

⊕ St Mark's Church Hitchin ⊕

A member of Churches Together in Hitchin

15 April 2018 web

3rd Sunday of Easter



Services and events for today

8am	Holy Communion (p.29 in folder)
10am	Family Service (p.5 in folder)
11.15am	Holy Communion (p.29 in folder)

Readings for today

Acts 3. 12-19
1 John 3. 1-7
Luke 24. 36b-48

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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Hymns for 10.00am

song sheets	Al things bright and beautiful
	Our God is a great big God
	Father of the fatherless
	I will trust (The Lord's my shepherd)
	One more step along the world I go

Diary for week beginning Monday 16 April

Tue 17	2.30pm	Games afternoon for all at Margaret Hammond's home.
Wed 18	9.15am	Morning Prayer
	1.30pm	Funeral of the late Les Wakefield
Fri 20	9.30am	Little Lions

Services and events for 22 April 2018

8am	Holy Communion
10am	Holy Communion

From the Churches Together in Hitchin prayer Link we pray for:

Christchurch as they prepare to hold one of their bi-monthly church meetings this coming Wednesday we support them with our prayers. We particularly pray for three of their spiritual leaders – Tom Lewis, their full-time youth worker, as he explores his calling to become a deacon, Sheralee Devitt who has recently returned to her full-time pastoral ministry and their minister John Hardaker as he considers his future ministry.

From the St Mark's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St Mark's organist, choir and music group, and for people living with drug addiction and alcoholism. We also pray for the residents of Bearton Green and Bearton Close.

NOTICES

General Data Protection Regulations

In May the rules on how we store and use people's data are changing. One of the biggest changes is that we have to be able to prove that people have given consent to receive things from us, most importantly this news sheet (if receiving via email), and information about fundraising and stewardship. We are also needing to ask again for permission for details to go in our church directory. Therefore, from this Sunday there will be Data Consent Forms at the back of church. Please complete one of these forms and place it in the box next to the blank forms. It will only take a couple of minutes. If you need help in doing so, please do ask one of the clergy or church wardens. The new regulations come into force on 23rd May. If we do not have your written permission by then, we will not be able to keep you informed of the things going on in our church life, apart from via the verbal notices in the church and the news sheet given out in church. Please help us to keep you informed by taking the time to complete the form. *Thank you very much. Jane*

Social Events - Dates for Your Diary

Here are some social events that we intend to organise this year, reminders and more details will be in the notices closer to the time but please do include these in your diary now:

- *Saturday 30 June* at 3pm – strawberries & cream tea in Eileen Morden's garden
- *Saturday 28 July* at 12 - Picnic and outdoor games at the scout hut, other churches will be invited so we hope for good numbers
- *Saturday 25 August* 6.30pm – drinks in the church hall, then a safari supper
- *Saturday 29 Sept*, 7pm – dinner at a local restaurant, or pot-luck supper in the hall (last year we went to the Millstream pub, if you have any preferences as to venue please let Louise Wills know)
- *Friday 23 Nov*, 7pm – quiz and fish & chip supper

Messy St Mark's 10th May

Thank you to everyone who keeps supplying the Messy St Mark's team with various bits and bobs! Our next Messy St Mark's is on 10th May and we're doing the story of the lost sheep. So our appeal this month is for white, brown or black wool, and for cardboard boxes and tubes which can be made into sheep, sheep pens or shepherds. Above all, please keep praying for the team and for everyone who comes along. Many thanks. *Jane*

Our Lady's Hitchin, 1st May, Responding to human trafficking

Caritas Westminster is hosting an evening of practical advice on responding to human trafficking and modern slavery in your community. The evening will be introduced by Chair of Caritas Westminster Bishop Paul MacAleenan.

Our speakers will be focusing on:

- Recognising the signs of trafficking, and what steps to take
- What the church is doing to support victims and end this crime
- The work the police are doing to bring perpetrators to justice and help victims
- How businesses and individuals can get involved

1st May - Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew Hall, Hitchin, Herts, SG5 1QS, at 7.00-9.00pm.

Refreshments from 6.30pm. Please RSVP by calling 020 7931 6077, Emailing: caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk or book at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/slaves-on-our-doorsteps-tickets-44588457276?aff=eac2>

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any concerns please contact our safeguarding officer, Pauline Banks, on 07732 152531 or 01462 635336.

Thursday Group 3 May

Thursday Group meeting on May 3rd will be a Pottery Demonstration given by Helen Baron. She will explain about different clay and use her potters wheel to show how she works. All welcome we meet in the church hall 7.45pm for 8pm start. Admission £3 (inc. refreshments). For further information contact Val.

Holy Land Tour 3 –11 April 2019

Rev Andrew Henton Pusey (Walsworth Road Baptist) is co-leading a group visiting the Holy Land next spring, and you are warmly invited to consider joining the tour. With five nights in Nazareth and three nights in Jerusalem, there is a busy programme of visits to Biblical sites, but an added bonus of these tours is the opportunity to meet and to share with Christians living in the Holy Land today, including believers in local churches and staff at two Christian colleges.

For fuller details, please contact Andrew soon:

minister@wrbchitchin.org.uk 01462 420681

Thank You!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to our Holy Week and Easter reflections and celebrations. There were so many people involved in so many ways from helping in services, decorating the church, music, Good Friday Messy Church, food etc. Thank you to you all. *Jane*

Thank you from Pauline

I would just like thank everyone at St Mark's for their cards, flowers, offers of help and wishes for a speedy recovery following my slip on the ice and fracturing my wrist.

It is going to take time but with your support and prayers I will get there. Thank you once again. *Pauline*

Electoral Roll (*register of Church members*)

I have printed out a copy of the St Mark's Electoral Roll and it will be at the back of church for two weeks from 8 April. Please would you check your entry to ensure we have you details accurately recorded. I am unable to add or remove any entries during the two weeks prior to 24th April, but please still let me have any new forms and they will be added as soon as possible. *Maggie*

St Mark's Lent Appeal 2018 - St George's Church and Clinic, Baghdad

Thanks to all who have contributed to this year's Lent Appeal. If you have not yet done so and would like to, today (15th April) is the last opportunity. Gift envelopes are available at the back of the church with further information about St George's. Contributions can be made by cash or cheque (gift-aided if possible) made out to St Marks Parish Church. More information from John Richardson

If you would like to receive this news sheet via email in the future, we need you to sign a consent form so we can add your details to our distribution list. The consent forms are on the welcome table, or email notices@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk for a copy.

If you would like to have a notice included in the next news sheet, please email notices@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk or ring Tricia Reed on 4440278.

Please send notices for inclusion in the news sheet by 7pm on Wed.

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