



CHURCH OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE AND ST ANDREW

16 Nightingale Road, HITCHIN, SG5 1QS
(In the care of the Augustinians of the Assumption)



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4th – 11th April 2015 Sunday of the Resurrection

Mass Times
Saturday anticipating 6pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am and 5pm
Monday – Saturday 10am
Reconciliation Saturday 10.30am

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Diary

Sunday 5th	Easter Sunday Coffee Morning Confirmation Candidates
Monday 6th	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	N.B. No Bethany Club this week
	Eucharistic Service Church 7.15pm UCM Hall 8pm
Thursday 9th	Mass for St Pio 10am and rosary after No meeting in hall after
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Meditation Group Pastoral office 6.30pm
Sunday 12th	Coffee Morning Friends of Gainsford House

Readings: Acts 10:34-37-43, Col 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

Entrance antiphon I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm: This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad

Intercessions: Hear us, O Lord...

Response: Let your light shine upon

Next week: Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31

This Weekend: we rejoice with our Risen Saviour and give thanks for the Baptismal life we all share with Him: as we also welcome our three new members into our Community: Emily will be baptised at the 10.30am Mass, be confirmed and join us for the first time in the Eucharist. Again our thanks and appreciation for all the wonderful work done, so much of it behind the scenes, by so many of you. It all came together to help us relive the Liturgies of the Triduum and Holy Week. Our grateful thanks also to you for the Easter Collection which comes to the Order, in due course – your appreciation and warmth is much valued. We owe a big debt of gratitude to Trish for us being provided with what was necessary for each of us to fulfil the task which was ours

Faith Development Helpline

If you (or someone you know) needs to chat about your faith or have been feeling lost ring
07582 648433
Tues/Wed/Thurs 8pm-10pm.
Confidential service provided. No need to identify yourself



If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify Jacqueline Humphreys, the RC Chaplain on **07884 187463** directly, as the Hospital is not able to pass on the information to them. If you are in Pinehill Hospital, please contact the parish directly. When you come out of hospital or if you are ill and housebound please ring the parish office so we can minister to your needs if required.

If you have a need for prayer, please contact Mary on 07759195487 and let her know your prayer intentions.

Parish Prayer Heavenly Father, we offer you our Parish of Our Lady and St Andrew. May all who seek love, solace and security in our midst find them through the Christ who is in us. May His Spirit move us to proclaim the Gospel joyously: in our homes, in our town, in our country and to our world. May Your Spirit guide and inspire us in all that we do to promote your kingdom every day. Amen.

If someone close to you has died our Bereavement Team is specially trained to help. You can contact them through the Parish Office on 01462 459126.



Our Gardening Team is going from strength to strength in the work that they are doing around the property, thinning out the vegetation to allow trees and bushes to grow more easily, as well as improving the grounds with displays of flowers. It is a real delight to see how the grounds are really coming to life and allow us to enhance the beauty on the outside of our Church, to match the Easter splendour within – all done because it is we who are the Risen Body of Christ made visible, let us live that life to the full!

From us all in the Parish, Priests, Pastoral Assistants and Administrators, the Lord's abundant blessings upon all of you as we now live Easter Sunday for the next 50 days!

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We follow the Special Sheet provided for the whole of Easter Week, with our reverting to the normal Newsletter from next Sunday.

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Grateful thanks to our confirmation candidates and catechists who worked so hard to lead us in a moving and prayerful Stations of the Cross on Good Friday evening. We are so grateful for their efforts over Lent to serve the parish in this way.

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Norma Cashin's funeral will be on Thursday 9th April at 2.330pm at St Mark's Church then the family only at the crematorium.

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We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Susanna Hawksley to take over from Jane Gonzalez as Pastoral Assistant responsible for Co-ordinating Catechetics in the parish. Susanna will take up the post before Jane leaves in July. We know that she will continue the wonderful legacy that Jane has left us and will also bring her unique skills and experience to the benefit of our parish.

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Seeking to discover the interest in new candles, which are very eco-friendly, clean and ensure that our Church is kept beautiful: we are using some new and much more safe candles and stands, which also help us to develop our "Live Simply" award still further. Please make use of the stands over the next couple of weeks so that we can assess reaction to them. Any candle wax which is left over is recycled. They conform to health and safety regulations and ensure that any redecoration is kept to a minimum, as the candles are completely smokeless – something which our present lights are not. Comments please to the parish office or to any of the Parish Team, please. A final decision about them will be made after the experimental phase.

Helping with our scout units

We have 2 vacancies on our team of 3 volunteers to help with the administration of our beaver and cub units. The roles involve helping devise and document the programme, communications to parents, and co-ordination with guest speakers and the parish. Ideally someone with a bit of time during the day. Please contact Chrissi on chrissievans@2thechapmans.com or 07811 328798.

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Were you in scouting?

We are looking for people who were involved in a scout unit when they were young and can tell us about their experiences to give us ideas for our programmes. Please contact Chrissi on the details above.

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Christian Aid Week
10-16 May 2015

Local Christian Aid
Volunteers needed.

The annual House to House collection in Hitchin & Villages raises about £18,000 each year. Last year nationally Christian Aid raised £8million from House to House collections, about 78% of its income. The event is one of the biggest ecumenical events in the UK. Here in Hitchin we are in need of

- a) more volunteers to knock on doors and collect. Envelopes and other kit is supplied. The money is counted for you.
- b) two people willing to do the admin for a group of volunteers, count the money and possibly find some volunteers in two areas: 1 St John's area, streets near Hitchin cemetery and Hollow Lane. 2 the poets area, St Michaels Rd, Kipling Close etc.

If you can help with any of this or would like to know more please contact Helen Richardson, Hitchin & Villages Christian Aid Organiser, 01462 43595, 07880 682681 helenwrigh@btinternet.com

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KISS Charity Concert: is being held on Friday 17th April and : much hard work has been put into the preparations for this event, by the Musicians and Singers – from our Parish (adults and children) as well as Pupils and Staff of John Henry Newman School. Tickets are available over the weekend at £5.00. Barclays Bank have agreed to match £1 for £1 up to a total of £1000. We have had a good launching and hope now to raise as much money as possible to support the education of young people at two centres in Uganda.