



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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9th - 16th January 2016 The Baptism of the Lord (Year C)

Mass Times

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

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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.

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



Year of Mercy Prayer Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and our Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diary

Sunday 10th	Coffee Morning - KISS
	Confirmation session Hall 6-8.30pm
Monday 11th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Meditation Group LCR 11.15-12.30pm
	PPC Meeting LCR 7.30pm
Tuesday 12th	Morning Prayer Church 9.30am
	Bethany Club Hall 10.30am – 3pm
	Eucharistic Service 7.15pm Church
	Choir practice 8pm Church
Wednesday 13th	Rosary Group for All Hall 9.30am
Thursday 14th	Rosary Church after Mass
	Italian Club Hall 1pm
	Christian Meditation Group Pastoral Office 6.30pm
Friday 15th	Parent & Toddler Group Hall 9.30 – 11am
	Lectio Divina - Pastoral Office 2pm
Sunday 16th	Coffee Morning –One World Group

Readings: Is 40:1-5.9-11, Tit 2:11-14.3:4-7, Luke 3:15-16.21-22

Entrance antiphon After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Psalm: Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.

Intercessions: Lord, send your spirit among us.

Response: He will renew the face of the earth

Next week: Is 62:1-5, Cor 12:4-11, John 2:1-11

This week's counting teams:

Sunday Team 3 Monday Team 2

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CAFOD collection will take place after all masses next weekend (16/17th January)

Gift aid envelopes will be available in the porch or from the collectors.

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Meeting needs at Christchurch is a project run from Christchurch which aims to re-locate good quality items that are no longer needed to families in need who would be able to use them. If anyone can help please call me on 01462 816658 or email stephaniefkirby@hotmail.com



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.

Next weekend: At the 5pm Mass next Sunday, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, a liturgical rite for those who wish to become catechumens –when they will publicly express their desire to follow the way of Jesus. We will also celebrate the Rite of Welcome for those Christians who want to become Roman Catholics. Please pray for Laura Lambie, Jade Turner, Luis Gil, and Klazina Hofmann as we accept their intention and welcome them into our parish community. We also pray for Jonathan Sisk who is being prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation

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 Our love and sympathy go to the family of John Furphy, who died suddenly on Thursday morning. We pray for Phaedra his wife and Dominic and Austin his sons. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th January

7.30pm Pastoral Parish Council Meeting in LCR.

Wednesday 13th January

2.30pm Mass at Foxholes All parishioners welcome.

Thursday 14th January

2.30pm Our Lady's School **Year 4 will be holding a Liturgy of the Word and Communion at the school.**

Future Dates

Jan 24 **3pm Talk & Tea, The Friends of Holy Saviour's first event of 2016** will be in Holy Saviour Church. "G.F.Watts: Art, Death & Immortality" Dr Cherry Sandover will talk on G.F. Watts, the eminent Victorian painter and sculptor, and the amazing Watts Cemetery Chapel, Compton, designed by his wife. Tickets, £8 are available from Gill Chidgey, 01462 423603 or Clare Fleck 07717270890 or the Hitchin Town Centre Initiative.

Jan 31 **6.30pm Taize service at St Mark's.** It will include Bible readings and quiet reflection, with music from the Taize community and some written in its style by Andrew Parr, the St Mark's organist. All are welcome.

Feb 8 **8pm CTH Council meeting at Tilehouse Street Baptist church.** There will be a few items of business then members of the Hitchin Churches Youth and Children's Forum will lead a session on work with children and young people. You may or may not be aware that this Forum, organised by PHASE, meets regularly to support this work which goes on outside/alongside the work in schools. Liz Bundy wants to highlight this

important work during her year and we look forward to a good session.

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Other Items of Interest

Double bed in very good condition including mattress and bedding is available free of charge. A small donation to MacMillan Cancer Research may be made if you wish. Please contact Nigel Schofield (01462 442338) for additional information.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18-25 January is celebrated throughout the world each year and here in Hitchin we are marking it in two ways:

- On Sundays 17 and 24 January, our ministers will be preaching in different churches as part of our pulp[it exchange]

- On Sunday 24 January, there is a united service at 6.30 pm in St Faith's Church; Liz Bundy of Hitchin Christian Centre will be welcomed as the new Chairwoman of Churches Together and will share her testimony with us.

The theme for the Week, chosen this year by the churches of Latvia, is 'Salt of the Earth'. If you would like to use prayers and readings for the Week, these can be found on the Churches Together website - <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/>

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Lent house groups will begin in the week commencing Sunday 14 February for five weeks up to Holy Week. The study is entitled *All is Gift* written by Barbara Wood of Churches Together in Kew. It covers gifts from God to us such as time, talents and skills, our treasures and being a worthy steward. There are plenty of discussion questions for leaders of groups. If you would like to give your time and talents to be either a host of a group in your home, or to lead a group, please let Helen Richardson know by 18 January - 01462 435595, 07880 682681 (texting is fine) or helenwrigh@btinternet.com Please include your contact details and which days and time of day you are able to offer.

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Christians against Poverty (CAP) job club is starting on Wednesday 20 January, running for 8 weeks, 1:30-3:30 every Wednesday. It is aimed at the long term unemployed who need help with CV writing, interview techniques, skills matching, job searching and above all confidence to enter back into the world of work. It's free of course, and includes nice refreshments. Details from Phil on 07842 144741.