

Change of Vicar's email address

Please note that Jane's email address is now jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk Any other email address you may have for her will soon cease to work so please use only the above address.

News sheets in August

Please note this news sheet is a 'double issue'. From 28 August, we will revert to a weekly news sheet. Please send items for inclusion in that news sheet by 7pm on Wednesday 24th to deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk or ring 456184.

Receiving the news sheet by email

If you would like to have the news sheet and Sunday readings emailed to you each week, please email me at the above address or speak to me in church.

Deirdre Parr

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 email deirdre.parr@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns please contact our safeguarding officer, Pauline Banks whose contact details are on the notice board in church.

St Mark's Church



A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

14 and 21 August 2016

Twelfth and Thirteenth Sundays after Trinity

Services on 14 August

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Holy Communion (separate service order)

Readings for today

Jeremiah 32: 23-29
Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2
Luke 12: 49-56

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to a Warden or Welcomer and 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 and songs for 10.00am on 14 August

AMNS 342	Awake, awake, fling off the night!
AMNS 29	The Lord will come and not be slow
Song sheet	Take my life and let it be
SF 29	There is a Redeemer
AMNS 105	All creatures of our God and King (omit vv 4, 6)

Diary for the week beginning Monday 15 August

Mon 15	All day	Church carpet cleaning
Wed 17	9.15am	Morning Prayer at 172 Old Hale Way
Thur 18	2.00pm	Returning furniture to church
Fri 19	2.00pm	Wedding

Hall bookings – Thursday 18 to Saturday 20 August

Thur 18	Morning from 2.00pm	Hall out of use Church furniture to be returned to church
Fri 19	2.00pm	Wedding in church
Sat 20	No bookings	

Next Sunday, 21 August – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10.00am	Family Service
11.15am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)

Songs for 10.00am on 21 August

SF 24	We are marching
SF 26	Lord, I lift your name on high
SF 9	Brother, sister, let me serve you
SF 12	Will you come and follow me
SF 10	I, the Lord of sea and sky

Diary for the week beginning Monday 22 August

Mon 22	2.00pm	Prayer Group meets at 5 Westmill Lane
Wed 24	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Fri 26	12.30pm	Church Lunch

Hall bookings – Monday 22 to Saturday 27 August

Please note the hall will be out of use Monday to Thursday while the floor is being cleaned and treated		
Fri 26	12.30-2.30pm	Church lunch
Sat 27	No bookings	

Services on Sunday, 28 August – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Baptism Service

Suggestions for Prayer

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

Hitchin Christian Centre's Job Club and Christians Against Poverty services asking that they can reach those in need of help.

PHASE ask that we remember in our prayers all those young people who will be receiving exam results in the next 2 weeks: A Level results on 18th and GCSE results on 25th.

From our Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Wardens, Treasurer, Secretaries, Welcomers, and those on the taxi rota; Social Services; Burford Way, Carling Place, Rivermead

Prayer Ministry

If you wish to pray with someone or be prayed for, John will be near the side altar at the end of the 10am service on 14 August to listen, talk and pray with you.

Notices

Thanks for the new blinds for the hall

A huge 'thank you' for your very generous and speedy response to the DCC's request for donations towards the purchase of vertical blinds for the hall. Your generosity means that we now have the money we need to proceed with this project.

Sunday School Lite

Our normal crèche, children's and young people's groups have stopped for the summer. Sunday mornings during the holidays offer a slightly more family-friendly communion service with the opportunity for children and young people to go into the Vicarage garden (hall, if wet) for some games during the middle part of the service. While there is no formal crèche, toys are always available in the hall should you want to use this area.

Little Lions

Little Lions will not be running on Friday 19 August. The next meeting will be on Friday 2 September.

Volunteers urgently needed to join cleaning rota

The current cleaning rota runs out on 11 September and Louise would like to issue the new rota by 21 August. We are down to a team of 14 cleaners who work in pairs and we would like to get back up to a team of 18 or 20 so that each pair only has to clean once every 9 to 10 weeks. Louise would love to hear from anyone who could help with this vital job. If you would like more information about what is involved, do talk to any of the current volunteers – you can find them listed (along with a list of the tasks involved) on the May to September rota on the noticeboard at the back of church. To offer your help or for more information, please contact Louise.

Pleas for help from the Wardens for one-off jobs:

1 Furniture moving on 14 and 18 August

In preparation for the cleaning of the church carpet tomorrow (15th), all the church furniture needs to be moved into the hall this afternoon. If you can be free to help from 2-4pm, please let Trish or Louise know. We also need help to return the furniture to church on Thursday, 18th in readiness for a wedding the following day. Again, if you can help that afternoon we would love to hear from you.

Trish and Louise

2. Ladder holding/climbing – date and time to be arranged

We need to apply *Smartwater* to the lead on the church roof. Until we do that, we remain uninsured in the event of a theft of lead. I am happy to do this myself but need someone with a head for heights who can come up on the roof with me and hold the ladder. If you're good on ladders and happy with heights, please have a word with me.

Trish

Delivery of Prayer Cards

As part of our Mission Action Plan it was decided that, in the course of a year, we would aim to deliver prayer cards to the houses in every road or street in our parish. The cards will inform people that we will be praying for their road in the coming week and will offer them a chance to ask for specific prayer. Samples of the prayer card can be seen at the back of church. We now need people to deliver them with the first delivery taking place in the week beginning 28 August. There is a list at the back of church with the sample cards, showing the street names and delivery dates. The number in red indicates the approximate number of houses in the road(s). Could you help out by delivering to a road once or twice a year? If you can, please add your name next to the street or road and make a note of the dates you'll need to be delivering.

Next Foodbank collection: Sunday, 28 August

If you would like to donate to our monthly collection for the Foodbank, the following are the items which are most urgently needed: tins of fruit, meat, fish and vegetables (not sweetcorn); long-life fruit juice; biscuits; sponge puddings; 500g or 1kg bags of sugar; long grain rice; instant potato; dried milk; squash.

You can find the latest Foodbank newsletter on the notice board in church or at <https://letchworth.foodbank.org.uk/newsletter/>

Thank you for your continuing support.

Thursday Group: 1 September, 7.45 for 8.00pm in the hall

The next Thursday Group meeting is a talk on “Sewing Samplers” by Marion Maule. We have heard previously from Marion who gave a fascinating talk on “Granny’s Kitchen” on her last visit. It would be lovely to see you on this evening. Visitors are most welcome (£3 which includes refreshments). For more information, contact Val Conetta.

Beds and Herts Historic Churches Annual ‘Bike ’n Hike’

Saturday, 10 September 10am-6pm

In this annual event where participants are asked to get themselves sponsored, the money raised is split equally between the participants’ chosen church and the Trust.

Over 600 churches and chapels can be visited. It’s a very good way to visit our historic churches/chapels and to raise money for their upkeep. Any means of getting from one church to another is permissible – running, walking, travelling by bike, car, coach or on horseback! Last year no-one from St Mark’s participated – it would be lovely if we could change that this year. Please do give this challenge your careful consideration and register your interest with

Mike Davies (01462 434202) or sign the form at the back of church.

Thanks in anticipation.

Mike Davies, St Mark’s Co-ordinator

North Herts Sanctuary AGM on Monday 5 Sept, 7:30pm, room 5, Christchurch, Bedford Road.

North Herts Sanctuary runs the shelter at 25 Nightingale Road, but the building is no longer fit for purpose so possible new sites are being considered. The trustees want to share with members (new members welcome!) their plans for the new development and the options open to the charity once the new Hostel is running. Please come and join the discussion about the plans for the future. Queries to Louise Wills, 07812 520 256.