

Sunday 28th November 2021

First Sunday of Advent

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Readings for 28th November

Jeremiah chapter 33 verses 14-16

Luke chapter 21 verses 25-36

PRAYERS:- From Churches Together in Hitchin - As Wymondley Baptist Church continue



their search for a part time Church Leader, we continue to pray with them that the Lord would guide them to open the right doors which will lead them to the person of His choice.

From St Mark's Prayer Cycle:- This week we pray for our organists, choir and music group, especially preparing for the Christmas services. We also pray for people living with drug and alcohol addiction and support agencies who work with them.

This week please pray for the residents of Milestone Road & Truemans Road

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

Friday 26th November 12.30pm Church lunch

Sunday 28th November – 8am Communion in church. **10am Communion** in church and livestreamed on Youtube. Children's groups & activities.

Coffee after the service – please bring your own cups!

Monday 29th November – Reading & reflection with Jane Mainwaring on Youtube.

Wednesday 1st December – 9.15am Morning Prayer in church

Thursday 2nd December – 6.30-9pm Group with no name (GWNN)

Friday 3rd December – 9.30-11am Little Lions

Saturday 4th December 12 – 4.30pm Wreath making workshop – see below

Sunday 5th December – 8am Communion in church. **10am Communion** in church, livestreamed on Youtube. Children's groups & activities.

Traidcraft Stall will be at the back of church after the service.

HALL DIARY – these are the non-church groups hiring the hall.

Monday 29th – Signing Groups 8.30am-3.30pm

Tuesday 30th – Jo Jingles 9.30am-12.30pm; Rainbows 5-6pm; Antenatal Yoga 7-9pm

Wednesday 1st – Home Education Hub 11am – 4.15pm;

Thursday 2nd – 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 reflection given by Revd Val Reid from Christchurch, on Monday 22nd November.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS



FOODBANK COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY - If you would like to donate something, please put it in the labelled donations box on the mission table at the back of church.

Updated list of the items currently most needed are: **longlife UHT milk (not skimmed); longlife fruit juice; jam/marmalade; dried potatoes; dried milk; sponge puddings.**

They are also asking for the following in their Christmas appeal which ends on 10th December: **tinned ham; Christmas cake; Christmas pudding; box of biscuits; box of chocolates; large chocolate bar (150/200g); snacks and nibbles; savoury biscuits; jar of pickles/cranberry sauce; Christmas crackers.**

ST MARK'S TRAVELLING CRIB will begin on Monday December 6th. This is figures of Mary,



Joseph and a donkey being passed from one family to another, `sleeping` overnight before travelling to the next family and finally coming to church for our Christmas Day 10 am service. Each family on a rota arranges with the next family to visit and hand over the figures to rest overnight in each house to represent their travelling to Bethlehem. Words are supplied with a prayer for each family to share with one another. The idea is to go into each other's houses to do this. If you are happier to stand on a doorstep at a social distance to hand them over, this is of course perfectly acceptable.

If you would like to participate please give your name asap to Helen via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR! Intrigued? Want to know what it is? Click on this [link](#) to find out more...

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR –is a fun way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. The 2021 calendar from the Meaningful Chocolate Company comes with a free 24-page Christmas story activity book



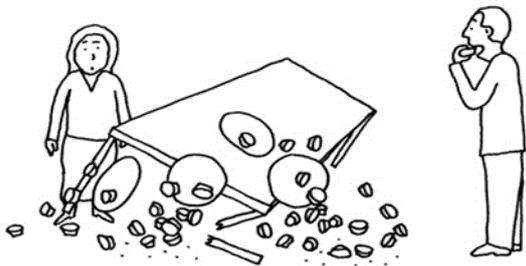
anyone would like to help deliver the toys, we need drivers who can pick up 5 gifts between 1 and 2 from Zeo on the same day, 18th December, and deliver them at any time in the week before Christmas.

In both cases, could offers of help be sent to phil.jackson@zeochurch.com

AMAZING WILD LIFE - Hi all, well I have never stopped marvelling at the world of nature. Not on the grand scale of the wonderful David Attenborough but on the little things that happen in my back garden or house from time to time and keep me amused and in total amazement. We have a resident young lady Blackbird who appears every day and stomps round the lawn looking for worms. I have watched her for days and in her search she seems to turn her head from side to side to listen for worm movement under the grass. She is very successful at locating them and enjoys a hearty meal most days especially when it's been rainy. Well today an amazing sight. One of our dog, Georgie 's, toys, a small furry rat, ended up on the lawn overnight. Well this morning the Rat toy was still on the lawn and the Blackbird was convinced there was a juicy worm underneath the toy which was about 3 times her size and weight having been soaked with rain. Well after loads of pecking, pushing and shoving she managed to move said Rat toy and got the huge reward of a large worm from underneath where it had been left. I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it. How I wish I had had my phone to hand to film it but sadly not. Then much later on, after an extremely heavy down pour of rain, loads of previously mentioned worms decided, for reasons best known to themselves, to decamp from the lawn and head for the barren area of the temporarily wet patio. So I had to go into rescue mode, pick them up and relocate them to the borders or lawn as they would have dried out come the morning on what would have become dry paving. Also we have the most enormous spider who resides under the skirting board behind the TV and appears late at night and runs round the lounge and kitchen. He/she is magnificent in fact as I write it is on the prowl right under my feet so I can't move just yet. I could be here for a while ho hum !!! Love Joy x

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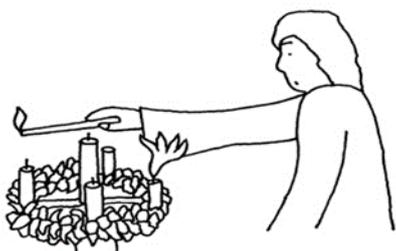
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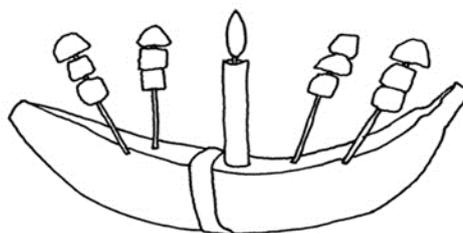
TABLES BUCKLING UNDER SHEER
WEIGHT OF MINCE PIES



UNREST OVER THE CORRECT WEEK
TO LIGHT THE PINK CANDLE



ADVENT WREATH FIRES



SUPERMARKETS RUNNING OUT
OF ORANGES

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notices@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk
Please send notices by 7pm on the preceding Wednesday.*