

## St Faith's Parish Church, Hitchin

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018

### Mothering Sunday



Welcome to St Faith's. If this is your first visit, please make yourself known to Melanie, the Vicar.

#### Today's worship

9.30 am All-Age Holy Communion  
11.30 am Holy Communion

#### Today's hymns

Opening: 137 For the beauty of the earth  
Gradual: 313 Lord of all hopefulness  
Offertory: 226 I cannot tell - Tune: Danny Boy  
Anthem: For the beauty of the earth - J Rutter  
Communion: 311 Lord Jesus Christ  
Concluding: 354 Now thank we all our God  
206 He's got the whole world in his hand

#### Today's Readings:

Exodus 2. 1-10;  
Colossians 3. 12-17;  
Luke 2. 33-35

#### For your prayers this week

**The sick:** Anna Coyle, Ivy Palmer, Theresa Ronewicz, Sylvia Rutt, Margaret White, Rachel Merrill, Nicholas Slack, Anne, Charlie Mayes, Joseph Stitt, Emma Lacy, Dennis Webb, Valerie Rounden, Helen, John Tyers, Matthew Rainbow, Nicola Eversley, Louise, Christa Howe, Doug and Jan Woodward.

**Those who have died:** Charlotte Sabey-Corkindale, Kenneth Turner.

**In loving memory for March:** Hannah Smith, Brenda Stafford, Eleanor Black, Jonathan Hare, Stanley Lewis.

Please remember in your prayers three of our children preparing to be admitted to communion.

**St Faith's and the community:** those living in Milton View, Keats Way, Arnold Close, Browning Drive, Ruskin Lane; Mary Exton School. Those who worship at St Faith's and live outside the area.

**Hitchin Prayer Link: PHASE** ask us to pray for the Year 6 Easter Workshops being delivered at present in Primary schools across Hitchin.

#### Notices

**Back chat:** This is a new project involving our more senior members (you know who you are!) and 4 year olds from Highover School. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30 am in the Side Rooms.

**You are warmly invited to a Week of Guided Prayer at St Mary's Church, Pirton.** It can be hugely nurturing to take part in a WGP and Lent might just be the time it's needed! There are highly experienced Prayer Guides to walk your journey with you. You would meet with your Prayer Guide for half an hour each day - Mon to Fri - at an agreed time - morning, afternoon or evening, whatever suits you best. All are welcome - of all denominations and none. It is an open invitation to spend some time with God each day in a beautiful 12th century building. All our Guides are highly experienced and none are local. All conversations are totally confidential. Refreshments are available throughout of course. If you feel the Spirit might just be nudging you towards this and you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me. [margaret.johnsonpirton@btopenworld.com](mailto:margaret.johnsonpirton@btopenworld.com). 01462 711339 Please note that it begins on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March** (not 11<sup>th</sup> as on the flyer!)

**Churches together in Holwell, Ickleford and Pirton presents,  
Lent 2018 'Hot Potato Talks'**

Encountering God in Creation, Pirton Methodist Chapel SG5 3PS  
On Monday evenings during Lent from 7.30 - 9.30pm, Entry is free.  
Everyone is welcome. The pattern for each session is that the  
speaker talks for 30 - 45 mins. This is followed by tea/coffee and  
chat during which people are invited to submit written questions  
after which there is a Q & A session.

Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>, Encountering God in a Multi-faith Society, Canon  
Michael Roden

Monday March 12<sup>th</sup>, Encountering God in a Broken World, Police  
Sergeant Keith Evans.

For more details: Gena Edwards mjohedwards@btinternet.com

**Charity Concert at The Priory School:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 8.00 pm.  
Tickets £10. Buy online at [hitchinrockchoir.eventbrite.co.uk](http://hitchinrockchoir.eventbrite.co.uk). Come  
and enjoy a fantastic night with the Hitchin Rock Choir! All proceeds  
in aid of Phase. For more details contact: [office@phase-hitchin.org](mailto:office@phase-hitchin.org),  
01462 422940, @phasehitchin Charity No. 1154364

**St Mary's is an ancient but thriving parish church** located right in  
the heart of Hitchin. We are looking for an enthusiastic Christian  
with an ability to facilitate worship to engage children and families  
in a twice-monthly sustainable fresh expression of church. This is to  
build on the work of our pilot and empowering lay leaders.

10 hours a week - £5,200. p.a.

Contact: For an informal conversation, contact Revd Daniel Drew on  
07738 553264. Closing Date: 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**Easter Offering 2018** - This year's Easter Offering is for projects  
sponsored by Methodist Women in Britain. The projects include  
work among disadvantaged women in South Africa, training women  
in midwifery in North India and giving leadership training to women  
in the churches of Brazil. If you would like to contribute, gift aid  
envelopes will be available on the church chairs and at the back of  
the church. Please return the envelopes via the collection bags in  
the normal way.

**The Friends of Holy Saviour** invite you to their next "Talk and Tea"  
event on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 3.00 pm, Holy Saviour Church.  
"G.K.Chesterton: The Modern Age and the Paradoxical Thriller". Dr  
Mark Kight of Lancaster University will talk on the prominent writer,  
journalist and thinker - now perhaps best known for the "Father  
Brown" detective stories - focusing on Chesterton's early fiction  
including "The Man Who Was Thursday". Tickets £8 (Friends £7)  
available from Gill Chidgey 01462 423603, or Hitchin Initiative  
Office include homemade teatime refreshments after the talk.

**Quiz Night for Christian Aid** is on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018, 7.30 pm  
at Christchurch, Bedford Road, Hitchin. Fish/sausage and chip  
supper or vegetarian option. Tickets £11, no food £5. Teams of 6-8.  
For tickets and more information contact: Sue Covington 01462  
452985 [suecov63@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suecov63@hotmail.co.uk) or Pauline Edwards 01462 435438.

**This week:**

**Monday:** 7.15 pm - 8.30 pm Choir practice

**Wednesday:** 9.30 am Holy Communion

**Thursday:** 9.30 am - 1.00 pm Small Talk Toddler group

6.00 pm - 7.00 pm Quiet Evening in Church

7.30 pm - 9.00 pm Lent Study Group at the Vicarage

**Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9.30 am Holy Communion with Sunday School groups

11.30 am Morning Prayer

**Contact details:**

Team Vicar and Methodist Minister: Rev Melanie Crowley  
01462 456842; e-mail: [melanie.crowley@btinternet.com](mailto:melanie.crowley@btinternet.com)

**Please send notices** for inclusion in the next bulletin (18<sup>th</sup> March) to  
Dorothy Grieves by 6.00 pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.  
e-mail: [dorothy.grieves@ntlworld.com](mailto:dorothy.grieves@ntlworld.com)

Website: [stfaithshitchin.org.uk](http://stfaithshitchin.org.uk)