

Submitting notices for inclusion in the news sheets on 2nd Oct

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The deadline each week for submitting notices is 7pm on Wednesday evening.

How to contact us

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St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

25th September 2016

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
2.30pm	Baptism of Neveah Coombes

Readings for today

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-end

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to the Vicar, 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

336	All my hope on God is founded
139	Rejoice, the Lord is King
356	Father, Lord of all Creation
375 MP	Jesus, name above all names
433	When I needed a neighbour

Diary for the week beginning Monday 26th September

Mon 26 th Sept	8.00pm	Parochial Church Council meets
Wed 28 th Sept	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Fri 30 th Sept	9-11.45 12.30pm	Macmillan Coffee Morning Church Lunch
Sat 1 st Oct	7.30pm	Harvest Supper at The Angels

Hall bookings – Thursday 29 Sept to Saturday 1st Oct

Thurs 29th	9.00-11.30	Monkey Club
Fri 30th	9.00-11.30 12.30	Macmillan Coffee Morning Church Lunch
Sat 1st	11.30-4.00pm	Franciscans service in church and lunch in hall

Next Sunday 2nd October– Harvest Festival

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Communion
6.30pm	SIX:30 Service
8.00pm	Sunday Social at The Angels

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 light a candle.

Suggestions for Prayer

From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The Church of God of Prophecy, Covenant Praise Church, and Built on Faith Bibleway Church. The residents of Symonds Road.

From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link, we pray for: the Harvest services being held at this time of year – that these services may remind us to thank God for his goodness and to be responsible stewards of creation.

Exploring Christianity with Coffee and Croissants - on 8th October we will be re-starting our Saturday morning group, which meets to enjoy Pain au Chocolate and coffee, and then to explore Christianity together. This term we'll be thinking about the Beatitudes. Anyone who would like to join us would be very welcome. We meet in the hall, coffee etc from 9.45am, finishing around 11.15am.

Church Bell – recently our church bell has fallen silent due to no-one ringing it. We already have one volunteer to give it a go, but if anyone else would like to share the responsibility of ringing it before the 10am service on a Sunday morning please let Jane know.

SIX:30 Service – our next evening service will be next Sunday and we'll be thinking about Miracles, and how we deal with when miracles don't happen (or prayer don't feel as though they've been answered). We'll be singing some of the more modern songs, thinking about the theme, and having a chance to discuss with one another our responsibility to it. If you've not tried this service yet, you'd be very welcome to come and see.

Next Foodbank collection: Today

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.

Prayer Group next meets on Monday 3rd October at 2.00pm, at Joy's home,. All are welcome.

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. For more Information contact Val.

Phoenix Cards Clare will be leaving her Phoenix cards and catalogues in church on Sunday 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.

Judy would like to thank everyone who supported her recent Tea Party - £360 was raised for the Garden House Hospice.

Traidcraft Autumn catalogues are now available from the back table, with, dare I say it, Christmas items. If you would like to get ahead you can order via Maggie, or online at www.traidcraftshop.co.uk There is also an order form for the Real Advent Calendars at the back of church.

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

Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal – Each year, St Mark's supports the Harvest Appeal promoted by the Bishop of St Albans. This year its theme is *Life-giving water* and is for WaterAid's work in Madagascar, transforming lives by the provision of safe clean water – see the poster on the Mission notice board and the leaflets at the back of the church. Next Sunday the cash in the collections taken at our Harvest services will go to the Appeal and you are invited to give in this way – or, if you are a tax-payer and wish to claim giftaid, harvest envelopes will be available for cash or cheques. Many thanks as ever for your generosity.

Harvest Supper: 7.30pm, Saturday 1 October at The Angel's.

Louise and Shirley are organising a St Mark's Harvest Supper on 1 October at The Angels. 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.

Save the Date!

Friday 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!

Lucy Baptism Lucy will be being baptised during the Family Service on 16th October. We will be bringing cake to share with everyone at coffee time. At 12 we will be having a bring and share lunch in the hall. If you would like to join us to celebrate the occasion we'd love to see you.

Will – thank you and save the date! Finn and I wanted to extend a huge thank you to everyone at St Mark's for their incredible love and support over the last few months. We are so grateful for all you have done, lifts to hospital, meals, gifts and cards and above all your many, many prayers. We would like to invite everyone to his baptism on December 11th, the exact time is TBC. Please do put this in your diaries if you are free and would like to come.

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.