

Sunday 12th September 2021
15th Sunday after Trinity

Lots in the notices this week!

1. Readings & prayers
2. Church diary
3. Children & young people's groups
4. Autumn Church Clean – Sat 11th Sept
5. Friday lunches restarting – Fri 24th Sept
6. Church Cake Stall – Sat 25th Sept
7. Macmillan Cream Tea Afternoon – Sun 26th Sept
8. Party in the Square – Churches Together Sun 12th Sept
9. Hitchin Vaccine Thank you service – Sun 19th Sept
10. Take care of valuables!
11. APCM - Tues 21st Sept
12. Churches Together Council meeting – Wed 22nd Sept
13. Safeguarding & DBS checks
14. World Day of Prayer service – Fri 1st Oct
15. Westmill Residents Steering Group
16. CAP Job Club
17. Weird sayings - Joy

Readings for 12th September

James chapter 3 verses 1-12

Mark chapter 8 verses 27-end



PRAYERS:- From Churches Together in Hitchin - Pray for Party in the Square, co-ordinated by CTH and scheduled to happen today in Market Place,. We pray that it may be a great day of rejoicing and witness.

Walsworth Road Baptist Church ask for prayer for Helen Bainbridge, their Youth Worker as she goes on maternity leave, and also for those who will be covering the groups she runs.

From St Mark's Prayer Cycle:- This week we pray for St Faith's church, clergy and congregation. We also pray for the Garden House Hospice, Lavender Fields Cheshire Home and Stagenhoe Sue Ryder Home.

This week please pray for the residents of Beaumont Close and Nutleigh Grove.

Prayer Requests – please send any prayer requests for the whole church to pray for to Andrew, who will then pass them on to the groups. Do contact your own group to ask for prayer too.

CHURCH DIARY - links for online services will be sent by email on Saturday morning.

Sunday 12th September – 8am Holy Communion in church led by Archdeacon Jane Mainwaring. 10am Holy Communion in church led by Archdeacon Jane Mainwaring, livestreamed on Youtube. **Sunday School & children's groups – see below.**

Coffee after the service. *Please bring your own cups!*

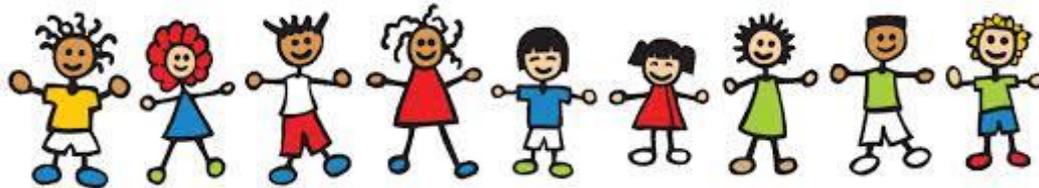
11.30am-3.30pm – CTH Party in the Square – see below

Monday 13th September - Reading & reflection with John on Youtube.

Wednesday 15th September – Morning Prayer in church at 9.15am.

Sunday 19th September –10am All-Age Service in church. 11.15am Holy Communion in church, livestreamed on Youtube. Coffee between the services.

5.00pm Vaccine Thank you service at St Marys – see below.



Sunday Morning groups for children and young people.

It was a great joy last Sunday to finally restart our Sunday School, Pathfinders and Travellers groups, and welcome more families back to church. Our Sunday School group is very flexible and although we aren't currently able to run a creche, younger children are very welcome to come along with their carer and dip in and out of Sunday School – we always have some toys available and the emphasis is very much on having fun and enjoying being together again.

If you're just thinking about coming back to church with your children, we would love to see you! Your children would be very welcome to join in with the groups, but it's not compulsory and they can stay in the church with you if you prefer. We have reopened the 'Play corner' near the back of church which has soft seating and quiet toys for babies and young children during the service, and we also have toybags available for you to take to your seat.

*To help us continue our vibrant children and young people's ministry, **we are looking for at least 3 more adults to be either a leader or helper**, of the age group of your choice! It is really important to share the responsibilities of ministry for our younger church members and we aim to minimise the commitment of people on rotas. There is no requirement to have children to be part of the team. If you want to know more about what is involved you can email admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk*

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of whether you can be part of the team.

Marie

This week our friends without computers will receive a copy of the reflection given by John on Monday 6th September.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

AUTUMN CLEAN – don't forget it's our Church cleaning day this **Saturday 11th September**, 10am-3pm. If you can come along for an hour or two it would be much appreciated.



FRIDAY LUNCHES – the first lunch of our new session will be on **Friday 24th September** at 12.30pm. This was always a much enjoyed time of friendship, and all are welcome, not just St Mark's members. Feel confident that we will follow any guidelines necessary.

Ring Joy via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk to sign up – as previously the cost will be £5 per head.

CAKE STALL – Our next Church Cake stall is in the High Street on **Saturday 25th September, 9 – 1**. Debbie and Maggie would be very grateful for any home-made cakes and preserves to be brought to the church on Friday 24th September between 3-4pm please, or if you need them collecting contact Debbie or Maggie via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

MACMILLAN CREAM TEA AFTERNOON – Joy will be holding this annual fundraising event on **Sunday 26th September 2-4pm**. For details contact admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk



THE CHURCHES TOGETHER PARTY IN THE SQUARE is on THIS SUNDAY in Hitchin Market Place. It begins with an open-air service at 11:30 then there will be church stalls, BBQ, inflatables, prayer tent, music and much more until 3:30.

Do come along and bring your friends!

St Faith's will be giving away small cakes to everyone, so if you can bake any cakes and bring them along that would be appreciated, and any harvest produce can go on the harvest stall for distribution through Feed Up Warm Up.

HITCHIN VACCINE THANK YOU SERVICE - Sunday 19th September

The Rev Charmaine Sabey-Corkindale and friends at St Mary's are holding a Celebration and Thank You Service for the staff and volunteers of the Hitchin Vaccine Rollout. This will be held at St Mary's Church, 5.00 to 6.00 pm on Sunday 19th September. Great hymns and music are promised! All are welcome to join in the appreciation for this significant achievement in our community.

TAKE CARE OF VALUABLES! We've had a report from a hirer that a mobile phone was stolen from an unattended bag earlier in the summer – just a reminder not to leave valuables lying around for an opportunistic passer-by to see.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING to approve the 2020 PCC Consolidated Accounts will be held on **Tuesday 21st September, 7.30pm** in Church House. A copy of the accounts can be viewed on the table at the back of the church – please do not remove from church. Thank you.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HITCHIN COUNCIL - The next CTH Council will be held in Our Lady's Church Hall on **Wednesday 22nd September**. It will begin at 7.30 pm with the annual update from Phase about its work in our schools, then from 8.00 to 9.00 pm we will hear about plans for the future, including new ventures - a Community Larder and 'A Little Theology Group'.

Members of all churches are welcome at what will be our first face-to-face meeting for over a year. We also hope to stream it for those who cannot attend - more details next week. If you would like to know more, contact John Richardson on 07505 426876.

SAFEGUARDING - DBS RENEWAL's - Following a directive from St Albans Diocese. Please note that DBS checks are to be renewed every three years instead of every five years. Therefore I will be looking at all St Marks who renewed their DBS's in 2017, 2018. I will be approaching you in the next few months to bring your DBS's into line. Those who renewed in 2019 I will approach in 2022. If you have any queries on this then please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Pauline - Safeguarding Officer St Mark's

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns, please contact Pauline via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE Friday 1st October 1.30 pm in St Mary's Church Hitchin.



This is normally held in March but delayed due to Covid restrictions. The theme of the service this year is Build on a Strong Foundation and was prepared by the women of Vanuatu. Historically this service was for women. Now it's for all. Do come and make it a joyous occasion as we lost the one in 2020. Further information Ann Howard 01462 452500.

CALLING ALL WESTMILL RESIDENTS! A resident steering group (RSG) is being formed for Westmill and John Barker Place (Rev Nick is an honorary member of the group) to work collaboratively with Settle to develop an area which will be great (or even greater!) to live in. If you live in Westmill, care about its community, and have an evening to spare each month to be part of this group and make your voice heard, please email johnbarkerplace@settlegroup.org.uk to let them know you'd like to join (maybe with a few words saying why you would like to help shape the estate and make a difference).

CAP JOB CLUB starts again Wednesday 22nd Sept 10am-12 noon

If you know of anyone looking for work, we run an 8-week course - you can just turn up at Zeo Centre Bedford Rd, Hitchin SG5 1HX and receive help and support with job searching. For more info contact: smith@capjobclubs.org/ mobile 07931833838.

WEIRD SAYINGS... Hi all Don't we say some very strange things at times. Some of them may be widely known and used while others are peculiar and special to our families. "Something underhand is afoot" is one I particularly like as is "I only open my mouth to change

feet“ excellent!! If a member of our family turns up with buttons on a cardigan or jacket done up all askew ie first top button in third button hole etc we say “look at you you’re all Bob Fernell “. I have to say this is a rare occurrence but none the less noticed immediately should it happen. Well, said Bob was a Graveley village resident who was known for never doing his buttons up in the right buttonholes. Another one “ It’ s black over Will’s mothers “ not sure if this is a family thing or more widely used , meaning the weather over there doesn’t look good. “FHB“ meaning Family Hold Back, this was uttered quietly by my Grandmother in the ears of immediate family when if, at a party or special “ Do “ more people than expected had turned up and she was worried there would not be enough food to go round, so nearest and dearest had to suppress their appetites . “Measure twice cut once“ is a piece of advice that has stood me in good stead many times whether it be dress making, DIY or whatever. Have you got others we need to know about? if so let me know. Love Joy xx

*If you would like to have a notice included please email
notices@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk
Please send notices by 7pm on the preceding Wednesday.*

