

⊕ **St Mark's Church Hitchin** ⊕
A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

8 April 2018 web

2nd Sunday of Easter



Services and events for today

8am	Holy Communion (p.29 in folder)
10am	Holy Communion (p.15 in folder)
2.30pm	Messy St Mark's Planning Session in the hall

Readings for today

Acts 4. 32-35
1 John 1. 1-2.2
John 20. 19-31

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

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

To receive the news sheet by email or submit a notice

If you would like either to receive this news sheet via email in future or to have a notice included in the next news sheet, please email notices@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk or ring Tricia Reed on 440278.

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

EVENTS If you would like to promote an event at St Mark's on our Website, please send you poster/flier to events@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

PLEASE TAKE THESE NOTICES HOME WITH YOU

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Hymns for 10.00am

81	At the Lamb's high feast we sing
152	O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
145	Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem
JP 341	From heaven you came
JP 137	Jesus is Lord

Diary for week beginning Monday 9 April

Mon 9	2pm	Film and Tea at Joy Hukin's (231 Bedford Rd)
Wed 11	9.15am	Morning Prayer

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8am	Holy Communion
10am	Family Service
11.15am	Holy Communion

From the Churches Together in Hitchin prayer Link we pray for:

Wymondley Baptist Chapel ask that we continue to pray for them as they seek new leadership for the church. We especially pray for them as they prepare to adjust to the changes which will certainly follow in their fellowship and service as they serve the Lord under a new leader.

From the St Mark's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St Mark's District Church Council, Pastoral, Mission, Worship, Communications and Fabric Committees, for Arthritis Care, and for The National Osteoporosis Society. We also pray for the residents of Portman Close and Times Close.

Prayer Ministry: If you wish to pray with someone or to be prayed for at the end of the 10am service, Gail will be near the pulpit in the side aisle to listen, talk and pray with you.

Our Lady's Hitchin, 1st May, Responding to human trafficking

Caritas Westminster is hosting an evening of practical advice on responding to human trafficking and modern slavery in your community. The evening will be introduced by Chair of Caritas Westminster Bishop Paul MacAleenan.

Our speakers will be focusing on:

- Recognising the signs of trafficking, and what steps to take
- What the church is doing to support victims and end this crime
- The work the police are doing to bring perpetrators to justice and help victims
- How businesses and individuals can get involved

1st May - Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew Hall, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 1QS, at 7.00-9.00pm.

Refreshments from 6.30pm. Please RSVP by calling 020 7931 6077, Emailing: caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or book at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/slaves-on-our-doorsteps-tickets-44588457276?aff=eac2>

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns please contact our safeguarding officer, Pauline Banks.

Holy Land Tour 3 –11 April 2019

Rev Andrew Henton Pusey (Walsworth Road Baptist) is co-leading a group visiting the Holy Land next spring, and you are warmly invited to consider joining the tour. With five nights in Nazareth and three nights in Jerusalem, there is a busy programme of visits to Biblical sites, but an added bonus of these tours is the opportunity to meet and to share with Christians living in the Holy Land today, including believers in local churches and staff at two Christian colleges.

For fuller details, please contact Andrew soon:

minister@wrbchitchin.org.uk 01462 420681

Rachel Drury running the London Marathon 22nd April

Thank you to everyone who supported the Ceilidh I held a few weeks ago it raised over £1600 which was a fantastic total! I hope you enjoyed it.

In order to help spur me on during the marathon I would like to dedicate each mile of the marathon to a person affected by dementia. I will have the names printed on my running top so everyone will know who I am running the mile for. If you would like me to run a mile for someone then all I ask for in return is a minimum £10 donation per number. This can be done via the JustGiving page or in person. Many thanks for all your support.

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachel-Drury

Quiz Night for Christian Aid

Saturday 12 May 2018, 7.30pm at Christchurch, Bedford Rd, Hitchin. Fish/sausage and chip supper or vegetarian option. Tickets £11, No food £5. Teams of 6-8.

For Tickets and more info contact: Sue Covington 01462 452985

suecov63@hotmail.co.uk or Pauline Edwards 01462 435438

NOTICES

Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Holy Week and Easter reflections and celebrations. There were so many people involved in so many ways from helping in services, decorating the church, music, Good Friday Messy Church, food etc. Thank you to you all. *Jane*

Electoral Roll (*register of Church members*)

I have printed out a copy of the St Mark's Electoral Roll and it will be at the back of church for two weeks from 8 April. Please would you check your entry to ensure we have your details accurately recorded. I am unable to add or remove any entries during the two weeks prior to 24th April, but please still let me have any new forms and they will be added as soon as possible. *Maggie*

St Mark's Lent Appeal 2018 - St George's Church and Clinic, Baghdad

Today, Sunday 8th April, is the last opportunity to donate to this year's Lent Appeal. Thanks to all who have contributed to this year's Lent Appeal.

A reminder that we are supporting St George's Church in Baghdad. This church, the only Anglican church in Iraq, has been through many ups and downs since it was founded in 1864, including being bombed in 2009, but at the moment, though it is heavily protected, it is relatively stable.

Gift envelopes are available at the back of the church today with further information about St George's. Contributions can be made by cash or cheque (gift-aided if possible) made out to St Marks Parish Church.

More information from John Richardson