

Parental Consent Forms

Thank you to all those who have filled in the parental consent forms for the church groups with children and young people. If you have children in any of the groups and haven't yet returned the consent forms, please do so asap. Many thanks.

Submitting notices for inclusion in the news sheets on 25 Sept

If you would like to have a notice included in the news sheets in the next 2 weeks, please ring Maggie on 01462 504003. The deadline each week for submitting notices is 7pm on Wednesday 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 Maggie Mellersh on 01462 504003

St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

18 September 2016

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Family Service (p5 in folder)
11.15am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)

Readings for today

Amos 8: 4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to a Welcomer or Warden, and 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

MP 200	Great is thy faithfulness
Sheet	All through history
MP 49	Be bold, be strong
MP 572	Rejoice, rejoice, Christ is in you
Folder 17	In Christ alone

Diary for the week beginning Monday 19 September

Mon 19th	2.00pm	Prayer Group at Frances Fisher's home
Wed 21st	9.15am	Holy Communion
	8.00pm	Churches Together in Hitchin Council meeting at Holy Saviour
Thurs 22nd	6.30pm	Group With No Name

Hall bookings – Thursday 22 to Saturday 24 September

Thurs 22nd	9.00-11.30	Monkey Club
	6.30-9.00	GWNN

Next Sunday, 25 September –Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
2.30pm	Baptism
6.00-7.30pm	Hot Chocolate Club

Suggestions for Prayer

From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The work of PHASE; local schools and colleges, their students and teachers.

The residents of Berkeley Close and Fosman Close

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

The Council meeting on Wednesday 21st at Holy Saviour Church; also Wymondley Baptist 'Messy Church' afternoon on 24th September.

Notices

Prayer Group next meets at Frances' home on Monday 19th September at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

Traidcraft Stall today in the hall between the Family Service and 11.15am Communion. Autumn catalogues are now available, with, dare I say it, Christmas items. If you would like to get ahead you can order via Maggie Mellersh, or online at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk

Harvest Festival Service Contributions: 2nd October

The Pastoral Committee will be co-ordinating the distribution of the Harvest Gifts following the service. We will be delivering small gifts to sick and housebound people, and those who have recently been bereaved. **Gifts of small parcels of fruit and small bunches of flowers would be most welcome, please.** As we did last year, the church will also be supporting the North Herts Sanctuary with non perishable contributions. **Gifts of Coffee; Tea; Sugar; Sweet Biscuits; Jam; Cereals; Tins of Beans; Cola/Lemonade; Soup; Tinned Fruit;** Pasta etc – but please no alcohol. Thank you for your support. St Mark's Pastoral Committee

Harvest Supper: 7.30pm, Saturday 1 October at The Millstream, Cambridge Road

Louise and Shirley are organising a St Mark's Harvest Supper on 1 October at The Millstream. If you'd like to attend, please sign the list at the back of church by Sunday 18 September so that they can give the pub as accurate a number as possible in good time.

If you would like further information, please speak to Louise or Shirley.

Churches Together in Hitchin

The next CTH Council is this coming Wednesday 21 September, 8.00 pm at Holy Saviour, tea/coffee from 7.30 pm. There will be some reports and other business and then a presentation by Mission Direct, the international Christian voluntary organisation now based in Burymead Road, Hitchin. Members of all churches are welcome to come along - more details from John Richardson on 01462 435595 or 07505 426876.

Next Foodbank collection: Sunday 25th September

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 tomatoes; fruit; fish; meat (not corned beef) and vegetables (not sweetcorn); longlife fruit juice; sponge puddings; dried milk; biscuits; 550g or 1kg bags of sugar; long grain rice; instant potato; cereals; squash; UHT milk; shampoo. You can find the latest Foodbank newsletter on the notice board in church or at <https://letchworth.foodbank.org.uk> Thank you for your support.

Thursday Group on 6 October, 7.45 for 8pm in the church hall

The October meeting will be a workshop on *Winter Flower Arrangement* given by Val. All are welcome. Visitors £3 (includes refreshments). The materials will be available on the evening.

Phoenix Cards Clare will be bringing her collection of Phoenix cards and catalogues to Little Lions on Friday 16th September and leaving them in church for the next two Sundays (18th & 25th); feel free to take a catalogue. Please return your catalogue with or without your order and cheque to either Jane, Deena or Clare by Sunday 2nd October. Clare will then bring them to church on Sunday 16th October.

Save the Date!

Saturday November 18th will be a quiz evening at St Mark's. Usual format... starts about 7, teams of 6 or 8 (more or less) general knowledge questions, fish & chip supper... and the usual complaints and queries. Should be fun! Details will be confirmed later, but any immediate queries, talk to Michael. Thanks... and keep that date!

Music Praise Festival

Churches Together in Hitchin's annual Music Praise Festival will be on Sunday 16th October, 6.30pm at Our Lady's Catholic Church. The theme this year will be 'Security in trouble'.

All welcome

Charity fundraisers at St Mark's

This month, three St Mark's families are taking part in charity fundraising events and would be very grateful for any support you can give them.

Hayley and Deborah's *Shine* Night Walk for Cancer Research UK

On Saturday, 24 September, we will be taking part in *Shine*, the marathon night walk across London in aid of *Cancer Research UK*. If you would like to support us in this fundraising venture you can either see Val in church to sign the sponsor form or visit our *JustGiving* page:

Rachel's Great North Run in aid of The Alzheimer's Society

Last Sunday, a friend and I ran the Great North Run, the biggest half marathon in the world, in Newcastle in aid of The Alzheimer's Society. If you would like to support us, please visit our *JustGiving* page:

Great North Run in aid of Multiple Sclerosis Trust

Our daughter Rachel, grandson Matthew and granddaughter Rebekah also ran the Great North Run last week in memory of our elder daughter Jane . We were there to cheer them on. If you would like to support them, a donation box/sponsor form will be at the back of church for a few weeks.