



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022



**JOINT PARISH SERVICE:**

**PLEASE NOTE – THERE WILL BE NO 10am SERVICE AT ST MARK'S this Sunday.**

*There will be an 8am Communion Service here, and everyone is very welcome to go along to the Joint Parish Service at **St Mary's at 11.00am.***

1. Readings & Prayers
2. Church Diary
3. CTH Theological Society – 12<sup>th</sup> June
4. Message from Tricia
5. Gail Litterick's cycle challenge
6. News of the Benbow's
7. Music in Worship Questionnaire
8. St Mark's Cake Stall 18<sup>th</sup> June
9. Save the Date – Afternoon tea 9<sup>th</sup> July
10. Family worker post
11. Refresh Drop in at Christchurch
12. Blister Pack Collection
13. The Husband's new friend Terry - Joy

**Readings for 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Acts chapter 2 verses 1 – 21

Romans chapter 8 verses 14 - 17

John chapter 14 verses 8 - 17



**CHURCHES  
TOGETHER  
in HITCHIN**

**Prayers - From Churches Together in Hitchin:- Wymondley Baptist Church** accepted the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury to take part in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' global wave of prayer, Please pray that, alongside congregations from many other churches, they can be encouragers, as they invite others to pray for five people to come to faith.

Please pray for the children of **Our Lady Immaculate and St Andrew parish** preparing to make their First Communion in June and for their families.

**From St Mark's Prayer Cycle:-** We pray for all who attend St Mark's Wednesday Morning Prayer, fellowship and study groups.

We also pray this week for lonely and housebound people, and our visiting team.

**This week please pray for residents of The Crescent, Freemans Close & Mattocke Road.**

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**CHURCH DIARY**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 8am Communion service** led by Rev. Bill Britt.

NO 10am service at St Mark's. **11am Joint Parish service at St Mary's** – all welcome.

**2pm Church Jubilee Party** at Joy Hukin's house.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June - 7.30pm Messy St Mark's planning meeting**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 9.15am Morning Prayer service in church. 7.15pm Choir Practice.**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm GWNN**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June – 8am Communion service in church. 10am Communion service in church.** Children's activities during the service.

*We are delighted that Nick will be back with us this Sunday.*

**4pm Traveller's group in hall.**

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

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

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Signing Group 8.30am-2pm

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Jo Jingles 9.30-11.30am; Rainbows 5-6pm; Antenatal Yoga 7-9pm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Home Education Hub 11am – 4.15pm

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Childminders Support Group 9.30-11.30am; Dorothy Wells Violin Group 4-5.30pm

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Private booking 10am – 6pm

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*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](http://www.stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)*

*This week our friends without computers will receive a copy of the sermon given by Rev'd Elizabeth Bunker on 29<sup>th</sup> May.*

## **CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HITCHIN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY** - The next meeting of the Churches Together Theological Society will be on **Sunday 12th June, 6.30 to 7.30 pm** in St Mary's Church. Its theme, linked with the Platinum Jubilee and the role of the monarch, will be Defender of the Faith(s). The speakers will be the Rev Stephen Coleman, a canon lawyer, and the Rev Jane Mainwaring, Archdeacon of St Albans, and there will be the usual opportunity for discussion after their presentations. All welcome - further information from the Rev Charmaine Sabey-Corkindale 01462 435497.

**MENTAL ILL HEALTH** - Thank you to all of you for your messages of support and your prayers for Megan. She is again at home with us, but I am thankful that my own GP has reacted quickly to put her in touch with various mental health services and am confident that she is safe and happier with us whilst we wait to find out what help can be offered.

In telling a church full of friends of the struggles Megan has been having, there seems to have opened up a whole series of conversations about others known to us that have had or are having similar struggles. May I urge you always to share your stories in the hope that other young people will not be stigmatised but instead seek help.

Your prayers and good wishes sustain us all. Thank you. With love Tricia xx

**GAIL'S CYCLE CHALLENGE** On Sunday I completed my challenge of cycling 100 miles in London and Essex for charity. I am raising money for GRIT a local charity, Growing Resilience in Teenagers. So many young people affected by lack of self esteem and confidence due to covid and social media...this charity work'S in schools, FE colleges and universities to try and empower young people. Amazing! And Cancer Research; so many friends affected by cancer; I hope and pray this helps our children and future generations with knowledge of this disease. Contact Gail for more information.

**NEWS OF THE BENBOW'S from Gail Litterick** - Just to let you know that I am in touch with Emma, Chris and Alex fairly regularly and she has moved in, is settling well and is enjoying being closer to family. I am sure if anyone wanted to write she would love to hear from you and I have her address. We met up with the children before she went 😞 just lovely memories they all had of them and Alex's 1st year during covid.

**MUSIC IN WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE** Thank you so very much to all of you who contributed to my survey about how music contributes to and enhances (or not!) our worship at St Mark's. I am so grateful for the many and heartfelt comments and contributions and only pray I can do them justice when submitting my final essay. If you suddenly wake up in the night and wish you had said something else, do please message me. God bless you, Tricia.

**ST MARK'S CAKE STALL** is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 9am – 1pm (or until we sell out) in the Market Square.

We would be most grateful for cakes, jam and pickles either brought to church on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm, or we can collect. If you're able to help on the stall for an hour please contact Debbie or Maggie via [admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk](mailto:admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk)



**SAVE THE DATE** - Amelie and Phoebe are hosting an afternoon tea party on **Saturday 9th July, 3-5pm**, at St Mark's, to raise money for their World Challenge trip to Morocco. More information to follow but please save the date.

Thank you very much, Amelie and Phoebe.

**FAMILY WORKER POST** – Walsworth Road Baptist Church are advertising for a Family worker, 16 hours pw. Contact [MINISTER@WRBCHITCHIN.ORG.UK](mailto:MINISTER@WRBCHITCHIN.ORG.UK) for more information.

**REFRESH - CHRISTCHURCH** - refresh@christchurch is a drop in for *everyone* on a **Tuesday morning** at



Christchurch, Bedford Road, Hitchin. It was set up at the start of this year as a welcome/meeting point, offering drinks and biscuits for those who would like a chance to connect with others in an informal way. This has developed over the months, and we now have regulars coming along to chat, join in games together e.g., Scrabble, get involved with the 'Knit and Natter' group or the recently established sewing group. Over the past few weeks, we have been welcoming a number of Ukrainian families and their host/sponsors.

This has proved very popular. It is a joy to see Ukrainian people (including young children and a few teenagers) arrive looking tense and worried, but to then see them relax as they start to connect with each other and with us. Young children are free to play together and have enjoyed painting and playing outside in the small play area. It is proving invaluable as a place for the host families too to share their experiences and support each other. They have been able to discuss the joys and challenges of hosting families and advise each other on things such as applying for school places, finding doctors and dentists, and applying for Universal Credit for their visitors. We have been having fun together, communicating where language is a barrier using the Google Translate app. Plans are now developing to set up English classes in small groups for Ukrainians who have limited English. More details to follow on this very soon. In addition, we have received donations of clothes and essential resources such as toiletries, nappies, and wipes etc which we are available for people to take as needed.

**ALL ARE WELCOME. We are open 10am – 1pm every Tuesday. There is potential to open more often but this depends on availability of volunteers. If there is anyone from other churches who would like to offer their time in this way, please drop me an e-mail with your telephone number and I'll get back to you**  
[jumillsju@virginmedia.com](mailto:jumillsju@virginmedia.com)

**BLISTER PACK COLLECTION** for Rotary, Hitchin Priory. So far 132 kilos have been collected across Hitchin and £132 has been donated to Marie Curie Cancer charity. So much better than them ending up in landfill! Thank you for putting yours in the box at church. Please continue to do so. Helen Richardson



**THE HUSBAND'S NEW FRIEND TERRY** Hi folks well the Spring gardening season is now in full swing. Tidying, renovating, planting along with a bit of redesigning and as a consequence the movement of pots, plants and rocks around the estate. To this end the Husband has employed a new gardening assistant in the shape of Terry the Trolley!! Terry is proving his worth for low lifting and manoeuvring of the heavier items in question. Terry will grow up to be a small fork lift truck I fear. Terry and the Husband are joined at the hip always together performing essential tasks in the grounds. I even spied Terry being used to transport a plastic dust pan and brush to the far end patio area. I sensed by his demeanour that he did think this was a little beneath him and I did feel for him. I did ask to borrow Terry for a spot of pot realignment on my side of the garden my request fell on deaf ears with Terry being swiftly returned to his special place in the shed. Well haha the Husband is away for 2 days at a conference in Manchester and I have had a quiet word with

Terry through the shed door and he has agreed to help me as long as we keep it between us. Joy xx

*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.*