



Sunday 10th April 2022

Palm Sunday



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7. Coffee & Cake at St Faith's – 9th April
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11. The Husband Cooking – Part 2 by Joy

Readings for 10th April

Isaiah chapter 50 verses 4-9a

Philippians chapter 2 verses 5-11

Luke chapter 19 verses 28-40



PRAYERS:- From Churches Together in Hitchin - On Maundy Thursday **Tilehouse Street Baptist, Christchurch and Walsworth Road Baptist Churches** hope to meet again for a joint communion service. We pray that there may be a real sense of unity as they gather together around the Lord's Table.

We pray for the candidates as they prepare to be confirmed at **Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church's** Easter Vigil service next weekend.

We pray for the **Churches Together in Hitchin** United Service being held on Good Friday. May it be an occasion that reminds the town of the true meaning of this sacred season.

From St Mark's Prayer Cycle:- This week we pray for all the bishops, clergy and staff of the Diocese of St Albans. We also pray for the Lister Hospital, its staff, patients, chaplains and Christian visitors.

This week please pray for the residents of Westbury Close, Friday Furlong & Lower Innings.

CHURCH DIARY

Links for online services will be sent by email on Saturday morning.

Sunday 10th April PALM SUNDAY – 8am Simple Communion service in church.

10am Communion service in church and livestreamed to Youtube. We are pleased to welcome Revd Fizz Gibbs to St Mark's today.

Refreshments will be served after the 10am service – please bring your own cups if possible.

Monday 11th April – Reading & reflection with Trish Bonnett from Our Lady's on Youtube.

Wednesday 13th April – 9.15am Morning Prayer service in church. 7.15pm Choir practice.

Thursday 14th April 7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion service in church

Friday 15th April 10am Good Friday reflection in church. 11am Churches Together Service in the Market Square. 2pm – Good Friday workshop in church.

Saturday 16th April 8pm Easter Vigil Service & Parish party at Holy Saviour.

Sunday 17th April EASTER SUNDAY – 8am Communion service in church.

10am Family Communion service in church and livestreamed to Youtube.

More details about Easter services are in the notices below.

HALL DIARY – these are the non-church groups hiring the hall this week.

Tuesday 5th Antenatal Yoga 7-9pm

Wednesday 6th Yoga 5.15-7pm

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

THANK YOU to the Flower Team for the lovely bunches of flowers which were distributed on Mothering Sunday – they were much enjoyed!

EASTER SERVICES



MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION will be at 7.30pm in church. This is a quiet Iona-style service with a little singing as we contemplate Christ's ministry and sacrifice.

GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATION at 10am in church led by Gail Adcock.

GOOD FRIDAY CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE will be held at 11am in Hitchin Market Place. It will be led by ministers of member churches with Christchurch providing the music. Everyone is invited to come along either individually or in small groups and gather round the three crosses. Further information from John Richardson - 07505 426876.

GOOD FRIDAY SPONSORED WALK After the morning service, you can join this Walk being organised by the North Herts Methodist Circuit in aid of Phase and Herts Welcomes Refugees. Full details and sponsor forms are available from the Phase office - 01462 422940

GOOD FRIDAY MESSY ST MARK'S 2pm at church – see details below.

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE Saturday 16th April 8pm at Holy Saviour. This is a Hitchin Team Service, and everyone is welcome. It's a beautiful service to mark the moving from the darkness of Good Friday to the joy of Easter light. It will be followed by a celebratory drink and parish party!

EASTER SUNDAY COMMUNION 8am in church, led by Revd Austin Smith.

EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY COMMUNION 10am in church. Join us to celebrate Easter!



GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP – the Messy St Mark's Team are planning a fun, messy afternoon starting at 2pm on Good Friday. There will be eggs, chocolate, paint, quizzes, woodwork and lots more... Everyone is very welcome to come along, but children must be accompanied please. We will also have a short story, and of course hot cross buns!

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE

Walsworth Road is holding a Sunrise Service at 5.45am BST on the 17th. It will be on Pinehill Field, Hitchin - closest access from Chiltern Road, or from Benslow Lane (just below Pinehill Hospital), or walk across the field from Stuart Drive (by William Ransom School). A simple service in the open air to celebrate the significance of the day.

Cooked breakfast is available afterwards, but only by pre-booking a place - contact the church on: adminsupport@wrbchitchin.org.uk before Wednesday 13th April, please.

COFFEE & CAKE @ St Faith's – Saturday 9th April 10-12 Everyone is welcome.

GIVING ENVELOPES for the next year are now available at the back of the church. Any queries please speak to Deena our Recorder of giving, via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Sunday 5th June THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

To celebrate Joy is holding a party in her garden for St Mark's family and friends. There will be a BBQ and buffet. More details later, but to show your interest please contact Joy via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

ST MARK'S LENT APPEAL 2022 – RED CROSS – working in Ukraine and Afghanistan. Our Lent Appeal will remain open until Easter, so if you would like to donate you can still do so. Thank you to all those who have contributed so far. You can donate by cash or cheque (payable to `St Mark's Parish Church'), using the envelopes and gift-aid forms available in church, or via the orange Donate button on the St Mark's website - stmarks-hitchin.org.uk Just click on the drop down menu and select *Lent 2022 - Red Cross*. Contact John Richardson for more details on 07505 426876 or johnrichardson891@btinternet.com.

THE HUSBAND COOKING – PART 2



Me again with, I suspect, the much-anticipated part 2 of The Husbands foray into the world of culinary delights and new found cookery obsession. To this end he has now decided to take over the role and responsibility of organising the weekly food order delivery. It seems as if I am almost now redundant in the Kitchen. To this end The Husband has purchased a new note pad and has already secured delivery slots in advance for the next 2 months. My rather more random, spontaneous Ready Steady Cook approach to the appearance of the evening meal has been replaced by a far more detailed and strategic operation. Days of the week are written at the bottom of the page and underlined. Then each day is assigned a meal balancing fish, fowl, and freshness with the choice of varied designated vegetables to complement the serving of choice. He has had a few unfortunate mishaps while navigating the vagaries of the on-line ordering system. For example 4 Avocados turned out to be 16!!! as there were 4 in each packet!!!! Similarly 4 lemons also turned out to be 16 for the same packaging arrangement which The Husband had failed to note. I have had to try and keep a straight face then work out how much guacamole/lemon drizzle cake/lemon mousse or sorbets I can be bothered to create. Oh and incidentally it has also become apparent that I am now unable to properly or efficiently load the dish washer, but I found out subsequently that I am not alone in being accused of this inadequacy. Happy Days eh? Love the sous chef/bottle washer xxx

*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.*