

Next monthly church lunch: Friday 27 June at 12.30pm

It would be lovely to see you there. The cost is £5 and for that you get soup, main course and a pudding! If you'd like to come along, please sign the sheet at the back of church or let Jane know on 01462 434686 or jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

Thursday Group Meeting: 3 July at 7.45 for 8pm in the church hall

The meeting will take the form of a talk by Peter Lee on his experiences of being a gamesmaster at the 2012 Olympics/Paralympics. All are welcome. Entrance £3 including refreshments. For further information please contact Val Conetta..

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

If you wish to receive this notice sheet via email in future, please send an email to Deirdre Parr at the above address

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

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 on 01462 456184 or e-mail deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

St Mark's Church



Hitchin

A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

15th June 2014

Trinity Sunday

Readings for today

Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31
2 Corinthians 13:11-14
Matthew 28:16-20

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Family and Parade Service (separate booklet)
11.15am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
1.30pm	Baptism Service
3.00pm	Baptism Service

For prayer:

On this day when we hold a family/parade service, we remember the uniformed organisations linked to our church; we give thanks for the enthusiasm and commitment of their leaders and pray that boys and girls will be richly blessed through the life of their groups.

PLEASE TAKE THESE NOTICES HOME WITH YOU

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Hymns for 10.00am

All hymns are printed in the service booklet

Diary for the week

Mon 16 June	10.00am	Prayer Group meets at 231 Bedford Road
Tues 17 June	7.30pm	Confirmation Group meets
Wed 18 June	9.15am 7.00pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer Choir practice Deanery Synod Social at St Mary's, Pirton
Thur 19 June	7.15pm	Pastoral and Bereavement Groups meet
Fri 20 June	9.30am	Little Lions
Sat 21 June	1.00pm	Wedding of Kelly James and Robert De-Freitas

Next Sunday 22 June – First Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
The church will remain open until 5pm as part of Open Church Sunday	

Notices

Memorial Service of Thanksgiving

This year's Memorial Service of Thanksgiving will be held on **Sunday 6 July at 6.30pm**. The service 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 contact Mike Davies on 01462 434202. **Please note**, names will not be read out unless you let Mike have the details.

Confirmation Service: 30 June at 7.30pm in Holy Saviour Church

Our confirmation service this year is fast approaching so please do pray for all those who are preparing to be confirmed. Please pray particularly for Kim Hendry from St Mark's and, if you're able, do come along on 30 June to Holy Saviour Church to support her.

Open Church Sunday: 22 June, 12 noon -5pm

The DCC decided that it would be good for St Mark's to take part in the Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Open Church Sunday on 22 June. Consequently, we are keeping the church open until 5pm that day and we are in need of people to be 'church sitters' and 'welcomers' to any visitors who may wish to come and see our church. If this is something you feel you could do, please sign the sheet at the back of church. You will also find there a booklet listing the 200 churches in the diocese which will be taking part in Open Church Sunday if you are interested in using this opportunity to visit other churches.

Summer Fair: 19 July in the Market Place

We're now five weeks away from our Summer Fair and from this Sunday there will be boxes at the back for donations for each of the various stalls. We'd welcome donations of books, toys, good quality bric a brac, jewellery, toiletries, preserves and items for the tombola. We could also still do with some more people to help staff the stalls on the day. If you could give up an hour on 19 July, please let us know by signing the list on the table with the boxes. Thank you in advance for your donations and help.

Ordination of Jeni McQuaid

On 29 June, Jeni will be ordained as a deacon in St Albans Abbey at 11.15am. At this point she becomes our 'curate'! We are very much looking forward to welcoming Jeni onto the team at St Mark's and if you would like to support her on her special day by physically being in the Abbey on 29 June, you would be very welcome. A number of us are going already so, if lifts are needed, please do let Jane know. Whether you are able to be in the Abbey or not, please do pray for Jeni, her husband Finn and their daughter, Lorna, as they prepare for the start of life as a clergy person and a clergy family.

Baptism of Lorna McQuaid: Sunday 6 July at 1.00pm

If you are able to attend Lorna's baptism service you will be more than welcome.

Jeni and Finn

Exploring Christianity over Coffee and Croissants

A little while ago, we raised the idea of having a Saturday morning group, either fortnightly or monthly, to give people the opportunity to explore the basics of Christianity, either for the first time, or to re-visit them. We are running a 'taster' session on Saturday 12 July, in the church and hall to which anyone interested is very welcome. We will meet from 9.45-11.00am with the first quarter of an hour giving us a chance to get coffee and some croissants, and then we shall settle to some thinking time at 10am. There is a possibility of running a crèche in the hall if that would help people. To help make sure we have enough croissants, it would be useful to know if you are thinking of coming by letting Jane know on 01462 434686 or jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk. You are not committing yourself to anything by coming along on 12 July, so why not give it a go?

Walk of Faith in Hitchin on Saturday 5 July from 2:00pm

As part of the Hitchin Festival in 2014, North Herts Inter Faith Forum offers an open invitation to take part in a "Walk of Faith in Hitchin" on the above date visiting Our Lady Immaculate and St. Andrew Church (RC), Guru Nanak Gurdwara, and Singh Sabha Gurdwara. For more details please refer to the advertising poster, or contact Rev Austin Smith (01462) 437433.

Parish Service: Sunday 3 August at 10am at Hitchin Priory

This year's Parish Service is being held in the Priory Park as part of the Rhythms of the World event. As in previous years, it is intended to have a joint music group to lead the singing and a combined parish choir. If you wish to take part in either of these groups please speak to Andrew Parr who can give you more details. Alternatively, feel free to contact Tim Mitchell of St Faith's Church on 01462 622167. More information can be found on the St Faith's Church website. Go to <http://www.stfaithshitchin.org.uk/> and follow the link from the home page.