

### Foodbank Collection

Our Christmas appeals for the North Herts Sanctuary and for Christchurch's 'Somewhere to go' initiative end today. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to these appeals. If you feel able to give further support to local people in need, the Foodbank collection box will be out in church next Sunday as usual. Anything from the usual Foodbank shopping list (see notice board in church or [www.letchworth.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.letchworth.foodbank.org.uk)) would be gratefully received.

### Save Hitchin, Save HTFC, Save the Green Belt!

Thank you everyone who has signed the petition so far and attended the protest march and/or football match on 6 December. I'm sure you will agree it was a great success. If you would like to receive updates on the campaign, please drop me an email –

[rupert@rupeuss.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:rupert@rupeuss.freeseve.co.uk) I will set up a separate St Mark's distribution list so your email address will go no further than me.

**Rupert Russell** (01462 436198)

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers.

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to Jane, our Vicar, or Jeni, our Curate, who will be at the back of the church at the end of the service.

### 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](mailto:deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)*

# St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

**21<sup>st</sup> December 2014**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### Services today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p75 in folder)
10.00am	Family Communion (separate booklet)
6.30pm	Service of Lessons and Carols

### For prayer:

Father God, you greet us in Christ by his birth among us and, by your Holy Spirit, you continue to offer your saving love to every corner of the world. As we send seasonal greetings to those whom we love and care for, hear the unspoken prayers of our hearts and bless all those to whom we write, whether they be near or far.

### Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link

We pray for all the churches in our town and for those who will be leading their services during the Christmas season. May all who come to those services feel welcomed by God's love in sending his Son into the world.

### 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](mailto:deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

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### Readings for today

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14

### Hymns for 10.00am

30 AMNS	Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes
178 AMNS	Thy kingdom come! On bended knee
33 AMNS	Of the Father's love begotten
12 JP	Away in a manger
40 AMNS	O little town of Bethlehem

### Diary for the week beginning Monday 22 December

Wed 24		<b>NO</b> Morning Prayer
	4.00pm	Family Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion Service
Thur 25	8.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Family Communion

### Next Sunday, 28 December – First Sunday of Christmas

<b>No 8.00am Service</b>	
10.00am	Family Communion

### Diary for the week

9.15am	Morning Prayer
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### Sunday 4 January – Epiphany

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion

### Notices

#### Notice sheets

Please note there will be no notice sheet on Sunday 28 December. The next notice sheet will appear on Sunday 3 January. If you wish to have an item included in this sheet, please send your notice by 7pm on Thursday, 1 January to [deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk) or ring Deirdre on 456184.

### Thank you and Happy Christmas

Thank you everyone who will be helping in our Christmas celebrations this year, both in the preparation of the church and in the services themselves. Thank you also to Clive Rogers and Kevin Banks for making the roof watertight for the Christmas season! As clergy and Readers we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to your company during 2015. *Jane, Jeni, John and Andrew.*

### Project Website

We are beginning the process of updating our church website. One of the major pieces of work which we would like to do is to create a much larger pictorial representation of our church life on the website. This will involve taking lots of photos, preferably with people in them. Therefore, between now and Easter, we will be taking photos in some of the services, during regular activities and at events. We hope that you'll help us in this task. We are aware that not everyone may want their picture to appear on the website, or indeed on our *Facebook* page, (we'll avoid close-ups unless we have particular permission), and, therefore, if you do not want yourself included in a picture that goes onto the website or *Facebook*, please indicate this on the sheet at the back of church. When we come to edit and select the photos for inclusion on the website after Easter, we will make sure that anyone who has indicated that they do not want their picture included is not in any of the pictures used. If your name is not on the list, we will assume you are happy to be in any of the photos. In the New Year we'll also be asking people who run groups to have a look at their entry on the website and to update it if needed, and, maybe, to provide a photo or two to go with the entry. Thank you for your co-operation and help.