

⊕ St Mark's Church Hitchin ⊕

A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

3 June 2018 (web)

1st Sunday after Trinity

Services and events for today

8am	Holy Communion (page 29 in folder)
10am	Holy Communion (page 15 in folder)
2.30pm	Baptism Service
5pm	Communion with Commentary

*****The Traidcraft stall will be at the back of church this Sunday*****

Readings for today

1 Samuel 3. 1-10
2 Corinthians 4. 5-12
Mark 2. 23- 3.6

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

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

PLEASE TAKE THESE NOTICES HOME WITH YOU

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Hymns for 10.00am

424	The first day of the week
509	Rise and Hear! the Lord is speaking
391	Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
MP 691	This is the day that the Lord has made
459	Give me joy in my heart

Diary for week beginning Monday 4 June

Wed 6	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.10pm	Choir Practice
Thur 7	10am	Communion at Westmill Lawns
	8pm	Deanery Synod

Services and events for 10 June 2018

8am	Holy Communion (said)
10am	Holy Communion
5pm	Confirmation Service rehearsal

From the Churches Together in Hitchin prayer Link we pray for: Built on Faith Church ask that we pray for all those who all members of Covenant Praise Church as they seek new church communities after the closure of their fellowship. Wymondley Baptist Chapel have applied for a student pastor and ask that they continue to explore leadership options. We pray with them that God help them in their planning and also to be open to options that arise.

From the St Mark's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St Mary's Church, for the Foodbank, and for Christians against Poverty debt help. We also pray for the residents of Willow Tree Way.

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.

NOTICES

Fair in the Square. Can you help?

On Saturday 16th June 2018 from 10am - 2pm. AZ Autos & HRJ Foreman Laws are supporting a fundraising event in aid of Phase in Hitchin Market Square and we need your help! There are a variety of ways that you can get involved, check out the list below, if you can do any of these then please let Kieran know; Donate cakes for the bake sale; Donate books, DVD's and CD's to be sold; Donate items for a raffle; Donate items for a tombola; Bring your choir or group to sing; Help run a stall; Help set-up for the day; Help pack down after the event; Help run some craft activities; Be on hand to help. If you can help in any of these ways please contact Kieran either via email, or by contacting the office - kieran.murphy@phase-hitchin.org or 01462 422940

Memorial service of thanksgiving: Sunday 24th June at 6.30pm

This year's Memorial Service of Thanksgiving will be held as above. It will be preceded by tea in the church hall from 5.30pm. All are Welcome. During the service, the names of those to be remembered will be read out. If you would like a name or names to be read out, please speak to Mike Davies at church or email him. Please note: That names will not automatically be read out; rather, they will only be read out if you have let Mike know this is your wish.

Monday Fellowship Group

The Prayer Group, which has been meeting on Mondays during the daytime, has had a name change to reflect better what the group does in their time together. Therefore the group will now be known as the Monday Fellowship Group. It's next meeting is on Monday 28th May at the home of Carol Fishlock. If you would be interested in finding out more about the group or going along then please contact Frances Fisher

Triangle Community Garden

The Garden (next to Ransom's REC) is having its Open Day next Sunday 10th June. Activities from 12.00 to 4.00 pm will include tours of the community garden, global food stalls, craft stalls, lots of outdoor stuff for children, a fun dog shoe and an All-age Bake-off. More information can be found on www.trianglegarden.org/events

Sunday Morning Groups

We are short of leaders for our groups at the moment so to reduce the burden on those we do have we decided to try something a little different this term. Approximately once a month we are running a joint Pathfinders and Sunday School session and the Travellers are invited to attend the church service. The next (and last) of these will be on 3rd June. On 8th July we will have an early start to the Sunday School Lite sessions which we run over the summer, where we spend time playing together in the vicarage garden. If anyone is able to run one of these sessions during the summer holidays please let me know. It just involves planning a few games for the young people to play and being there on the day to play them. Thanks, Pippa

An invitation from Matt Summerfield, Hitchin Christian Centre, to a Make a Difference Dinner on Saturday 16th June.

Enjoy a fabulous night out with friends, all the while knowing that you are making a positive difference in the world: Glass of Prosecco upon arrival (then pay bar available), Three course meal, and Pledge auction and raffle with a range of very special gifts. This year, 100% of the profits from this evening will support a group of twenty young people and leaders from the local community who will travel in August 2018 to Moldova, to build a house together with Moldova young people for a family in poverty.

£42 per person for a great night out with friends! Book your place/table today - <https://hcc.churchsuite.co.uk/events/hzooshrk>

Share the Journey with CAFOD & Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew

A new global campaign to stand up for the rights of refugees and migrants. As part of this campaign the parish of Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew, Hitchin is organising a pilgrimage around the London Outer Orbital Path (the LOOP) consisting of a series of prayerful day walks taking place between May and June 2018 led by Ann Milner.

Everyone is welcome to join part or all of the walk.

24 Loop Stages over 17 Days in prayer and solidarity. Each Stage varies from 4 to 11 miles - Walks on different days of the week.

All invited - young and old, people of all faiths and none. Come for 1 walk or part of a walk, or all of them. You can find out where and when we meet for each walk by sending a request to

oliasah-peace@yahoo.co.uk and we'll keep you in the loop!

Coach trip to Rousham Gardens, nr Bicester

The Friends of Holy Saviour Church are organising a

Coach trip to Rousham Gardens, nr Bicester Saturday June 23rd.

This delightful and unspoilt landscape garden retains the design of William Kent, the 18th century garden designer. The site also includes a walled garden, with espalier apple trees, parterre and dovecote.

The House is not open, but the estate church will be.

There are no catering facilities on site, so a picnic lunch is essential.

Please note that children under 15 are not admitted to the gardens.

The coach will start from Woodside carpark at 9.00, returning by 6 pm.

The cost is £26, which covers coach fare, admission to the gardens, and tea and cake at a nearby hotel before we start for home. For more details about Rousham visit www.rousham.org.

To book a place, or for more information about the trip, email alan.fleck@ntlworld.com or ring 01462 646257

Red Cross Cake Sale

I just want to say thank you so much for donating so much money to the Red Cross by buying cakes. I'm happy to say that we raised £118. Amelie

Bike 'n Hike - 8th September 2018

The annual Bike 'n Hike offers the opportunity to raise money both for our church/chapel and for the Beds. & Herts. Historic Churches Trust. Every £1 that we raise in sponsorship, 50p is returned to us. This makes the Bike 'n Hike a very effective way to raise funds for our church. All the organising is done for us; all we have to do is to take part! The other half of the sponsorship money goes to the Beds & Herts Historic Churches Trust which is distributed, in the form of grants, to local communities struggling to raise funds for vital repairs to their church or chapel. Taking part involves being sponsored for either cycling or walking to visit other churches (you plan your own route). We also need "welcomers" between the hours of 10am and 6pm and welcomers can also be sponsored. Last year the Bike 'n Hike raised almost £100,000 for the churches and chapels of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire. Our church can benefit from this fund-raising event if you will help.

You can use JustGiving to help you raise sponsorship money, along with the normal sponsor form. By encouraging the use of gift aid, you can further increase the funds available to the Trust. For more information please contact Church Organiser Mike Davies

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