

**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 today.** 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.

**New Internationalist**

The April edition is now available to borrow, courtesy of Austin Smith, from the mission table. See, in particular, '**Last Stand – Saving the world's forests**' which addresses the destruction of the world's last ancient forests, the ensuing impact on the communities whose lives and culture are rooted there and the part that we in the western world play in this ecological disaster.

**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 (see contact details above).*

# St Mark's Church



**A member of Churches Together in Hitchin**

**29 May 2016**

**First Sunday after Trinity**

**Services today**

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion and Dedication of the new altar frontal (p15 in folder)

**Readings for today**

1 Kings 8: 22-23, 41-43
Galatians 1: 1-12
Luke 7: 1-10

**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 2	New every morning is the love
AMNS 163	Angel-voices, ever singing
AMNS 49	O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
JP 215	Seek ye first the kingdom of God
JP 188	One more step along the world I go

### Diary for the week beginning Monday 30 May

Wed 1 June	9.15am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Choir Practice
Thur 2	10.00am 8.00pm	Holy Communion at Westmill Lawns Pastoral and Bereavement Groups meet
Fri 3	9.30am	Little Lions

### Hall bookings – Thursday 2 to Saturday 4 June

Thur 2	9.00-11.30am	Monkey Club
Fri 3	9.00-11.30am	Little Lions
Sat 4	11.00am-4.00pm	Private booking

### Next Sunday, 5 June – Second Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Confirmation Groups meet at St Mary's
6.30pm	SIX:30 Service
8.00pm	Sunday Social at The Angels

### Suggestions for Prayer

**From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link, we pray for: Phase** as they hold another of their Time Trek holiday clubs this coming Tuesday.

#### From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

- Anglican mission agencies: Church Mission Society (CMS) and the United Society (Us)
- Children and vulnerable adults who suffer from abuse
- Lancaster Avenue, St Mark's Close

#### 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.

### Notices

#### 'Here I stand' - a series of 4 sermons

This sermon series, in which Jeni (last Sunday), Andrew (today), John (5 June) and Jane (12 June) aim to set out the convictions that are the basis of their faith, is being recorded week by week and made available to listen to (again or for the first time if you miss a week) online. Simply go to: [www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](http://www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk) and click on 'News and Events'. 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.

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

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