

**The Friends of Holy Saviour Church present:**

On Track: An Exhibition of Trains Little & Large, Past & Present.  
Sat September 23rd. 10.30am -5pm at Holy Saviour Church, Radcliffe Rd, Hitchin. Holy Saviour Church was built in 1865 to serve the influx of people who moved to Hitchin to work on the railway. This exhibition aims to celebrate that heritage, both past and present. There will be model railway layouts from 00 Gauge to Gauge 3, model locomotives, stalls from local railway societies, rail user groups, books, children's activities and some participation from operators of rather larger railways. Refreshments will be available. Entry £3.50, accompanied children free.

**The Alpha Course:** Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life, and ask the big questions such as "what is the historical evidence Jesus lived, died and rose again?" and "why suffering?" The evening comprises of a meal together, a short video, and a discussion around what we have watched. You are free to ask anything; no question is too obvious or controversial. The course starts on 19th September. If you think this might be for you, or someone you know, please get in touch with Jeni on [jennifercmcquaid@gmail.com](mailto:jennifercmcquaid@gmail.com) or 07773 784 736.

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⊕ **St Mark's Church Hitchin** ⊕

*A member of Churches Together in Hitchin*

**3 September 2017**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**Services for today**

8.00am	Holy Communion (p29 in folder)
10am	Holy Communion (separate order of service)
8pm	Sunday Social in The Angels

**Readings for today**

Exodus 3. 1-15
Romans 12. 9-21
Matthew 16. 21-28

**St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers**

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to Jane, our Vicar, to Jeni our Curate, or to a Welcomer or Warden, 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 for 10.00am

SF 6	Lord, for the years
AM 166	Lord, thy word abideth
SF 9	Brother, sister, let me serve you
SF 26	Lord, I lift your name on high
MP 596	Show your power, O Lord

### Diary for week beginning Monday 4 September

5 Sept	2pm	Pastoral and Bereavement Groups meet
6 Sept	9.15	Morning Prayer
7 Sept	10am	Communion at Westmill Lawns
9 Sept	9.45	Exploring Christianity Group meets

### Services/events for Sunday, 3 September – 12th Sunday after Trinity

8.00am	Holy Communion (Said)
10.00am	Family Communion
3.30pm	Messy Church Meeting

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

Please pray for Holy Saviour Church as they continue to discuss and Implement their Mission Action Plan this Autumn. We also pray for The Hub Church as they continue to promote their 'Hubcast Live', a new initiative aimed at those outside the church.

**From the St Mark's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:** The Foodbank and Christians against Poverty debt help. We also pray for residents of York Road.

**Prayer Ministry:** If you wish to pray with someone or to be prayed for at the end of the 10am service, Jeni will be near the pulpit in the side aisle to listen, talk and pray with you.

### Notices

#### Messy Church at Oughton Primary School

Next Sunday the planning group for Messy Church will be meeting in the church hall between 3.30pm-5.00pm. Anyone who would like to get involved is very welcome to come along.

#### Judy and Ivan Page are holding another coffee morning in aid of the Garden House Hospice.

You are invited to join them on Wednesday 6 September from 2-4pm. Tea and cake will be available in abundance for only £3 per head, there will be a raffle, and there will be a sale/bring and buy table (there will also be some lovely curtains for sale so measure up before you come!) All are welcome – fingers crossed for good weather!

#### Midweek Groups

As September begins several groups are starting, or re-starting, after the summer break, including the Thursday and Tuesday Fellowship Groups, Exploring Christianity on Saturday mornings, Daytime Fellowship Group on Friday mornings, and Alpha. Please feel free to join any of these groups. If you would like any further information please talk to Jane.

#### HELP needed for Sunday School/Pathfinder/Travellers

We are starting to plan for the next academic year's provision for our young people on a Sunday morning. We have had a reduction in the numbers of leaders and helpers we have available for these groups. We use resources which provide the materials for each week and run a rota system so no one misses too many weeks in church. The young people are enthusiastic learners but do not expect leaders to have all the answers. If you think you might be able to take on one of these roles we would love to talk to you about what's involved. Pippa, Mark and Spenser .

### **Thursday Group**

Our meeting on 7 September will be a musical evening with a Ukulele Group. All are welcome; we meet in the church hall at 7.45pm for 8pm start. Visitors £3 (incl. refreshments)

For further details contact Val Conetta

**A Big Thank You** to all who helped at the Big Church Clean Up! Whether you were working inside or out you have made a difference. Tea, coffee and cake made by Joy Hukin were much enjoyed too!

*Helen Richardson*

**September Church Lunch** has moved date to 29 September to coincide with the Macmillan Coffee Morning (see below). Everyone is welcome to the coffee morning. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to join us for the lunch.

### **Sept 9th - Livesimply Care for Creation Pilgrimage**

Join us to pray for Creation with your feet. September is Care for Creation month. To mark this and in answer to Laudato Si there will be an All Faith Pilgrimage on the Hitchin Outer Orbital Path (the HOOP). We will pray using texts from different faith traditions. Come for a couple of hours, a morning or the day. Email Ann at [oliasahpeace@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:oliasahpeace@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

### **Creche, Sunday School, Pathfinders and Travellers**

Our normal programme of Sunday morning activities for our children and young people will resume on Sunday 10th September. Thanks to everyone who has helped to provide activities for Sunday School Lite during the summer holidays.

*Jane Mainwaring*

### **Exploring Christianity**

Our Saturday morning group will be re-starting this term, looking at the communion service over 6 weeks during the autumn. We meet in the church hall and begin with coffee and pain au chocolate from 9.45am, aiming to begin our discussions at 10am. We usually finish between 11-11.15am. The dates which we will be meeting are 9th Sept, 16th Sept, 7th Oct, 21st Oct, 11th Nov, 18th Nov. Anybody is welcome to come and join us. If you'd like further details please contact Jane (434686 or [jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:jane@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)).

**Male Voice Choir Concert.** Tickets are now available for the concert by the Stevenage Male Voice Choir at Riverain Indoor Bowls Club on Sunday 24th September at 7.30pm costing £6.00 each. If anyone would like tickets please contact me.

*Diane Porter*