**October Updates from Phase**

* **New member of staff** – We are absolutely delighted that Emily Croucher has started at Phase. Here’s what she has to say about joining the team:

*“I’m Emily and I’ve just joined the Phase team as the Early Intervention Lead. I am really passionate about young people and have been involved in youth work in many capacities, but am super excited to have the opportunity to be part of a team who are making a real difference and having a lasting impact on the wellbeing of young people.*

*“I have just moved to Hitchin from Bournemouth, where I worked as a teaching assistant for the past two years, as well as volunteering with youth work at my church and leading a detached youth work team. I also studied psychology at university and am eager to develop my learning and apply it to supporting and equipping young people with tools to develop resilience and a positive wellbeing.*

*“It’s been a great first week so far. I have felt instantly welcomed as part of the team and have enjoyed the variety of things to get involved with. Every day seems to be different! I am really looking forward to getting stuck in to schools and starting the “On your marks” programmes, as well as meeting so many different people and becoming part of the amazing community here in Hitchin!”*

* **London Half Marathon 2020** - We are very excited to have **five** spaces available for Phase runners for this event on 1st March 2020. It takes place around many of the iconic landmarks in London and is a great way to raise funds for Phase. Contact the office on 01462 422940 / office@phase-hitchin.org if you would like further information or are interested in taking up one of these spaces.
* **Volunteering opportunity:** Phase has been given the opportunity by Hitchin Fireworks to help out at their Firework display on Sunday November 3rd at The Priory in Hitchin. Hitchin Fireworks will donate £20 for each person who helps them with the event during the evening. Donations for Phase will also be collected on Windmill Hill by some volunteers carrying donation buckets.

Gates open at 4pm on the day and the display starts at 6.30pm. Volunteer availability is therefore needed between approx 3pm & 9pm. All volunteers will need to be fairly fit and able as this could be quite an active afternoon/evening! If you are interested in helping out at this event, please contact the office on 01462 422940 or emailing office@phase-hitchin.org.

*Lizzie Feltoe, Admin Assistant*

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* *phone the office 01462 422940*
* *visit our website www.phase-hitchin.org and click on ‘Join the Cause/Donate’ or*
* *speak to your Church Phase Rep (for Hitchin churches)*

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