77	Christ triumphant, ever reigning
MP 142	Father we love you
MP 367	Jesus is Lord

### Diary for the week beginning Monday 23 May

Mon 24	2.30pm	Prayer Group meets at 221 Bedford Road
Wed 25	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Fri 27	12.30pm	Church lunch

### Hall bookings – Thursday 26 to Saturday 28 May

Thur 26	9.00-11.30am	Monkey Club
	6.30-8.00pm	Group With No Name
Fri 27	12 noon-3.00pm	Church lunch
	7.00-9.00pm	Exercise class
Sat 28	See notice opposite re maintenance work	

### Next Sunday, 29 May – First Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion

### Suggestions for Prayer

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

- **Built on Faith, Bibleway Church** as they move their worship to the new Westmill Community Centre.
- **St Mark's** as we begin a series of sermons on Luther's words 'Here I stand - I can do no other', which will encourage both preachers and the congregation to declare the basic convictions of our faith.

**See also monthly prayer list available in church or by email**

### Notices

#### Major drain maintenance work at St Mark's on 28 May

There will be work going on from 8am for most of the day. This will mean there will be no access to the toilets, and the kitchen sink will be out of action. There will be access to the building, but no water! Please call Trish Reed if you have any queries.

#### 'Here I stand' sermon series starts today

Next year, churches throughout the world will mark the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's actions which can be seen as a beginning of the Protestant Reformation. One of his famous statements, 'Here I stand - I can do no other', will be particularly remembered as it is a reminder of the way in which he set out and lived by his most basic convictions, often at personal cost. St Mark's is marking this important anniversary a year early! Starting today and for the following 3 Sundays, the sermons will be on the theme 'Here I stand', and Jeni (today), Andrew (29 May), John (5 June) and Jane (12 June) will aim to set out the convictions that are the basis of their faith. They hope that, as well as being a good thing for themselves, it will also inspire us all at St Mark's to reflect on our convictions - what is most important to us in our Christian faith, what makes us tick as believers, what in the end is our faith really about? The sermons will all be available to listen to (again) on the St Mark's website: [www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](http://www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk) If you don't have access to the internet and would like the complete series on CD, please sign the list at the back of church.

#### Christian Aid Week ended yesterday

If your street was missed or you were out when your collector called, you can pick up an envelope in church if you would like to make a donation.