

St Faith's Parish Church, Hitchin

Sunday 13th May 2018

Sunday after Ascension



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: 103 Crown him with many crowns
Gradual: 214 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
Offertory: 26 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Communion: 192 Hail, thou once despised Jesus
Concluding: 277 Jesus shall reign

Today's Readings:

Acts 1. 15-17, 21-26; 1 John 5. 9-13; John 17. 6-19;

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, Serena Johal, Harvey Jeal.

Those who have died: Frank Berry, Andrew Constable, David White, Barry Tyler.

In loving memory for May: Rose Andrews, Nancy Brien, Mary Savage, Ernest Rogers, Christopher Garnett, Anthony Bird (priest)

St Faith's and the community: those living in Meadowbank, Common Rise, Sharps Court, Foundry Crescent, Napier Close; the businesses in Cooks Way.

At St Faith's: the treasurer, stewardship secretary and money counters.

World Church Prayers: At the beginning of Christian Aid Week, we pray for a generous response, both in fund raising and giving for the work of Christian Aid. We pray also for those still suffering in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew which struck Haiti 3 years ago, that all affected on that island will have a chance for a better life.

Notices

The Methodist prayer booklet 'Waiting in Wonder' can be downloaded here:

https://www.thykingdomcome.global/uploads/resources/TKC_Methodist_Waiting_in_Wonder1.pdf.

More hard copies available at the back of the church.

The JCC is without a secretary. Do you have minute-taking skills? The JCC meets five times a year on a Thursday at 7.30 pm and aims to finish by 9.00 pm. The Annual meeting takes place on a Sunday morning in March. If you are interested, please speak to the Vicar, or one of the wardens. The secretary does not need to be a member of the JCC.

GDPR: In order to comply with the updated General Data Protection Regulation, St Faith's (along with all other churches) is required to obtain your written consent to enable us to retain any of your personal information ie name, address, email. We use this information to stay in touch and to administer Gift Aid and the envelope giving scheme. Forms are available from the back of the church. Many thanks to those who have returned a form.

The JCC has agreed that the time has come to purchase new hymn books. The hymn book we would like to buy is Ancient and Modern: Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship. This hymn book contains the best of traditional and contemporary hymnody and would enable us to do away with the white sheets we currently use to supplement Hymns Old and New. The cost of a words only hymn book is £12.95. If we place an order in the next couple of months we will receive a 30% discount. Any donations will be most gratefully received.

The Rev'd Jeni McQuaid, currently curate at St Mark's has been appointed Vicar of St Paul's Letchworth and All Saints, Willian. Jeni leaves St Mark's at the end of July and begins her ministry in Letchworth in September. We wish her well.

For your diaries:

This year's Parish service will be on Sunday 1st July at 11.00 am, at Princess Helena College in Preston. More details to follow

Walsworth Festival: Sunday 20th May, 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

Unbelievably there are only 7 days before this major event in the Walsworth and St Faith's calendar. At St Faith's we open our doors to the local community from 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm to listen to musical performances and view artwork from local schools, whilst enjoying delicious cakes and tea. Homemade Cakes are needed for the teas - please see Brenda Gardner.

On the common St Faith's will be very much a visible presence. Our Mini-Fayre, 8.30 am - 4.00 pm, will be selling books, bric-a-brac, CDs and DVDs, jewellery, plants, sewing and knitting, toys and games. Help is still needed to run the Skittle Alley from 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm, plus other time slots on the stalls. Please do consider giving up an hour of your time to help St Faith's.

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to help either on the common or at St Faith's, plus the 9 car drivers - we couldn't do this without you. But we still urgently need more help on the common - this will give some of us a break in a long day.

Don't forget your plants need to be at St Faith's by 8.00 am next Sunday. More items to sell are still welcome but will need pricing by Saturday. Please sign the lists at the back of church or contact Mary Goose (Tel: 435605)

Party in the Square, Pentecost Sunday 20th May: Churches Together in Hitchin is once again holding this event to show the life and work of the churches in the town. It will begin with a service at 11.30 am then there will be food, stalls, activities and fun, all free, until about 4.00 pm. Members of all congregations are invited to come along, and bring others, so that this can be a great demonstration that the churches are alive and well and the Gospel is being proclaimed in word and action! More details from Phil Jackson phil.jackson@hcc.org.uk or 07842 133741.

I would like to thank everyone for their recent prayers for Barry Tyler who sadly passed away on the 27th April 2018 after a long illness. Tina Worsley

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to faith. This began as an invitation from the Archbishops' of Canterbury and York to the Church of England in 2016 and has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. St Faith's will be participating in this. Meanwhile you may like to look at the website, thykingdomcome.global

This week:

Monday: 7.30 am-8.30 am Church open
7.15 pm - 8.30 pm Choir practice

Tuesday: 7.30 am-8.30 am Church open
8.00 pm After Eights - Tim Mitchell tells of his life in the Police Force

Wednesday: 7.30 am-8.30 am Church open
9.30 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Back Chat

Thursday: 7.30 am-8.30 am Church open
9.30 am - 11.00 am Small Talk Toddler group

Friday: 7.30 am-8.30 am Church open
Saturday: 7.30 am-8.30 am Church open

Next Sunday: Pentecost

9.30 am Holy Communion with Sunday School groups
11.30 am Morning Prayer

Contact details:

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Please send notices for inclusion in the next bulletin (20^h May) to Dorothy Grieves by 6.00 pm on Wednesday 16th May.
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