

Notice Sheets during August

During August, there will be notice sheets on 10th, 24th and 31st. There will be no notice sheet on 3rd or 17th August. If you are hoping to have a notice included, please take note of the following deadlines and the person to whom the notices should be sent.

10 August - material to Jeni McQuaid jennifercmcquaid@gmail.com or 07773 784 736. Deadline: Wednesday, 6 August, 7.30pm.

24 August - material to Jeni McQuaid. Deadline: Wednesday, 20 August, 7.30pm

31 August - material to Deirdre Parr (contact details below). Deadline Wednesday, 27 August, 7.30pm

Please send notices for inclusion in next week's sheet by 7.30pm Wednesday, 23 July 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

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

20th July 2014

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Readings for today

Isaiah 44:6-8

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Family Service with Baptism (separate booklet)
11.15am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
12.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving

For prayer:

We continue to pray for all victims of the troubled areas of the world: Lord, we ask for your power in the world today, to pull down the mighty who abuse their privilege and to help the frail and powerless to lose their fear. Amen

PLEASE TAKE THESE NOTICES HOME WITH YOU

If you would like to receive this notice sheet via email in future, please email deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

website: www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk



Hymns for 10.00am

See separate booklet

Diary for the week

Wed 23 July	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Fri 25 July	12.30pm	Church Lunch

Next Sunday 27 July – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
3.00pm	Baptism Service

Notices

Foodbank Donations

Next Sunday, we will be doing our monthly collection of contributions to the Foodbank. No specific requests this month. Anything from the usual list on the notice board would be welcome.

Monthly Church Lunch: Friday 25 July at 12.30pm

It would be lovely to see you at the July St Mark's lunch. The cost is £5 and for that you get soup, main course and a pudding! Lifts are available if needed. 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

Sunday School Lite

From next Sunday, 27 July, we will be running 'Sunday School Lite' throughout the school summer holidays. During this time, everyone starts the service in church with the children being invited to go into the Vicarage garden (hall, if wet) for some games, led by some of our Sunday School leaders, during the sermon and intercessions, then re-joining the service at the Peace. The parts of the service for which the children are present, are shortened. Sunday School Lite will run until 7th September when Sunday School, Pathfinders and Travellers will re-start.

Team Service: 3 August, 10.00am in The Priory Park

On 3 August we will be holding our annual Team Service when all the churches in the Team come together for a morning service. This year, with the return of the Rhythms of the World Festival, our Team Service returns to The Priory and will be in a big top in the centre of the festival. It will be a communion service, with a children's activity during the middle part of the service. On that Sunday there will be no services in St Mark's, but we hope you'll be able to join us at The Priory.

Welcomers needed for the Team Service

We need two volunteers for the role of sidesperson at the parish service (see notice above). Whoever volunteers will need to be able to be there by 9:30 and to stay to help tidy up. If you are able to help in this way, please contact Louise Wills.

Volunteer(s) needed for Christmas Tree decorating!

Although Christmas is far from everyone's mind at the moment, we need to know very soon whether we are in a position to enter a tree in this year's Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Saviour Church on 12 to 14 December. At the moment we don't have any tree decorators. If this is something you would like to do, please speak to Jane (01462 434686 or jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk).

Remembering World War 1: A Day of Reflection

This event, organized by Churches Together in Hitchin, will take place in Christchurch from 9am to 6pm on Monday 4 August, the actual date on which the war began. The emphasis will be on quiet thoughtfulness and prayer, with words or music led by members of the different churches in Hitchin on the hour, every hour. All are welcome to drop in at any time during the day and stay as short or as long a time as feels right. Further details from John Richardson - johnrichardson891@btinternet.com

Celebrate 100

To mark the 100th anniversary of St Albans Diocese in its current form, the diocese is putting on a day of celebration on August Bank Holiday Monday (25th August) at the Equestrian Centre at Keysoe in Bedfordshire. The day runs from 10am-5pm and is completely free. There are things for all ages and the day ends with a big service. More details are available from the leaflets on the welcomers' table at the back of church or go to www.stalbans.anglican.org/diocese/celebrate-100/

Newcomers' Tea on 14 September, 4.00-5.30pm in the Church Hall

In September, we will be holding a 'Newcomers' Tea' to give people who feel they're new into our church family a chance to chat with the clergy and readers, as well as with other members of the church congregation so that we can get to know each other that little bit better. It doesn't matter how long you've been coming to St Mark's, if you feel this would help you get to know people a little better, please do come along.

PHASE July/August Prayer Sheet

The latest sheet listing forthcoming events for which the PHASE team would welcome our prayers can be picked up from the mission table.

New Internationalist

The July/August edition is now available to borrow from the mission table. See ***Feminism fights back - 'I don't deserve to be raped'*** (p12)