

'In Flanders Fields' – next Sunday, 30 October at 3.30pm in church

All are welcome at this event commemorating the Battle of the Somme. Produced by Ann Peacock, it will include verse, narrative and music including choral items by *Jubilate!* under the direction of John Edwards and instrumental music by James Mainwaring. Tickets £5 in advance from Ann or on the door.

Monthly Foodbank collection: next Sunday, 30 October

If you would like to donate to our regular collection for the Foodbank, the following are the most urgently needed items: sponge puddings; longlife fruit juice; UHT milk; dried milk; tinned meat; 500g or 1kg bags of sugar; jam; packet soup; deodorant and shampoo for both men and women; shower gel for men. Thank you for your continuing support of this much-needed service.

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 notices@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk or ring Deirdre Parr on 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 notices@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

23 October 2016

Last Sunday after Trinity

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
12.30pm	Sea Cadets Trafalgar Day Service
2.00pm	Baptism of Jude Collinson

Readings for today

Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

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 and Songs for 10.00am

AMNS 214	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
AMNS 157	Breathe on me, breath of God
AMNS 341	As the disciples, when thy Son had left them
SF 28	We will lay our burden down
AMNS 212	Who would true valour see

Diary for the week beginning Monday 24 October

Wed 26	9.15am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Choir Practice
Fri 28	12.30pm	Church Lunch
Sat 29	9.45am 3.00pm 6.30pm	Exploring Christianity Group meets in the Vicarage Autumn party (see notice) Autumn Party (see notice)

Hall bookings – Thursday 27 – Saturday 29 October

Thurs 27	9.00-11.30am 6.30-9.30pm	Monkey Club Buzzworks Meeting
Fri 28	12.30-2.30pm 7.30-9.00pm	Church Lunch Exercise Class
Sat 29	10.30am- 9.30pm	Party bookings

Next Sunday, 30 October – All Saints Day

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion

Suggestions for Prayer

From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link we pray for Wymondley Baptist as they consider leadership options for the future and their ongoing service in the village.

From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Christchurch and The Hub Church; the local media; the residents of Redhill Road and Oughtonhead Lane.

Monthly prayer list

For the list of people in need of long-term prayer support see the Prayer Requests book in church or the paper or email versions of the news sheet. These people will be prayed for by name each month in church on the first, second or fourth Sunday of the month. They will also be prayed for each week by a group of people praying individually in their own homes. Please remember them in your prayers and also those listed on the church Prayer Tree.

Prayer Ministry

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

Notices

Church Lunch on Friday, 28 October at 12.30pm

If you are planning to come to the lunch on Friday, please sign up today on the list on the table at the back of church.

St Mark's Cake Stall in the Market Place on 5 Nov from 8.30am

Any willing hands on the day would be much appreciated and then we just need cakes, cakes, cakes! To offer help or if you need your cakes to be picked up, please contact Joy Hukin or Judy Page.

Our two Autumn Parties on 29 October

This coming Saturday our 2 autumn parties will take place in the church hall. The first from 3-5pm is for children (and babies) up to Year 2 at school. The second from 6.30-8.30pm is for young people from Year 3 and above. Both parties will be in the church hall this year and are open to anyone, so if you have, for example, grandchildren with you for the half term, they are very welcome to join us. So that we can plan properly, do let us know if you'd like to come. RSVP to Jane, please, on 01462 434686 or jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

Exploring Christianity with Coffee and Croissants on 29 October

The group has met once this term and, including this coming Saturday, will meet five more times before Christmas to look together at the Beatitudes. (Dates for rest of the term: 5 and 26 Nov, 3 and 10 Dec.) If you'd like to join us, it's not too late. Just come along on Saturday at 9.45am for coffee and croissants or for more details talk to Jane. Please note, the group normally meets in the hall but this week will meet in the Vicarage.

Tickets now on sale for St Mark's Quiz Night: Friday, 18 Nov at 7pm

Time to get your teams of 6 or 8 together for an evening of general knowledge questions, fish/sausage/veggie burger & chip supper... and the usual complaints and queries! Tickets on sale now from Michael Orton at £10/concessions £8. Don't be deterred if you can't muster a team – just let Michael know you want to come and teams can be assembled.

Two requests from the Communications Group

With a view to improving our communications the Communications Group has the following requests:

– **publicizing events (e.g cake stall, concert, quiz):** well in advance of the event, please send an email with as many details as possible about it to events@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk – imagine you're writing a newspaper advert! Peter Watson and Clare Banham can then ensure it's on the web site, Facebook and Twitter

– **submitting notices to the weekly news sheet:**

a) if you want your notice to run for more than 2 weeks, it would be great if, after the two weeks, you could provide a 'refreshed' notice so that the news sheet stays fresh

b) please note the new address for sending notices:

notices@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

If you don't have access to email, you can still submit notices (and also the event publicity) by ringing Deirdre Parr on 01462 456184.

Christmas Day Dinner at St Mark's on Christmas Day 1.00-4.00pm

You are invited to bring family or friends for a celebration dinner together here at St Mark's. Drinks at 1pm, dinner at 1.30pm. Cost: £8 per adult and £3 per child. If you would like to come, please sign up on the sheet at the back of church by Sunday 27 November.

Further information from Joy Hukin on 455316.