

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May: collectors needed for St Mark's area

If you are able to help with the collection in our area, please sign up on the flip chart at the back of church. For further information about the collection, please contact Mike Davies or Austin Smith.

Churches Together in Hitchin (CTH) - room for another St Mark's rep

All member churches can send their minister/priest/vicar and up to four lay members to the CTH Council which meets four times a year. At the moment (as well as Jane) Helen Richardson, John Skeeles and Alison Smith are the St Mark's representatives - John Richardson is CTH Secretary so doesn't count! We therefore have room for one more. If you are interested in being a St Mark's rep, do talk to Jane or John. John comments: 'I know I'm biased but CTH is a good organisation and its Councils are usually interesting, even enjoyable.'

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 Wed 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

1 May 2016

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Services and events today

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (p15 in folder)
1.30pm	Baptism Service
6.30pm	The SIX:30 Service
8.00pm	Sunday Social at The Angels

Readings for today

Acts 16: 9-15
Revelation 21: 10, 22-27; 22: 1-5
John 14: 23-29

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 185	Light's abode, celestial Salem
AMNS 372	Have faith in God, my heart
AMNS 115	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
SF 4	To be in your presence
AMNS 125	O for a thousand tongues

Diary for the week beginning Monday 2 May

Mon 2	2.30pm	Prayer Group meets
Tues 3	8.00pm	DCC meets
Wed 4	9.15am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer Choir Practice
Thur 5	10.00am 7.45pm	Communion at Westmill Lawns Thursday Group (see notice)
Fri 6	9.30am	Little Lions

Hall bookings – Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 May

Thur 5	9.00-11.30am 7.30-10.00pm	Monkey Club Thursday Group
Fri 6	9.00-11.00am 7.30-9.00pm	Little Lions Exercise Class
Sat 7	No bookings	

Next Sunday, 8 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion

Suggestions for Prayer

From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

The Diocese of St Albans and its bishops

Lister Hospital, its staff, patients, chaplains and Christian visitors

Westbury Close, Friday Furlong, Lower Innings

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

everyone taking part in **Wymondley Baptist Church's** 'Young @ Heart' holiday programme, which finishes on 3 May. They will be reflecting on the life of St Alban and considering the implications for their own lives.

Christchurch's Alpha course which has just started.

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

Prayer Group: Monday 2 May, 2.30pm at 5 Westmill Lane

If you are interested in joining this group which aims to meet fortnightly in members' homes, you would be very welcome. Contact Clare Redd for further information.

Thursday Group: 5 May, 7.45 for 8pm start in the church hall

A talk by the Herts Library and Archives Services entitled 'Remarkable Women of Hertfordshire'. Entrance £3 for visitors (includes refreshments). All are welcome

CTH's 5th Party in the Square: Sunday 15 May, the Day of Pentecost

The party in the Market Place will begin with a service at 11.30am with music, prayer, testimonies and an address by Jeni McQuaid and will continue through the afternoon with stalls, games, food, music and much more, all free, provided by the CTH member churches. All are welcome - do come yourself and invite family, friends and neighbours to come along at any time. For further information, contact Phil Jackson on 07842 144741 or phil.jackson@hcc.org.uk

Churches Together in Hitchin

The next Churches Together in Hitchin Council is on **Tuesday 10 May**, 8.00pm at Christchurch - tea/coffee from 7.30 pm. It will begin with some reports and short items of business then, as soon after 8.30pm as possible, there will be a session on anti-trafficking initiatives led by the newly-established *Hertfordshire against Trafficking* and the Mayak Foundation, a Christian group with a base in Hertfordshire working currently in Moscow. All are welcome - more details from John Richardson johnrichardson891@btinternet.com or on 435595.

An outing to Wrest Park

Every Wednesday at 9.15am, 12 to 16 of us gather in church for Morning Prayer followed by coffee in the hall. On 15 June (with 29 June as a reserve date in case the weather proves to be horrible on 15th) we propose to decamp to Wrest Park (about half an hour's drive away) for our post-service coffee. We warmly invite anyone who would like to join us to come along. If you can't make it to the service at 9.15, you would still be welcome to come for coffee at Wrest Park. We'll set off from church around 10.00am. We have several cars at our disposal for transport there and 3 wheelchairs and willing wheelchair pushers for getting around at Wrest Park. If you are interested in joining us, please let Anne Watson know.