

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
***Harvest Service***



**In the notices this week!**

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12. St Faith's Coffee & Cake Morning – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Oct
13. CAP Job Club
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**Readings for 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Deuteronomy chapter 24 verses 18-22

1 Timothy chapter 4 verses 1-5

Luke chapter 22 verses 14-23



**PRAYERS:- From Churches Together in Hitchin - Zeo Church** continue to give thanks to God as they celebrate their 40th year. Please pray for Zeo Church as they step up in prayer to seek God's plans and purposes for the next chapter in their story. We pray with them for wisdom, courage and favour as they say 'Yes' to the changes God will bring.

**From St Mark's Prayer Cycle:-** We pray for St Mark's District Church Council (DCC) and church committees. We also pray this week for Arthritis Care and the Royal Osteoporosis Society.

**This week please pray for the residents of Westmill Road, Westmill Court, Westmill Lawns**

**CHURCH DIARY** - links for online services will be sent by email on Saturday morning.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October – 9.30-11.00am Little Lions**

**2-4.30pm – Friday Friendship Club – (previously known as Thursday Group - see below)**

**1.30pm World Day of Prayer Service at St Mary's Church**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 8am Holy Communion** in church.

**10am Harvest Family Communion** in church and livestreamed on Youtube.

**Coffee** after the service – *please bring your own cups, it really helps!*

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Reading & reflection** with Nick on Youtube.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15am Morning Prayer** in church.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October – 6.30pm - GWNN**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October - – 8am Holy Communion** in church.

**10am Holy Communion** in church and livestreamed on Youtube. **Sunday School & children's groups.**

### **HALL DIARY**

These are the 'outside' hirers – all church related events are listed above.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Signing group 8.30am-3pm

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Jo Jingles 9.30-12.30: Rainbows 5-6pm: Antenatal Yoga 7-9pm

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Home Education Hub 11am – 4.00pm: Yoga 5.15-7pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Childminders Support Group 9.30-11.30am: Dorothy Wells Violin Group 4-5.30pm

*This week our friends without computers will receive a copy of the sermon given by Nick on 26<sup>th</sup> September.*

### **CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE – THIS SUNDAY!**

The Pastoral /Bereavement Group will be co-ordinating the distribution of Harvest Gifts following the service and will be delivering small gifts to sick and housebound people and to those who have recently been bereaved. **(Gifts of small parcels of fruit, and small bunches of flowers would be most welcome, please).**

As we did in previous years the church will also be supporting 'Helping Herts Homeless', with non-perishable contributions.

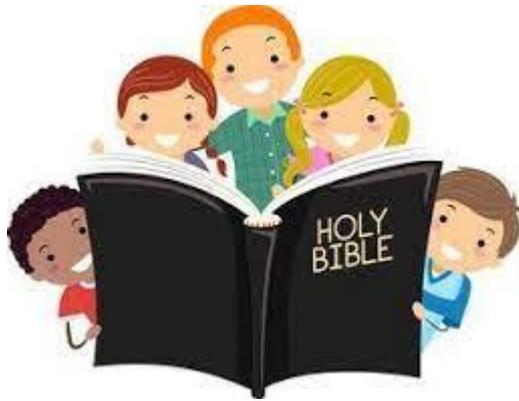
**We would be grateful for gifts of: - Coffee, Tea, Sugar, Sweet Biscuits, Jars of Jam, Cereals, Tins of Beans, Cola/Lemonade, Soup, Fruit, Pasta etc. – but please no alcohol.**

Thank you for your support.

St Mark's Pastoral/Bereavement Group

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV BILL SHINN** – Many of you will have known Rev Bill Shinn, who had longstanding connections with St Mark's, and who died at Elmside last winter. A Memorial Service for Bill will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm at St Mary's**, followed

by refreshments in Church House. The family would welcome anyone who knew Bill and would like to attend. They would also be grateful if anyone would be able to provide a cake for the refreshments, and/or help serve at Church House – please let Joy know via [admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)



#### **HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR ALL ITS WORTH**

A group will be meeting to discuss the book *How to Read the Bible for All its Worth* on Saturday mornings, 9.30am at the Vicarage, beginning on **Saturday 9th October**. There will be pastries and tea/coffee for those who wish to partake. Any and all are welcome: if you'd like to join, please let Nick know on [nick.smith@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:nick.smith@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk) or 01462 434 686.

You'll need to buy a copy of the book (see below)

but if there's any difficulty (practical or financial) with getting hold of a copy please speak to Nick.

The book is available from Eden at <https://www.eden.co.uk/christian-books/bible-study/bible-study-reference-books/bible-introduction/how-to-read-the-bible-for-all-its-worth/> or, if speed of arrival is required, it can also be purchased at [https://www.amazon.co.uk/How-Read-Bible-All-Worth/dp/0310517826/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_swatch\\_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1632056192&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/How-Read-Bible-All-Worth/dp/0310517826/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1632056192&sr=8-1)

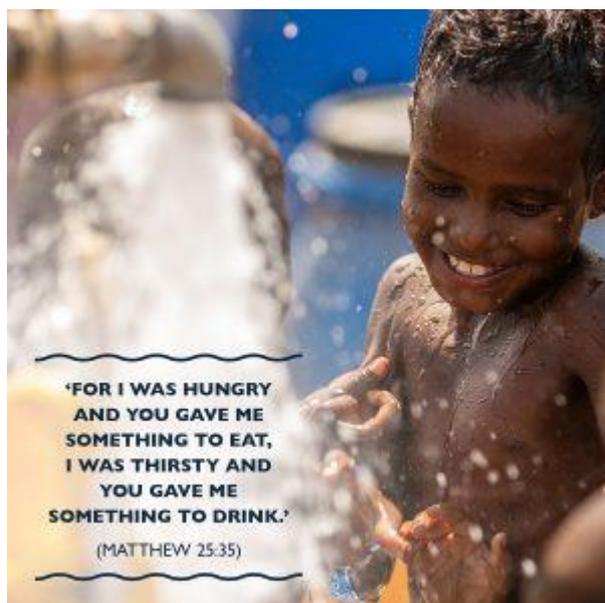
**SEEKING GARDENERS...** Would anyone like to join the small but happy band of Church Gardeners? They meet at about 10.30 on Saturdays for an hour or so and do a grand job of keeping our Church gardens looking lovely. You don't have to commit to every week, just occasional help would be much appreciated, and you don't need green fingers, just enthusiasm! Contact Kevin via [admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk) if you're interested in knowing more.

**THANK YOU** – to everyone who supported our Cake Stall in town last Saturday by baking or buying, or by doing a stint on the stall. We raised £163 for church funds.

**THANK YOU FROM JOY** – to everyone who supported her Macmillan Cream Tea on Sunday, £165 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

**WE KNOW IT SEEMS EARLY BUT...** This year's nativity will be at 10am on Sunday 19th December. The Pathfinders (yr 3 to yr5) will be leading this service which will be an adapted scratch nativity where all children can join in on the day. If you are a Pathfinder parent please could you let us know if your Pathfinder would like a speaking part (this can be just narrating) by the end of October. We will be rehearsing during church on 5th and 12th December and at 9am on 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can't come to every rehearsal that'll be OK but the more the better. Thanks Pippa and Rachel

## **BISHOP OF ST ALBANS HARVEST APPEAL - 'WATER IS LIFE'**



Each year, St Mark's supports the Harvest Appeal being promoted by the Bishop of St Albans across the diocese. This year, its theme is 'Water is Life' and the aim is to help churches in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in their work of supplying clean, safe water to their communities. Due to civil war and poverty, up to 70% of DRC's people use unsafe, dirty water with all the consequent effects of disease and generally poor health. A scheme of 'transformation training sessions' has been developed by local Christian communities, overseeing the major structural work required to provide clean water and improved sanitation. Advice and

support is also given to local people to raise awareness of good hygiene practices. The money from the Appeal will enable this scheme to spread to a greater number of people. For more information, go to [Bishop's Annual Harvest Appeal - Diocese of St Albans \(anglican.org\)](http://Bishop's Annual Harvest Appeal - Diocese of St Albans (anglican.org))

If you are able to give, please do so either by using one of the gift envelopes in church this Sunday and at our Harvest services on the 3rd October, or online via the St Mark's website [www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](http://www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk) - click on the orange 'Donate' button and choose **2021 Harvest** from the drop down menu.

Many thanks as ever for your generous support.

**CHANGE OF NAME FOR THURSDAY GROUP** In future the group will be known as the Friday Friendship Club and we will meet in the church hall on the first Friday of each month. Meetings will start at 2pm and finish by 4.30pm. A charge of £2 to cover refreshments will be collected and a raffle will be held. From the New Year when we hope to have a full programme, the admission will be reviewed.

Our next meeting on **October 1st** will be a quiz and a chance to choose your Christmas meal. We are a very informal group - anyone who would like to know more please contact Val via [admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HITCHIN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

St Mary's and CTH are starting a new venture - a once a month Theological Society to tackle issues relating to our beliefs in God. The Rev Charmaine Sabey-Corkindale, who has suggested the idea, comments: 'All are welcome to come and enjoy listening to speakers on various topics and participate in the discussions. It is an opportunity to challenge or confirm views and thinking on faith and life in the 21st century'.

It will begin on **Sunday 10th October, 6.30 to 7.30pm in St Mary's Church** when the theme, presented by a panel of speakers, will be 'What is theology?'. Themes for future meetings

include 'The pursuit of happiness', 'Stars and bright sky - Science and faith' and 'Diversity in unity - disagreeing kindly'. Do come along to the first and try it out.

Further information from Charmaine on 01462 435497 or John Richardson on 07505 426876.

**ST FAITH'S COFFEE & CAKES MORNING** will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 10-12 in their church hall. Do join them and support their monthly fundraising.

**CAP JOB CLUB** continues every Wednesday 10am-12 noon for 6 more weeks

If you know of anyone looking for work, we are running an 8-week course. You can just turn up at Zeo Centre Bedford Rd, Hitchin SG5 1HX and receive help and support with job searching. For more info contact: [lsmith@capjobclubs.org](mailto:lsmith@capjobclubs.org)/ mobile 07931833838.

### FRANK'S FOWL FLYING!



Hi me again. Over the last few weeks, early in the morning, the Husband and me have been witness to the "Goose fly pass". We are directly beneath their flight path so get an excellent view of the display. There are 7 of them in total, 6 of whom fly in an almost perfect traditional "V" shaped formation - that is with the exception of Frank as we have named him. Frank has just obviously not got the hang of things yet and spoils every journey by being very much out of alignment

whenever they appear. His aerial positioning varies from lagging behind to being askew on one side or the other of the main group and has even been spotted flying over on his own a good couple of minutes after the main group have flown over. Frank's erratic posturing and timing is, not surprisingly, a cause of great annoyance to the Wing Commander at the head of the display who can be heard calling "FRANK, FRANK, FRANK !!!!!" in an effort to get the wayward one to fall into line. Frank has definitely not yet got his pilot's licence, obviously

not even read the instruction manual and certainly missed out on the lesson on aerodynamic efficiency or is just plainly an obstinate rebel! Have you seen them? Joy x



*If you would like to have a notice included please email  
notices@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk  
Please send notices by 7pm on the preceding Wednesday.*