

### **New addition to the team**

A few years back, a young man called Dan Drew decided to set up a project known as the Hub Church in a Hitchin pub to attract young people to Christianity who have no current connection with church. He has done this in full consultation with Churches Together in Hitchin and, of late, has been training for pioneer ministry in the Anglican church. We have asked him to become a part-time curate at St Mary's, a post he will combine with part-time and Sunday evening work at the Hub Church. At the same time, the Hub Church will become an associate member of the Parish of Hitchin with 2-3 representatives attending four church council meetings a year - two at St Mary's and two PCC meetings. Dan will be ordained as a Deacon on 3 July and will attend Hitchin Team (clergy) meetings. Please keep Dan and his wife Alex in your prayers.

*Michael Roden*

### **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**

**19 June 2016**

**Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**Services and events today**

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Family Service and Baptism (Separate booklet)
11.15am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
5.00pm	Confirmation Groups meet at St Mary's

### **Readings for today**

Isaiah 65: 1-9
Galatians 3: 23-29
Luke 8: 26-39

### **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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### Suggestions for Prayer

**From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link, we pray for: PHASE** who, from tomorrow, will be leading their final year 6 workshops across the primary schools to help pupils prepare emotionally for the move to secondary school.

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

- Ministry at Westmill Lawns
- People with visual, hearing and speech impairment
- Bearton Green, Bearton Road, Bearton Court, Bearton Close

### Notices

**Last chance to order a CD of the sermon series ‘Here I stand’**

Last Sunday was the final week of the sermon series which used the great statement of faith made by Martin Luther almost 500 years ago as a basis for Jeni, Andrew, John and Jane to declare their own convictions. The sermons are available to listen to (again or for the first time if you missed a week) online. Simply go to <http://www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk/here-i-stand-sermon-series> 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 **today**.

**Memorial Service of Thanksgiving: next Sunday, 26 June at 6.30pm**

This year's Memorial Service of Thanksgiving will be held as above. Please note the change of date from the first Sunday in July to 26 June. The service will be preceded by tea in the church hall from 5.30pm. All are welcome.

During the service the names of those to be remembered will be read out. If you would like a name(s) to be read out, please contact Mike Davies. **Please note** that names will not automatically be read out; rather, they will only be read out if you have let Mike know this is your wish.

### Songs for 10.00am

JP 325	Come on and celebrate
Song sheet	All through history
Song sheet	O Father of the fatherless
SF 10	I, the Lord of sea and sky
JP 258	This little light of mine

### Diary for the week beginning Monday 20 June

Mon 20	2.30pm	Prayer Group meets at 221 Bedford Rd
Wed 22	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
	8.15pm	Standing Committee meets
Fri 24	12.30pm	Church Lunch at 231 Bedford Road or in church hall if weather is bad)

### Hall bookings – Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 June

Thur 23	9.00-11.30am	Monkey Club
	6.30-8.00pm	Group With No Name
Fri 24	12.30-1.30pm	Church lunch if weather is bad
	7.30-9.00pm	Exercise class
Sat 25	No bookings	

### Next Sunday, 26 June – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
5.00pm	Adult Confirmation Group meets
6.30pm	Memorial Service preceded by tea and cake in the hall from 5.30pm

### **Sunday, 17 July**

On this Sunday, we will have the Bishop of Hertford, the Rt Revd Michael Beasley, with us. He will be joining us for the 10.00am Family Service and the communion service which follows it. In order to allow a little more time for the bishop to chat with people the communion service will start at 11.30am on that Sunday rather than at 11.15am. Whichever service you are attending, everyone is very welcome to join us for coffee between the services.

### **Family Service Songs on 17 July**

Have you got a favourite hymn or song which you would like to have included in the Family Service on 17 July? Add your suggestions to the board at the back of church this today. Warning! No guarantees that your song will be chosen, but we'd love to know your thoughts.

### **Social Events at St Mark's**

Thank you to everyone who came along last Sunday afternoon to the Royal Garden Party. We were incredibly lucky with the weather. A huge 'thank you' also to everyone involved in the planning and preparation for the afternoon and to all those who pitched in to get everything packed away before the rain came down. £147.19 for church funds was raised through the sale of refreshments. A rather nice garden chair was left in the Vicarage garden. Please see Jane or James to re-claim it.

Thank you to everyone who signed up for the seaside trip in August. Unfortunately, there are not enough people to pay for a coach and, therefore, the trip won't be going ahead. Apologies to those who were looking forward to it. However, there are lots of other events coming up including the Summer Fair on 9 July, the Harvest Supper on 1 October and the Quiz Night on 18 November. Do look out for more details in the news sheet.

**Traidcraft Stall** in the hall today between the 10.00 and 11.15am services

### **Foodbank collection: next Sunday, 26 June**

If you would like to donate to our monthly collection for the Foodbank, the following are the items which are most urgently needed: tins of fruit and fish (stocks of both are very low); tins of rice pudding, vegetables (not sweetcorn) and meat; biscuits; sponge puddings; tea; 500g or 1kg bags of sugar; long grain rice; instant potato; cereals; dried milk; squash; long-life fruit juice. The following are **not** needed, thank you: pasta; soup; baked beans; toilet rolls. No fresh fruit or vegetables, please.

### **St Mark's Summer Fair: 9 July, 9am-3pm in the Market Place**

On Saturday 9 July, we will once again be holding our Summer Fair in the Market Place. We are hoping to have the following stalls: cakes; jewellery; tombola; flowers; books, records and CDs. We are in need of donations for these stalls and boxes to receive the non-perishable items are at the back of church. We also need someone, or several people, to run the books, records and CDs stall and someone to run the tombola stall on the day (we have had an offer of getting everything ready for the tombola - it's just a matter of setting up the stall etc on 9th). We will also need people to offer an hour during the day to relieve people on stalls. If you can offer to organise either the book or tombola stall, please talk to Jane asap. If you can help on the day, please sign your name by a time slot on the sheet at the back of church. This is our biggest fund raising event of the year so please support it in any way you can. Thank you.