

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**In the notices this week!**

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2. Church diary & hall diary
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8. Support for Godfrey
9. Fabulous family, friends – and no foes! - Joy

**Readings for 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Job chapter 38 verses 1-7

Mark chapter 10 verses 35-45



**PRAYERS:- From Churches Together in Hitchin - Christchurch** suggests that all our churches have many unsung heroes. Some of these carry out important, occasionally thankless, work in the safeguarding of the youngest and oldest. We hold those who quietly administer these matters in our prayers today.

**From St Mark's Prayer Cycle:-** This week we pray for St Mark's Sunday School, Pathfinders and Travellers groups, and Group With No Name (GWNN). We also pray for our MP for Hitchin, North Herts District Council and Herts County Council.

**This week please pray for the residents of Moss Way, Kings Hedges & Dugdale Court**

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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30-11.00am Little Lions.**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October – 10am All-Age Service** (with our own Church Orchestra again!).

**11.15am Holy Communion (Said)** in church. **Coffee** between the services. *Please bring your own cups – it really helps reduce the washing up now there are fewer baristas!*

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Reading & reflection** with Nick on Youtube.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 9.15am Morning Prayer** in church.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 6.30pm GWNN**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October – 8am Holy Communion** in church. **10am Holy Communion** in church and livestreamed on Youtube. Children & young people's activities and groups. Coffee after the service.

**HALL DIARY**

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

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Signing group 8.30am-3pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Jo Jingles 9.30-12.30: Rainbows 5-6pm: Antenatal Yoga 7-9pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Home Education Hub 11am – 4.00pm: Yoga 5.15-7pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</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 Andrew on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October.*

## CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

### MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING: Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 at 2.00pm

This year's Memorial Service of Thanksgiving will be held as above. All are Welcome.

Light refreshments will be available following the service.

During the service, the names of those to be remembered will be read out - if you would like a name or names to be read out, please give the names to Mike at church or email

[admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

Please note: *That names will not automatically be read out; rather, they will only be read out if you have let Mike know this is your wish.*

***If you can offer to bake or buy a cake to serve after the service please contact Val via***

[admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)

**CHURCH LUNCH** – the next Church Lunch will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm. To book a place please contact Joy via [admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk) or sign up at church.

**HITCHIN PANTRY – New!** Liz Wills from Our Lady's Church is helping to set up a new type



of food provision system to replace the Food parcels that have been delivered for the past 18 months by many volunteers. This new initiative will be a Pantry (Community shop) that people can visit on a Friday, 2-4pm and Saturday 1-3pm in the Scout Hall at Our Lady's and for a membership fee of £4 per week they will be able to select food (worth about £20) that they need (fresh and longer life) for them and/or their family.

### **TO MAKE THIS WORK WE NEED HELP**

Liz is breaking the jobs down so that the time needed from any individual may average out about 30-90 minutes per week depending on the job volunteered for. The type of Volunteers needed are for

- Set Up Teams & Clear Up Teams before and after the sessions on a Friday and Saturday afternoon including food and health & safety checks
- Drivers to collect food from local supermarkets on Thursday and Friday evenings
- Drivers to collect food from Fareshare in Milton Keynes & Felix Project in Enfield on Thursday or Friday mornings.

*All drivers will be compensated for their petrol costs or can use the FUWU (Feedup warm up vans) to collect the food. These jobs do involve lifting and loading things into the cars and vans and unloading back at the scout hall.*

*With enough driver volunteers you may only need to help once or twice a month.*

- Admin staff to count items and check food dates and log fridge temperatures to maintain food hygiene records. They will also require people to help count and record the session takings.
- Sales Assistants to help when the Pantry is open to the public

This is being opened by Bishop Paul on 29th October so we really need volunteers as soon as possible to ensure we have things in place. Liz has a training session set up for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 11-1pm so the sooner she can get her volunteers on board the better.

If you can help or want to find out more please email Liz at

[hitchin@yourlocalpantry.co.uk](mailto:hitchin@yourlocalpantry.co.uk) or see more details [here:-](#)

To find out more about the Local Pantry franchise model, which has been designed by Churches Against Poverty and now has over 60 outlets throughout the UK visit

<https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/about-us/>



**CHURCH CLEANING** – now that we're almost back to normal with our services and are having more people in church again we are looking for volunteers to help with cleaning the church! This would involve being on a rota of people to come in during the week at a time to suit you to run the Henry Hoover around and do any other dusting/cleaning which you have time for or feel needs doing. We already have 6 people on

the list, so if we can get a few more it would only come round once every couple of months! Please let Maggie or Joy know if you're able to help.

### **ST MARK'S STUDENT CARE PACKAGES**

We're looking for some people who are willing to contribute to a 'care package' for university students that are connected with St Mark's.

Sending a 'care package' is a wonderful way to show them that the church still cares about them and is praying for them. A package is typically shoe-box sized and would include things like toiletries, some tasty and/or healthy snacks, and a scarf/gloves to keep them warm in winter! If you'd be interested in helping, please get in touch with Rev Nick.

**SUPPORT FOR GODFREY**- Churches Together have been made aware of a young Italian/Ghanian man aged 23 named Godfrey who is homeless and is also a North Herts College (NHC) student. Kit Davis, principal of NHC will pay £600.00 to anyone who can offer Godfrey a room for the next month. If you or someone you know is able to provide a

room/flat please contact Donald Smith (Pastor of Built on Faith Bibleway Church) on 07737 451105.

**FABULOUS FAMILY, FRIENDS – AND NO FOES!** Well here I am again!!! It is said that you can't choose your family, but you can pick your friends. Well I have been blessed in all areas with both a fantastic family immediate and extended and the most amazing network of friends from all areas of my life, many going back years and years and some lovely new additions of recent times. I met my oldest friend at York Road Nursery School aged 3 and a half. We found ourselves next to each other on little camp beds for the compulsory afternoon nap. Nap we did not!! we chattered and giggled our way through the 30 minutes or so and we are still great pals and will both be 65 this Autumn, how great is that. Next main group came from the "School on the Hill", we met aged 11 and we still get together as often as we can making huge efforts to cover great distances to do so, such very special friends. Newest group are the Ricks Café coffee team. Always a source of immense fun, laughter and friendship you are never alone there. Then of course there are all the wonderful Church family friends which I know not what I would do without. The love is tangible truly magical. Every person in these groups has enriched my life in a way that I wish everyone could experience. I know I will never ever be alone, I will always have someone to talk to and trust with my deepest feelings, concerns, fears and treasured moments. Can I just say a huge "thank you" to all of you for being such an important part of my life and my world. I am what and who I am because of you all XXXXX (yes another soppy moment ) 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.*