

⊕ St Mark's Church Hitchin ⊕

A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

31 December 2017 First Sunday of Christmas

Services and events for today

8am	Holy Communion (Said)
10am	Holy Communion

Readings for today

Isaiah 61. 10 – 62.3
Galatians 4. 4-7
Luke 2. 15-21

St Mark's extends a warm welcome to newcomers

If you are new here, do introduce yourself to Jane our Vicar, 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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For an insight into the life of our Vicar see: "A Day in the Life of a Vicar" at

<https://www.truetube.co.uk/film/day-life-christian-vicar>

Hymns for 10.00am

CP 14	Hark! The herald angels sing
CP 44	What child is this?
CP 31	O little town of Bethlehem
CP 4	Away in a manger
CP 42	Unto us is born a Son

Diary for week beginning Monday 1 January 2018

Wed 3 Jan	9.15am	Morning Prayer
Wed 3 Jan	7pm	Choir Practice
Thur 4 Jan	10am	Holy Communion at Westmill Lawns
Thur 4 Jan	7.30pm	Thursday Group
Fri 5 Jan	9.30am	Little Lions

Services and events for Sunday 7 January 2018

8am	Holy Communion (Said)
10am	Holy Communion
2.30pm	Messy Church Planning meeting
8pm	Sunday Social at The Angels

From the Churches Together in Hitchin prayer Link we pray for: Christchurch who ask for prayers in support of their church members who are working on the final drafting of the new constitution for their church.

From the St Mark's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The work of Christian Aid, for The United Nations and all engaged in peace-making, and for members of St Mark's Church who live outside the district. We pray also for residents of Mattocke Road.

Notices

Exploring Christianity

Our Saturday morning group will begin again on 13th January, meeting at the home of Andrew and Deirdre Parr. We will be looking at the Creeds during the first few months of next year, over 6 Saturday mornings. Anyone who would like to join in would be very welcome. Please talk to Jane for more details.

Prayer Group

Just to let you know that the first prayer group meeting of 2018 will be on the 8th January.

A BIG thank you to Joy Hukin for the wonderful Christmas dinner she produced for us and also to John Richardson, MC, for all the laughs and happiness he made. Another great Christmas success story for St Marks! *Linda Nunn*

North Hertfordshire Sanctuary

Thank you to everyone for your gifts to this Christmas. We are most grateful for your generosity.

St Mark's Christmas Dinner

Many thanks to Joy Hukin for giving time to cook such a delicious meal. Much enjoyed. Then to Joy Bennett for making special crackers too. Very thoughtful. We all enjoyed food, fun and good company.
Helen and John Richardson.

Christmas thanks

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Christmas celebrations, behind the scenes or up front. Everyone's contribution is much appreciated.

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EVENTS If you would like to promote an event at St Mark's on our Website, please send your poster/flier to events@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk