

Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal

Many thanks to all who contributed last Sunday to the Harvest Appeal promoted by the Bishop of St Albans which this year is supporting WaterAid's work in Madagascar. If you picked up a Harvest Appeal envelope, do include it with the offertory today and your gift (with Gift Aid if you are a tax-payer) will be added to the amount. Next Sunday's news sheet will include the total raised.

Music Praise: Sunday, 16 Oct at 6.30pm at Our Lady's RC Church

Churches Together in Hitchin is once more arranging Music Praise, the service in which choirs and music groups from different churches come to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! If you have been before, you will know what a good occasion it is - if you haven't, then do come along and see for yourself. All are welcome.

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 on 01462 456184 or e-mail deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

9 October 2016

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion and Baptism (separate folder)
11.30am	Extraordinary District Church Council meeting
6.00pm	Hot Chocolate Club

Readings for today

2 Kings 5: 1-15
2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Luke 17: 11-19

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to Jane, our Vicar, 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

AMNS 334	A Man there lived in Galilee
MP 170	Give thanks with a grateful heart
AMNS 133	Immortal Love for ever full
SF 23	As the deer
AMNS 100	All people that on earth do dwell

Diary for the week beginning Monday 10 October

Mon 10	8.00pm	Communications Group meets at 60 Bearton Road
Wed 12	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
	8.15pm	Evening Service planning meeting at the Vicarage
Thur 13	6.45pm	Group With No Name

Hall bookings – Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 October

Thurs 13	9.00-11.30am	Monkey Club
	6.30-8.00pm	Group With No Name
Fri 14	9.00-11.00am	Twins Club
Sat 15	No bookings	

Next Sunday, 16 October – Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Service and Baptism of Lucy Lally
11.15am	Holy Communion
12 noon	Bring and Share Lunch (see notices)
6.00pm	Hot Chocolate Club
6.30pm	Music Praise (see notices)

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 today 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.

Suggestions for Prayer

From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St Mark's Morning Prayer, Thursday Group, prayer group, fellowship groups and Friday lunches; lonely and housebound people; the residents of North Place and South Place.

From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link we pray for: the future planning of *Small Talk* at **St Faith's Church**, remembering both those who run the group and those who come.

Notices

Traidcraft Stall – will be in the hall next Sunday (16 October) after the 10am service. Do come and have a look, or pick up a catalogue from the back of church for Christmas orders.

Lucy Lally's Baptism: 16 October

Lucy will be baptised during next week's Family Service. 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. *Mark and Pippa*

Autumn Parties: 29 October

As has become our custom, we will be holding two autumn parties in half-term, both on 29 October, one in the late afternoon for children up to Year 2, the other in the early evening for everyone Year 3 and above. Invitations will appear soon. If you would like to get involved with the planning for either party, Jane would love to hear from you.

In Flanders Fields: Sunday, 30 October at 3.30pm in St Mark's

A concert with *Jubilate* produced by Ann Peacock which remembers the Battle of the Somme and other events of World War 1 through music, verse and narration. Tickets £5 on the door.

Deanery Celebration on 7 November

On 7 November, the Bishop of Bedford will be spending the day in our deanery. In the evening there will be a big celebration event from 7.30pm at St Paul's Church, Letchworth. All the churches in the deanery are invited to come along to this event to celebrate all the good things which are going on in our deanery. It would be great to have a good representation from St Mark's at this event. If you would like to join us, please let us know by adding your name to the list at the back of church.

Christmas Day Dinner on Christmas Day!

You are invited to bring family or friends for a celebration dinner together at 1.30pm here at St Mark's. There will be time after the 10 am service to go home and open a few presents. Back to church for 1pm drinks. We plan to end at 4pm in time for you to return home for tea and more presents. Cost £8 per adult and £3 per child. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of church from today. Deadline for signing up: Sunday 27 November. Further information from Helen Richardson on 07880 682681 or Joy Hukin on 455316.

Will McQuaid – thank you and save the date!

Finn and I want 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, your gifts and cards and above all your many, many prayers. We would like to invite everyone to Will's baptism on 11 December (exact time to be confirmed). Please put this in your diaries if you are free and would like to come. *Jeni*

North Herts Inter-Faith Forum – All are invited to the following:

1) 8:15pm on Thursday, 20 October at Walsworth Road Baptist Church: *Islamic Shi'i and Sunni Divisions from Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, led by Revd Bonnie Evans-Hill, Inter Faith Adviser for the Diocese of St Albans, and Ali Sheriff, vice-chair of the Forum; preceded at **7.30 pm** by **NHIF AGM**, including a briefing by DC Driscoll, Anti-Hate Crime Officer of North Herts Police. Full details on the notice board.

2) Visit to the Hindu Mandir and Community Centre, Hereford Road, Luton LU4 0PS, at 10.00am on Saturday, 22 October. We shall attend a short act of worship, and be given an explanation of Hindu worship and community life. Please contact **Austin Smith (01462-437433)** if you would like to take part – help with transport available.