

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. Dan will be ordained as a Deacon on 3 July and will 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. Please keep Dan and his wife Alex in your prayers at this time.

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 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

26 June 2016

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
5.00pm	Adult Confirmation Group meets at St Mary's
6.30pm	Memorial Service with tea from 5.30pm

Readings for today

1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21
Galatians 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62

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 224	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
AMNS 112	God moves in a mysterious way
AMNS 63	My song is love unknown (omit v.4)
AMNS 459	Give me joy in my heart
AMNS 198	Ye holy angels bright

Diary for the week beginning Monday 27 June

Wed 29	9.15am	Holy Communion
Fri 1 July	9.30am	Little Lions

Hall bookings – Thursday 30 June to Saturday 2 July

Thur 30	9.00-11.30am	Monkey Club
Fri 1	9.00-11.30am	Little Lions
Sat 2	9.30am-12.30pm 1.30-5.30pm	Party booking Party booking

Next Sunday, 3 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
11.30am	Baptism Service
3.00pm	Baptism Service
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:

Christchurch as they celebrate their church anniversary today and we pray with them that they may continue to find ways of 'bringing people to Christ'.

From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

- Hitchin Christian Centre, The New Testament Church of God and The International First-born Church of the Living God
- Nightingale Road Day Centre
- Grove Road, Fryth Cottages (Nightingale Road)

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

Memorial Service of Thanksgiving: 6.30pm today (tea 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 speak to Mike Davies.

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.

Church Spring Clean: Saturday 16 July

The Wardens, Louise and Tricia, would love to hear from anyone who can help clean on 16th and also from anyone who could lend, or has access to, a scaffold tower for the day.

Just 2 weeks to our Summer Fair in the Market Place

On Saturday 9 July from 9am to 3pm, we will once again be holding our Summer Fair in the Market Place with the following stalls: cakes; jewellery; tombola; flowers; books, records and CDs. Boxes to receive non-perishable donations are at the back of church. (See below for more information about donations to three of the stalls.) There is also a sheet for you to sign to indicate if you are able to offer a hand for an hour during the day itself. Many thanks in advance for your contributions to the above. This is our biggest fund raising event of the year so please support it in any way you can. Thank you.

Requests from Summer Fair stall organisers:

Cake Stall: donations of cakes or preserves can be delivered to the stall on the morning of the 9th or can be collected during the week of the fair. Contact **Val Conetta** or **Judy Page**.

Tombola Stall: we need lots of bottles, please, and would also welcome any unwanted presents. Please bring your donations to church. **Pauline Banks**

Flowers: if you can offer plants or posies for the stall, please contact **Jan Spicer**.

An event at St Andrew's School

Our local church school, St Andrew's, is holding a Black Tie fundraiser on 2 July. Tickets are £25 and include a welcome drink, light buffet and a live band. This is an open invitation to all whether your children are at St Andrew's, or if you hope for them to go there in the future, or even if you just wish to support our church school community. If you would like to attend, please contact Emma Sullivan.

A request from *Growing Ability*

You may recall that one of the local organisations we have chosen to support through our Mission Giving this year is the Triangle Garden which has an allotment in Ransom's Recreation ground and one of whose projects, *Growing Ability*, works through horticulture with people with disabilities. They are presently looking for an outdoor table that will seat 8 people. Does anyone have a garden table they no longer need and could donate to them please? Or two smaller ones that they could push together? If you can help, please contact Liz McElroy at liz@trianglegarden.org