

A date for your diary

Our next bumper cake stall in the Market Place will be on Saturday, **2 November**. We need lots of cakes and goodies to sell, please. More information to follow at a later date. *Judy Page*

Notice sheet

Please send notices for inclusion in this weekly sheet by 7pm Wednesday to deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk or ring Deirdre on 456184.

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers.
If you are new here, please complete and detach this slip and give it to a warden or a sidesperson.

Name

Address

Tel.No.

Email address (if applicable)
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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, one of the churchwardens, on 01462 456184 or e-mail deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

6th October 2013

Harvest Festival

Readings for today

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Philippians 4:4-9

John 6:25-35



: to be read in church

Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Family Communion and Harvest Festival (separate booklet) followed by Harvest Lunch
2.00pm	Baptism Service
3.00pm	Baptism Service
6.30pm	Deanery Evensong at St Mary's
7.30pm onwards	Sunday Social at The Angel's Reply

For prayer:

As we enjoy a good harvest, may we be thankful that our needs are being met and pray that people will be generous in the help they give to those less fortunate in this country and overseas.

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Hymns for 10.00am

289 AMNS	Come, ye thankful people, come
415 AMNS	Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
80 AMNS	Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise
64 JP	Great is your faithfulness
290 AMNS	We plough the fields and scatter

Diary for the week

Wed 9 Oct	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	7.00pm	Choir practice
Thur 10 Oct	6.30pm	Group With No Name

Next Sunday, 13 October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion

Notices

St Mark's Prayer Group

There will be a short meeting **today** in church over a cup of coffee/tea after the Harvest Festival service for those who have expressed an interest in the proposed new prayer group. If you haven't yet expressed an interest but would like to be part of the group do come to the meeting.

Appeal on behalf of Syrian refugees

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 'red bucket' appeal in the last three weeks. The final total was £150 which has been paid to the Syria Crisis Appeal of the Red Cross for its work in the area in partnership with the Red Crescent.

Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal

St Mark's is, as usual, supporting the Harvest Appeal launched by the Bishop of St Albans, which this year is 'A Sweeter Deal' aimed at helping beekeepers in Ethiopia. Full details are in the leaflet distributed last Sunday and available today at the back of church. At our Harvest Thanksgiving services today, the loose cash in the collections will go to the Appeal. If you normally give by envelope or standing order, you may like to add some cash to the collection bag, or put in a cheque made out to St Mark's Parish Church in an envelope marked 'Bishop's Harvest Appeal'. Many thanks for your generosity.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will be at 2.30pm on Friday, 18 October at 27 Wellingham Avenue.

Thursday Group

The next Thursday Group meeting will be on 31 October instead of 7 November. Joy Hukin will be giving a talk about her voluntary work with the Asian Students Christian Trust. Earlier this year, Joy spent 3 months in the Philippines as a volunteer with the ASCT and will be sharing her experiences during this time with us. All are welcome. Visitors £3 (including refreshments). 7.45pm for an 8pm start in the church hall.
Val Conetta

Alternative Halloween Parties

In the past, we have put on a party around Halloween as an alternative for children to the Halloween activities. This year, we are having two parties. For children and young people in Key Stage 2 and above, there will be a party at the Vicarage on Thursday, 31 October from 6-8pm. For children in Key Stage 1 and below there will be an All Saints Party in the church hall from 4.30-6.15pm on Friday, 1 November. Named invitations are in church today, plus some spares for grandchildren etc. who are visiting at half-term, and anyone whom I've inadvertently missed off the list! I would be grateful to know numbers that are coming to each party so, please, do RSVP.
Jane

North Herts Inter-Faith Forum

A short AGM followed by talks by two speakers of different faiths on *Inter-Faith Relations* will be held on Tuesday, 15 October at 7.30 pm at Walsworth Road Baptist Church. **All welcome.** Refreshments will be served.

Music Praise

The annual Music Praise worship event, organised by Phil Jackson on behalf of Churches Together in Hitchin, will be on Sunday 20 October, 6.30pm at St Mary's. Choirs and music groups from each member church have been invited to sing two items on the theme 'Growing in faith' and it promises, as ever, to be an inspiring evening. Do come along!