



Sunday 9th June 2024
Second Sunday after Trinity



***Next Sunday 16th will be a double set of notices,
so there will be NO NOTICES on Sunday 23rd June.***

1. Readings & prayers
2. Contact details for Maxine
3. Church & Hall Diary
4. Thank you from Pauline
5. Archdeacons Visitation Service – 18th June
6. Photoboard
7. Parish Administrator Vacancy
8. St Mark's Flower Festival – 29th & 30th June
9. St Mark's Taize service – 30th June
10. Wine Tasting postponed
11. St Mark's Church Pantomime
12. Priesting Service – 29th June
13. Messy St Mark's – 9th June
14. Wedding details
15. General Election Hustings – 17th June
16. Hitchin Theological Society – 9th June
17. Last Saturday afternoon - Joy

Readings for 9th June

- 1 Samuel chapter 8 verses 4 – 11, 16 - 20
- 2 Corinthians chapter 4 verse 13 – chapter 5 verse 1
- Mark chapter 3 verses 20 - end

PRAYERS: From Churches Together in Hitchin:- We pray for **Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church** as the Assumptionist Order contemplates the future of their order in their parish. We pray that they will be able to continue being custodians of Our Lady's parish.



We join with **Christchurch** in giving thanks for their developing relationship with Nightingale Road Day Centre. Each month Val and Mike, their minister and one of their musicians, lead a short service of prayer, reflection and music for day visitors and staff. We pray today for the growing Christian fellowship between them all.

From St Mark's Prayer Cycle – Please pray this week for Our Lady's Roman Catholic Church. We also pray for people living with physical disabilities.

Please pray for the residents of The Mead, Lammas Mead, Shepherds Mead & Bessemer Close.

Contact details for Revd Maxine Howarth - Maxine's contact details are:
priestmh71@gmail.com or 07930 522868.

Maxine is at a conference from Monday 10th – Thursday 13th but is happy to be contacted and will check her emails and phone periodically. Her day off is Saturday 15th June.

CHURCH DIARY

Friday 7th June – 9.30am Little Lions.

2pm Friday Friendship Group – Jubilate Choir Concert – all welcome.

Saturday 8th June – 9.30am Church Spring Cleaning

Sunday 9th June – 8.30am Holy Communion (Said) 10.00am Holy Communion & Baptism

4pm Messy St Mark's – see details below.

6.30pm – Hitchin Theological Society – see details below.

Tuesday 11th June – 5pm St Mark's Rainbows

Wednesday 12th June – 9.15am Morning Prayer

Thursday 13th June – 4.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 14th June – 1pm School visit to St Mark's

Sunday 16th June – 10am All-Age Service. 11.15am Holy Communion (Said)

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

Monday 10th – Signing Group 8.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 11th – Pilates 9.30-10.30am. State of Play Drama class 7.30-10pm

Wednesday 12th – Yoga 5.15 – 7pm

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

THANK YOU FROM PAULINE – I would like to thank everyone at St Mark's for their cards and messages of sympathy on the recent loss of my father Harry. His funeral arrangements are – Thursday 13th June, 12 midday at the North Hertfordshire Memorial Park & Crematorium, followed by refreshments at St Mark's Church Hall. Mum has requested no black tie but a coloured one, ladies to wear a colourful scarf. All welcome. Pauline & Kevin.

ARCHDEACONS VISITATION SERVICE – Tuesday 18th June 7.30pm St Mark's is hosting the Archdeacon's Visitation Evening where churchwarden's will be sworn in for the year ahead, including our own Joy and Edward. Please do come along to support them.

PHOTOBOARD – we would like to have an updated photo board of Who's Who at St Mark's – please could all current members of the PCC see Rachel this Sunday or next to have their photos taken.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY – St Mark's is recruiting for a parish administrator - 7 hrs per week, flexible working, mostly working from home. Role includes rotas, church diary and hall bookings, producing and circulating weekly newsheets, preparing paperwork for Sunday services, managing social media accounts, wedding admin, a very small amount of invoicing and some general admin. Rate of pay - £14 per hour. All enquiries via priestmh71@gmail.com. Closing date Friday June 21st.



ST MARK'S FLOWER FESTIVAL – Saturday 29th June 10am – 4pm and Sunday 30th June 12.30-3.30pm. £3 admission includes tea and cake (children free). If anyone can spare an hour over the weekend to help serve tea/coffee Val would be very grateful, and also for any welcomers.

If anyone is available to do refreshments for the Taize service on the Sunday (30th) evening please contact Val via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

ST MARK'S TAIZE SERVICE Sunday, 30th June at 5 p.m.

This will be a joyful celebration of God's love and creativity following our two-day flower festival which ends on Sunday at 3.30. There will be refreshments after the service.

WINE TASTING POSTPONED – as June is pretty busy with church events it's been decided to postpone the wine tasting evening until September. Date to follow.

ST MARK'S CHURCH PANTOMIME – we're planning to have a church pantomime in December – oh yes we are.... if anyone is interested in being involved in some way please contact Maxine.

PRIESTING SERVICE – Gail and Tricia are being priested at St Alban's Abbey on Saturday 29th June at 2pm. Friends from St Mark's are welcome to attend.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for their generosity in supporting our Lent Appeal – the final figure raised is £1,545 plus £614 from Amber's sponsored silence, so a total of £2,159.



MESSY ST MARK'S - SUNDAY 9TH JUNE, 4PM - The next Messy St Mark's will be on Sunday 9th June at 4pm. There will be crafts, baking, quizzes and refreshments. Please do come along and invite friends or neighbours, particularly if they have primary age children.

We also need some extra help with activities on the day. If you are able to help out, even for an hour, there is no prep to do just turning up and assisting with an activity, then please speak to Rachel or Helen.

Finally, we need volunteers to make fairy cakes for the children. We will need around 30 cakes, so a couple of volunteers to do a batch would be great.

Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Rachel or Helen via admin@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

WEDDING – if anyone would like the details of Nick and Isabelle's wedding in July please contact Nick on nick.smith@stpaulsletchworth.co.uk

GENERAL ELECTION MEETING - Churches Together in Hitchin is arranging a hustings for the candidates in the forthcoming election. This will be on **Monday 17th June, 7.30 to 9.00 pm** in St Mary's Church and will be chaired by the Rev Chris Bunce, Rector of St Mary's.

All the candidates are being invited. They will be asked to speak briefly on what they stand for, then there will be time for questions. If you have a question, please submit it in writing to Hitchin Parish Office, Church House, Churchyard, SG5 1HP or by email to hitchinparishoffice@gmail.com by noon on Thursday 13th June. A group of church representatives will select which questions to ask in order to have as wide a range as possible.

The meeting is open to all. If you would like to know more, call Hitchin Parish Office, 01462 452758, 9.00 am to 1.00 pm each weekday

HITCHIN THEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - The next meeting of the Society is this **Sunday, 9th June, 6.30 to 7.30 pm** in St Mary's Church. The theme is 'Does religion do more harm than good?'. There will be a presentation by Bal Singh of the local Sikh community and the usual opportunity for conversation at the end. All welcome. Further information from Charmaine Sabey-Corkindale 01462 435497.

LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON....

.....Granddaughters Ava (3 ¼) plus Lilah (6 mths) and other Grannie Debbie came round for entertainment and tea with us. Lovely. So me, aka Nanna and Richard, Granddad, were placed on high red alert being prepared at least 2 hours prior to their arrival!!! Ava arrived and was in "Nurse and Vet" mode immediately eagerly attending to the needs of the imaginary, supposedly poorly, injured or in some way needy baby dolls, soft toys like Teddies, Bunnies a couple of our ornamental wooden ducks and unfortunately our dog Georgie. Georgie very quickly realised that her best move would be to go and hide asap when she spotted the packet of plasters being liberally and randomly applied to the other previously rapidly diagnosed beings, none of us escaped a plaster or 2!!!! One convalescing baby doll was taken for an airing round the garden in the miniature pushchair/buggy by Nurse Ava. The ideally restful, therapeutic stroll started well but developed at a rapid rate and resulted in Nurse Ava losing control at "Rockery Corner" and baby doll being upended dramatically into the rocks head first. Nurse Ava quickly grabbed the poor baby by the left leg and plonked it, unceremoniously, back in the buggy and then rushed it back to A&E in the kitchen where paediatric consultant Granddad was on hand to take control and save the situation, thankfully.

Just as a by the by we normally have a dancing session to end the stay when I asked Ava what she would like me to ask "Alexa" to play she said "I like to move it move it" which is the current Nursery School favourite. Fine, found it, played it, we all had a great time dancing to it many, many times agghh!!!! it's a song by Rap singer "Will.i.am" just shows how things have moved on from "Oranges and Lemons" or "Three blind mice" take a listen and see what I mean.

Nanna Joy xxx

If you would like to have a notice included please email Maggie
notices@stmarks-hitchin.org.uk

Please send notices by 7pm on the preceding Wednesday.