

'Holiday at Home'

One of the items on our current Mission Action Plan is to explore running a 'Holiday at Home' in St Mark's during the summer for people who wouldn't otherwise have a holiday. In responding to our questionnaire last year, a number of people expressed interest in helping and planning this, hence the decision to include it in our final MAP. The church at Hoddesdon is experienced in running 'Holidays at Home' and has offered a few people the chance to go and spend a day, or part of a day, with them this summer to see what their 'Holiday at Home' looks like in order to help us think through what it might look like in St Mark's. Possible dates for a visit to Hoddesdon are 25, 26 or 28 July. Please let Jane know asap if this is something you'd like to be involved with. (01462 434686 or jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

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 email version or the hard copy, available in church. If you have no access to these, please contact Deirdre Parr (456184 or deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

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 contact Deirdre as above.

Please send notices for inclusion in the news sheet by 7pm on Wed evening.



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St Mark's Church



Hitchin



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

10 July 2016

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
2.00pm	Baptism Service
3.30pm	Baptism Service
5.00pm	Confirmation Groups meet at St Mary's
6.00pm	Hot Chocolate Club

Readings for today

Deuteronomy 30: 9-14
Colossians 1: 1-14
Luke 10: 25-37

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to Jane, our Vicar. 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 145	Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem (omit v5)
AMNS 279	My God, accept my heart this day
AMNS 244	Hark, my soul, it is the Lord
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 11 July

Tue 12	4.00pm	Funeral of the late Jean Abolins
Wed 13	9.15am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer PCC meets at St Mary's
Fri 15	7.00pm	Confirmation rehearsal at St Faith's
Sat 16	9.00am	Church spring clean

Hall bookings – Thursday 14 to Saturday 16 July

Thur 14	9.00-11.30am 6.30-8.00pm	Monkey Club Group With No Name
Fri 15	9.00-11.30am	Little Lions
Sat 16	From 9.00am	Church cleaning day

Next Sunday, 17 July – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Service
11.30am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Confirmation Service at St Faith's
The Bishop of Hertford, Rt Revd Michael Beasley, will be with us for the 10am and 11.30am services and will be joining us for refreshments between the two services.	

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

Prayer Ministry

If you wish to pray with someone or to be prayed for at the end of the 10am service, John will be near the side altar to listen, talk and pray with you. 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

Confirmation Service: 6.30pm on 17 July at St Faith's Church

This year, we have a number of people from St Mark's who are being confirmed and it would be lovely if anyone would like to join us to support them at the confirmation service. Whether or not you are able to join us next Sunday, please pray for those who are considering confirmation: Ella Watson, Ellie Stone, Kerry Higginbotham, Silvio Madueke, James Colville, Belinda Brett and Becky Finch.

Church Lunch

Our next Church Lunch is on Friday, 22 July at 12.30pm. If you'd like to join us, please do sign the sheet at the back of church or let Jane or Joy Hukin know.

Spring Clean and general working party next Saturday, 16 July

On Saturday, 16 July, from 9am, there will be an opportunity for volunteers to give of their time and energy to help with jobs in and around the church building. Some jobs will be inside, such as cleaning the windows and walls, removing the high-up cobwebs, cleaning the chains and shades for the pendant lights, removing wax from the carpet and chairs, and polishing the woodwork. Other jobs will be outside including removing the dead ivy from the tree near the funeral door, treating the oak side door (old entrance door), painting the handrail from Bedford Road, clearing the drains and hoppers. This is not an inclusive list! There will be work up ladders and on the ground, creative and skilful jobs, as well as those that just need strength and stamina. Some are team jobs, some require you to work alone. There is something for everyone. Someone will even need to make the tea! If you feel able to help, even if just for an hour, please do write your name and particular skill-set, on the sheet at the back of church, together with a contact number, or speak to Trish or Louise.