

St Mark's Cake Stall in the Market Place: next Saturday, 8.30am

Less than a week to go to what we hope will be another bumper cake stall! Please let Judy Page or Joy Hukin know if you can offer cakes and/or help on the day.

Year 13 Recitals at St Mark's last Sunday

Thanks to everyone who supported the Year 13 music students who gave us a great concert last Sunday evening. The evening raised £66 which has been split between St Mark's and *Music for All*, a charity which believes everyone should have the opportunity to learn to play music. See the notice board or visit www.musicforall.org.uk for more information about this charity.

Receiving the news sheet by email or submitting notices

If you would like either to receive this news sheet via email in future or would like to have a notice included in the next news sheet, please email deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk or ring 456184.

Please send notices for inclusion in the news sheet by 7pm on Wednesday evening

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



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

6 March 2016

Mothering Sunday

Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p59 in folder)
10.00am	Family Communion (separate booklet)
6.30pm	Youth Alpha
8.00pm	Sunday Social at The Angels

Readings for today

1 Samuel 1:20-28
2 Corinthians 1:3-7
John 19:25-27

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. Please also feel free to take and fill in one of the newcomers' cards which you'll find on the Welcomers' table near the entrance to the hall.

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Hymns for 10.00am

AMNS 163	Angel-voices ever singing
AMNS 104	For the beauty of the earth
AMNS 360	For Mary, Mother of our Lord
SF 1	Be still, for the presence of our Lord
JP 78	He's got the whole wide world in his hands

Diary for the week beginning Monday 7 March

Mon 7	2.30pm	Prayer Group meets at 221 Bedford Road. All welcome.
	8.00pm	Good Friday Workshop planning meeting at the Vicarage
Wed 9	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	10.00am	Bundling Easter Leaflets
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Thur 10	6.30pm	Group With No Name
	7.45pm	2Confused
	8.00pm	Deanery Synod at St Mary's – Speaker: Bishop Michael, Bishop of Hertford

Hall bookings – Thursday 10 to Saturday 12 March

Thur 10	9.30-11.30am	Monkey Club
	6.30-9.00pm	GWNN & 2Confused
Fri 13	9.00am -12noon	Twins Club
Sat 12	No bookings	

Next Sunday, 13 March – Passion Sunday

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
6.30pm	Youth Alpha

Suggestions for prayer

From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

St Mark's; Local doctors and all who work with them in the community; Redhill Road, Oughtonhead Lane

From the Churches Together in Hitchin Prayer Link, we pray for:

those leading **Wymondley Baptist Chapel's** 'Messy Church' next Saturday. May all who attend be encouraged and inspired.

Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church as they hold a weekend of thanksgiving for Father Michael's 50 Years of ordained ministry and of celebration of the parish and its work.

Prayer Ministry

If you wish to pray with someone or to be prayed for at the end of the 10am service, someone will be near the side altar to listen, talk and pray with you. Feel free to approach whoever is there.

Notices

Good Friday Workshop, 2.30-4.30pm

If anyone would be willing to help with running a craft stall or doing the refreshments, please sign the list at the back of church.

Sound Desk Operators

You may have noticed that we have a new sound desk in church which enables us to adjust the microphones during the service. Ideally we would like to have someone looking after the sound desk during the 10am service each week. If you would like to join a team of people doing this, please contact Peter Watson. Training will be provided!

Traidcraft Stall: next Sunday, 13 March after the 10am service

The Real Easter Eggs which have been ordered will be available then.

Information sheets about both St Mark's Social and Fundraising events and our Lent Appeal are available from the Welcomers' table

Bundling Up Easter Leaflets: Wednesday 9 March at 10.00am

Austin Smith is hoping to be able to get leaflets for this corner of Hitchin bundled up on Wednesday morning in St Mark's. If you could help for an hour or so, just turn up after Morning Prayer.

Good Friday Walk of Witness and Service in the Market Place

Churches Together in Hitchin is holding its annual Walk of Witness and Service on Good Friday, 25 March. Members of all churches are invited to gather around the bandstand in Bancroft Gardens for prayer at 10.30am, then to walk along Bancroft and High Street to the Market Place for a united service, led by our ministers with singers and musicians from Walsworth Road Baptist Church and the New Testament Church of God. Do please join this act of witness to the town on one of the most important days in the Christian year.

Easter Monday Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey

People, young and old, walk from across the diocese to meet and gather together in the cathedral on Easter Monday. For many years people have walked from Hitchin, sometimes just 2 people, sometimes 20 or more. Roger and Naomi Morris are planning to walk again this year and invite anyone interested to join them. We will meet at the Three Moorhens roundabout at 7.15am and walk to St Albans with the aim of arriving at the abbey in time for the service with everyone in the afternoon. If you don't want to walk all the way, just join us for part of it or spend the afternoon in St Albans where there are games from 1pm followed by the service at 3pm. Please talk to one of us to find out more and/or sign the sheet at the back of church.

Easter Services

Palm Sunday 20 March	10.00am	Family Service and Parade
Mon – Wed 21-23 March	8.00pm	Reading of Mark's Gospel followed by Compline
Maundy Thursday 24 March	8.00pm	Iona Communion Service
Good Friday 25 March	9.30am	Service of Reflection
	10.00am	Set off from St Mark's to join Walk of Witness in Bancroft Gardens
	11.00am	CTH Good Friday Service in the Market Place
	2.30 – 4.30pm	Good Friday Workshop
Sat 26 March	8.00pm	Easter Vigil at St Faith's
Easter Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.00am	Family Communion and Easter Egg Hunt

Crosslight, a Passion Play for Lent: Tues, 15 March, 7.30pm

Riding Lights, a professional theatre company from York, presents this play at **Letchworth Garden City Church**. Tickets £8 from 01462 625064.