

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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13th – 20th June 2015 11th Sunday Ordinary Time (Year B)



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 14th	Coffee Morning – Friends of Gainsford House
Monday 15th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 12 – 1.30pm
	Michaelmas Fair Planning LCR 8pm
Tuesday 16th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am
	UCM LCR 8pm Choir Church 8pm
Wednesday 17th	Rosary Group for All (Small babies welcome) Hall 9.30am
	Sacramental Preparation LCR 4.30pm
Thursday 18th	Italian Club Hall 1pm
Friday 19th	Lectio Divina Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 20th	Coffee Morning – One World Group

Readings: Ez 17:22-24, Cor 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

Entrance antiphon O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Psalm: It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

Intercessions: Lord, have pity.....

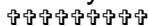
Response: Hear our humble prayer!

Next week: Job 3:1.8-11, 2 Cor 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

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Hospital

If you are going into hospital please take a copy of the leaflet in the church porch and notify 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.



This week's counting teams:
Sunday Team 1
Monday Team 4



Don't forget to continue to recycle and raise money for good causes. If you haven't already taken one please grab a poster with all the details from the porch and put it up where it will remind you to bring things when you come to church. Please note re collection of old pens that pencils and crayons cannot go into this collection but that EDAID collects these items for sending to needy families so please bring them in whenever the One World Group or EDAID have a coffee morning.

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.



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.

Sunday 28th June 10.30am Mass

will be a Mass of Welcome to our new parishioners who have joined us over the year, and thanksgiving for the service and ministries offered by our parishioners to the parish. We also take this chance to say our final goodbyes to Jane Gonzalez after her years of service to our Parish and we formally welcome Susanna Hawksley to the role of Catechist Co-ordinator. This mass will be followed by a **Bring and Share Picnic** in the garden if the weather is good or in the hall if it is inclement. Please sign up on the notice in the porch.



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To all Ministers of the Word, the next rota has been circulated via email but there are a few printed copies in the Readers slot in the Link.

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CAFOD box collection will take place after all masses next weekend (**20/21 June**) **Gift aid envelopes** will be available in the porch or from the collectors.

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Going to **Rhythms of the World**? Volunteers needed to man/woman the CTH stall in the community marquee for just 1 hour over the **20/21 June weekend**. We'll be promoting CAP, Street Angels, Phase, Foodbank, etc....and giving away CTH balloons. If you can help, **call Eddy on 01462 619205**.

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GIFT AID - TAX REBATE CLAIM:

We will shortly be submitting the tax rebate claim for money donated to the Church under the Gift Aid Scheme in the tax year ending April 2015. If you have signed up for Gift Aid but no longer pay tax, please inform our **Planned Giving & Gift Aid Organiser – David Wilson on 01462-627784** – so that we do not submit an inappropriate claim. If you are not sure whether or not you have signed up for Gift Aid or whether you have paid enough tax to cover what we will claim, David will be able to let you know. Similarly, if you have not yet signed up for Gift Aid, but would like to do so, it is not too late and you should contact David. Also, can we take this opportunity to remind you that a Gift Aid donation must be made in the name of the person who pays the tax on the money that is donated; if that is not the case, please let David know and alternative arrangements can be made. We again thank all of you who have signed such an important part in financing the running of the Church.

Diary

Monday 15 June

8pm MICHAELMAS FAIR A planning meeting will take place in the Lower Committee Room. Please come along if you would like to run a stall or help in any way. If you would like to help but cannot attend the meeting please **contact Pam Brannigan 01462 632587** or email pambrannigan2004@hotmail.com

Future Dates:

June 26 & 27 Praise & Worship Workshop Organised by Built on Faith Church at the New Testament Church of God in Willian Road on Friday 26 June 6.30-9pm and Saturday 27th June 10am-4pm. Come along and gain an understanding of the purpose and function of singing in the House of God, with a taste of vocal training from world renowned Vocal Singing Technician and singer Andrea Robinson. Book online £49.00 www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/breakthrough-praise-tickets-17102456909 or contact **Leigh Smith on 07931 833838** for details.

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June 26 7.30pm Prayer service for bereaved parishioners in the church run by Our Lady's Bereavement Support Group. There will be an opportunity to place names in a basket of Remembrance which will be placed on the altar. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the service.

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July 1 Pray and Fast for the Climate'

As part of the 'Pray and Fast for Climate Change' initiative our church will then be open for a vigil prayer time from 6pm to 8pm.

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Other Items of interest:



Extra Smile Project in Letchworth serves the many needy people in our community who are unable to afford or do not have the money and skills to do jobs in their home. There are people in churches who have the skills to help and would welcome the opportunity to serve others in this way. We propose to set up a branch of the Extra Smile Project in Hitchin, our own project but leaning on the experience gained in Letchworth. The project would operate on one Saturday morning each month. We need to find people who would be willing to be involved with this from all. **Find out more about this on Saturday 27th June at 9.30am at the Hitchin Christian Centre. It would be great to have some of our parishioner be with Trish!**