



Sunday 3rd July 2022
Third Sunday of Trinity



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2. Church Diary
3. Friday Friendship Group – 1st July
4. World Challenge Tea Party – 9th July
5. Hitchin Theological Society – 10th July
6. Helping Herts Homeless Press Release
7. Triangle Community Garden Party – 10th July
8. Cake Stall thank you
9. Used Pen/Biro collection update
10. Dog Walk Disaster - Joy

Readings for 3rd July

2 Kings chapter 5 verses 1-14

Galatians chapter 6 verses 7-16

Luke chapter 10 verses 1-11, 16-20



Prayers - From Churches Together in Hitchin:- Zeo Church ask that we pray for an excitement and unity around the launch of a new vision and values for Zeo as they step into their rebooted future. **Tilehouse Street Baptist Church** is opening its building next Saturday as part of the Hitchin Festival when a variety of

art and craft will be on display with live music being played and home-made cake available. We pray that this will provide a good outreach opportunity for them.

From St Mark's Prayer Cycle:- We pray this week for our Sacristan, readers, intercession leaders, assistants and servers. We also pray for the Westmill Community Centre and Bancroft Youth Centre.

This week please pray for residents of Swinburne Avenue & Westmill Lane.

We are very pleased to have Nick back amongst us, and please continue to pray for him as he settles back into his role at St Mark's. His day off will usually be Monday, and please be aware that while he is phasing back into work he may not be able to respond to emails or phone calls immediately. Please do ring or email him though, especially if it is about a pastoral issue, and he will respond as soon as he is able to.

CHURCH DIARY

Friday 1st July – 9.30-11am Little Lions baby & toddler group.

2pm Friday Friendship Group – Garden Centre visit – see details below.

Sunday 3rd July – 8am Morning Prayer in church. **10am Communion service** in church, with children's activities in the hall. We are very pleased to welcome Revd Peter Ballard who will be leading our 10am service.

Wednesday 6th July – 9.15am Morning Prayer service in church. 7.15pm Choir Practice.

Thursday 7th July – 6.30pm GWNN

Saturday 9th July – 3-5pm Afternoon Tea – see details below.

Sunday 10th July – 8am Communion service. 10am Communion service – children's activities in the hall. 4pm Travellers group in the hall.

6.30pm CTH Theological Society at St Mary's – see details below.

HALL DIARY – *these are the non-church groups using the hall this week.*

Monday 4th – Signing Group 8.30am-2pm

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

Wednesday 6th – Home Education Hub 11am – 4.15pm; Yoga 5.15-7pm

Thursday 7th – Childminders Support Group 9.30-11.30am; Dorothy Wells Violin Group 4-5.30pm.

We are very grateful for the regular financial support which St Mark's receives from its members, but if anyone would like to make an additional donation at any time they can easily do this via the orange Donate button on our website www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

This week our friends without computers will receive a copy of the sermon given by Tricia on 26th June.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

The next **FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP** meeting is an Afternoon Tea at the British Garden Centre on **July 1st at 2pm**. The Tea is all booked and paid. Wishing you all a lovely afternoon. Val.



WORLD CHALLENGE TEA PARTY:- On Saturday 9th of July Phoebe and Amelie are hosting a tea party at St Mark's church hall to fund raise for their world challenge school trip. Drinks and a wide variety of cakes will be served and any dietary requirements can be catered for. This event will happen between 3-5pm. Feel free to pop in any time but it would also be helpful if you could let us know you are coming via the sign up sheet at the back of the church. Hope to see you there!

(Phoebe and Amelie would prefer cash donations please, so bring your purses!)

HITCHIN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - The next meeting of the Society is on **Sunday 10th July**, 6.30 to 7.30 pm in Church House, next to St Mary's - note change of venue. The theme is *Coming to belief* and three speakers - Gail Adcock, Melanie Crowley and Nigel Williams - will reflect on how people find faith in this largely secular age. There will as always be an opportunity for comments and questions at the end. All welcome - further information from Charmaine Sabey-Corkindale 01462 435497

HELPING HERTS HOMELESS PRESS RELEASE Over the last few years, many of you have been involved as individuals or as members of church groups in supporting the North Herts Sanctuary on the corner of Grove Road and Nightingale Road and more recently Helping Herts Homeless (HHH). The HHH Board of Trustees, which now includes a number of new members, has been giving thought to the future of the Sanctuary and wider work among the homeless in our county.

TRIANGLE COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY Triangle Community Garden invite members of all churches to their Garden Party on **Sunday 10th July**, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm on Ransoms Rec. Plant sales, children's activities, crafts, music, cream teas and much more (including Garden tours which need to be booked on www.trianglegarden.org/events) They ask us to come with cash/coins, also to 'bring our cups, not our cars!'



CAKE STALL THANK YOU to everyone who supported us by baking, buying or helping. We raised £154.30 for church funds, which was very pleasing as there were fewer people in town than usual, and we were also rained off by lunchtime! Debbie & Maggie.

USED PEN/BIRO COLLECTION Deolinda Elringham of Our Lady's Church emailed recently regarding the money raised for Helping Herts Homeless and the Sanctuary hostel as a result of the collection of used pens/biros sent to Terracycle. During the period November 2021 to April 2021 £51 was raised. Even more noteworthy is the sum of £983.37 which has been raised since joining the scheme in December 2012. We no longer have a collection box at the back of St Mark's church but pens can still be dropped into one of the pen recycling bins at the back of Our Lady's Church or given to me and I'll see that they are delivered to the recycling bin.

Alison



DOG WALK DISASTER Me again. How much trouble can a small Cockapoo get one into? answer plenty!!!! To cut a long story short I took Georgie down the stream to the little playground at the end to throw her some balls and basically wear her out, as if that could ever be possible. I have a very long lead for her for such occasions which I leave on and should she decide to make a break for it or dash off I have a chance of running and standing on the end of it to stop her in her tracks. She loves all children and wants nothing more than to play with them so she was thrilled to find a new friend at the playground in the shape of a little girl of about 5 years old who delighted in being involved in throwing the ball for her. The girl was very enthusiastic and despite me asking her to wait while I untangled my feet from the

lead insisted on chucking another ball. Well the lead got wound round my right ankle and as Georgie took off I was abruptly upended and as well as a bruised rear end I suffered rope

burns on my ankle very sore. Having regained my composure I said goodbye to the 5 year old and limped off towards the stream to head home. Still slightly dazed with the pup on a long lead we set off but before I knew what was happening she was chest deep in thick muddy stagnant wate, loving every minute of it. She refused to come out then got very tangled in the stream side shrubbery. There was no other way out I had to venture in to disentangle everything. Success, we got out much to the amusement of a young family complete with grandparents who had appeared out of nowhere to observe the fiasco. As previously mentioned Georgie's love for children came to the fore again and on exiting the stream covered in mud I was unable to stop her in time before she dashed up to the family group and promptly vigorously shook herself covering them all in smelly black mud not much was said but they did try to muster a sort of smile while I profusely apologised. So home safely we both showered and regained our composure. I can hardly wait for our next outing!!!!!! Joy xx

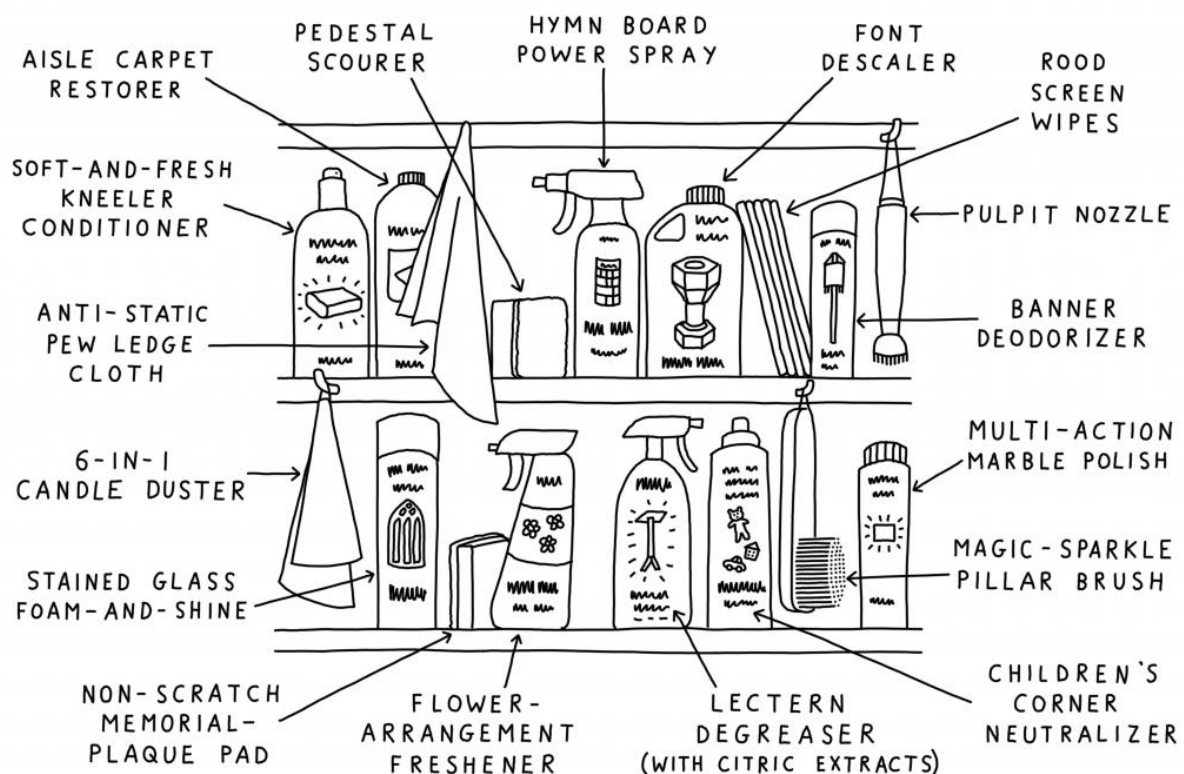
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Please send notices by 7pm on the preceding Wednesday.

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