

Sunday 13th November
Remembrance Sunday



Second Sunday before Advent

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2. Church and hall diary
3. Theological Society – 13th November
 4. Travelling Crib
 5. Messy St Mark's update & requests
 6. Nativity service – narrators wanted
 7. Home is where the Hert is - exhibition
 8. White Peace Poppies
 9. Pillowcases wanted
 10. Thank you from the Living Room
 11. Spitfire in the Afternoon Sunshine - Joy

Readings for 13th November

Micah chapter 6 verses 6-8

Matthew chapter 5 verses 1 – 12



PRAYERS - From Churches Together in Hitchin

Our Lady Roman Catholic Church ask that we hold in our prayers Father Adams after his ordination as a Priest by Cardinal Vincent Nichols yesterday. May his ministry be long and fruitful.

We pray for the **Churches Together in Hitchin** Theological Society meeting this evening as it takes on the important theme of *Reconciliation and Forgiveness*

From St Mark's Prayer Cycle:- We pray this week for the work of the United Nations and all engaged in peace-making throughout the world.

Please pray for members of St Mark's who live outside the district.

St Mark's Prayers – please pray for the Churchwardens and others dealing with all the paperwork involved in the recruitment process for our new vicar. Please also pray for the DCC meeting on Tuesday, where decisions regarding the process will be made, along with the many other matters which the Churchwarden's and DCC are responsible for. Please especially pray for Joy, our warden who has had a lot of maintenance issues to deal with recently.

CHURCH DIARY

Saturday 12th November – 9.30am – 1pm Diocesan Safeguarding Training

Sunday 13th November – 10am Remembrance Service & Family Communion

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

Tuesday 15th November – 7.30pm DCC meeting

Wednesday 16th November – 9.15am Morning Prayer

Thursday 17th November – 6.30pm GWNN

Friday 18th November – 9.30am Little Lions Baby & toddler group

Sunday 20th November – 10am All-Age Service. 11.15am Communion Service

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

Saturday 12th – Private booking 2.30-6.30pm

Monday 14th – Signing group 8.30am – 2pm

Tuesday 15th – Jo Jingles 9.30am – 12.30pm; Rainbows 5-6pm

Wednesday 16th - Home Education Hub 11am – 4.15pm; Yoga 5.15-7pm

Thursday 17th - Childminders Support group 9.30-11am; Dorothy Wells Violin Group 4.15-5.15pm

Sunday 20th – Diocesan group 6.30-9pm

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - The next meeting of the Churches Together in Hitchin Theological Society is on **Sunday 13th November**, 6.30 to 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church. Three speakers from different Christian traditions - Chris Kell, Chris Bunce and Steve Jackson - will give presentations on the theme of *Reconciliation and Forgiveness* and there will be the usual opportunity for general conversation at the end. All are welcome. Further details from Charmaine Sabey-Corkindale on 01462 435497.



TRAVELLING CRIB - in some countries known as a Posada, is models of Mary, Joseph and a donkey being taken to a home for one night. The next day those in the home take them onto another home for a night and so on through Advent to Christmas day. On Christmas day, whoever has them brings them to church and puts them in our model stable.

The first family to host them will be given them at our next

Messy St Mark's on **4th December**.

If your family would like to host Mary, Joseph and the donkey please let me know and I will draw up a rota. I will need your email to send you the words and prayers that are said when you pass on the models. I'll need your phone number so that you can contact each other to arrange times for handing over. Helen via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

MESSY ST MARK'S - On Sunday 30th October we held our 2nd Messy St Mark's all about Light. We had activities including fireworks pictures, decorating star biscuits and making

Christingles. We then had a short celebration, led by Marie and lit our Christingles. Finally, we shared food together. It was well attended again with around 30 children and over 39 adults!

Next Messy St Mark's is on **Sunday 4th December** and we will be thinking about advent and journeys. For this we are requesting:

Small tins (eg 200g baked bean tins)

Flat pebbles

Please do speak to Rachel if you would like to help out on the day or have any questions.

Rachel via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

NATIVITY - NARRATORS WANTED - St Mark's Nativity will take place on **Sunday 18th December at 10am**. There will be opportunities for anyone who would like to dress up as a character from the story and join in with the acting.

If you have a child in Year 3 to Year 7 who would like a speaking part, this can be big or small, then please can you let Rachel or Pippa know by Sunday 20th November so they can work out the script. We will be rehearsing during the service on Sunday 4th and 11th December and at 9am on Sunday 18th December.

Rachel admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

'HOME IS WHERE THE HERT IS: STORIES FROM HERTFORDSHIRE'S BRITISH SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY' is an exhibition and documentary featuring local British South Asians and how they challenged conventions of what it means to be brown in a small English town. Co-produced by Mandeep Kaur Nijjer of Red Media Love and Grewal Twins, the exhibition delves into the lives of six local residents; Kalvinder, Usha, Sandy, Joban, Pavenn and Mandeep and their experiences of being raised as second-generation children of immigrants.

The exhibition was originally shown at Hitchin Museum and now, due to demand, it is being shown again, this time in **Holy Saviour Church, Radcliffe Road**.

It will be open on the following days:

Thursday 10th, 17th and 24th November

Friday 11th, 18th and 25th November

10am - 12pm and 2pm - 4pm

and

Saturday 12th, 19th and 26th November

10am - 12pm

All welcome - free admission

There will also be a 'Launch event' on Friday, 11th November, 7pm till 9pm in Holy Saviour Church, with drinks, nibbles, chat and a chance to see the exhibition in its new surroundings.

Members of all churches are invited on this evening;

let Danny Pearson know - danny.pearson@north-herths.gov.uk - if you would like to attend the Launch event.

WHITE PEACE POPPIES - Kathleen Tuck of Christchurch has once again arranged for the sale of white peace poppies for those who wish to buy them to support the work of the Peace Pledge Union. They will be available at Christchurch on Sunday Nov 13th before the morning services. Kathleen comments: 'This year, especially, we remember how fragile peace is and

how conditions to create peaceful solutions need to be worked for. Remember the suffering of Ukraine and some Russians at this time'.

PILLOWCASES WANTED:- St Andrews school need plain pillowcases for a Christmas fayre fundraiser. If anyone has any they could donate could you leave at the back of church or message Gail via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk and I will come and collect. Thank you in advance.

THANK YOU FROM THE LIVING ROOM – we have received a thank you letter from The Living Room, Stevenage, who work with people with addictions. They are one of the organisations which St Mark's supports as part of our mission, and we made a donation of £250 earlier this year. Please follow the link to see the letter, or there is a copy on the Mission noticeboard at the back of church.



SPITFIRE IN THE AFTERNOON SUNSHINE - Hi folks a wonderful tale follows: - In the mid afternoon of 7th October I was sitting under "Miranda" the veranda in the garden absorbed in a book enjoying the early Autumn sunshine. To my surprise and delight I heard a familiar sound of a Spitfire plane in the sky somewhere near me . Having worked at Spicer's, the wholesale stationers head office

based in Sawston, Cambridgeshire, very close to Duxford, I got used to seeing all the planes flying overhead across our fields practising their routines on the days before the public displays. Over the years I worked there I became somewhat of an expert in recognising the sounds of many of the famous and very special aircraft. To my delight, a few seconds later, the all too familiar sound got closer then the distinctive shape appeared overhead flying relatively low from east to west over our garden. It was a fantastic sight and sound. Well that's not the end of how much of a special moment this was. The next day the Husband and me went to a party to celebrate a friends 50th birthday one of the other guests was another friend and I knew him to be a lover of flying and aircraft so I very excitedly told him about my Spitfire encounter. He smiled in a very knowing way then to my surprise announced that he was at the controls of that plane at that moment. He had got himself a flight in the Spitfire via another friend of his who had piloted it for most of the time. They flew over all of my friends familiar parts of Hertfordshire, his childhood homes, his friends' houses and the countryside he knows and walks everyday but this time seeing it from a totally different vantage point. On the way back to Duxford my friend did a roll and an upward backward loop, under the careful control of the pilot which thrilled him to bits. I said how wonderful that moment was for me, and he was very impressed that I had recognised the sound of a Spitfire engine. I was so excited by this maybe some of you understand why!!! 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.*