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Forthcoming Events

Sunday 5th October 10am for 10.30am
Explore Service

Sunday 12th October 4pm

The Launch Prayer and Praise Service for the
Biggin Hill, Hayes and Keston cluster (see page 7)

Friday 31st October to Sunday 2nd November
Darkness into Light Weekend
(More details on page 14)

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Front cover - pictures of the ceiling of the chancel of St. Mark's Church

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Office hours: 10 am to 11.30 am Tuesday

10 am to 12 noon Wednesday & Thursday

Sundays at St. Mark's

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.30am Parish Communion (Except 1st Sunday)

10.30am 1st Sunday - 'EXPLORE' takes place in the church and is a very informal cafe-style worship, which is ideal for families, new Christians and those exploring Christianity.

6pm for 6.30pm 'REFRESH' - 3rd Sunday of each month

‘God is light; in him is no darkness at all.’

1 John 5.

As I write this article for the *Moving Church News*, I have been aware these last couple of weeks of a distinct chill in the air, in the early mornings and evenings. The evenings are drawing in and the days are getting shorter, and one is reminded that Autumn is well and truly here.

Autumn I have to say is my favourite season, (although by January I have had enough of the long dark days) and as I walk in the local countryside with Nelson, I love seeing the trees changing colours, the conkers that fall to the floor from Horse Chestnut Trees, the berries, and also the different varieties of fungi that flourish in the cool damp autumn air.

Not only is there a change in nature's season, but there is also a change in the Church's year, after the long period, which is known as 'Trinity.' Suddenly there is an expectation as we look to celebrate Harvest Festival, All Souls Day, All Saints Day, Remembrance Sunday, and then the beginning of Advent.

Many adults and children will be looking forward to celebrating Halloween. Through the ages, there have been many rituals associated with the return of the winter. For example in the past burning barrels were carried through towns and villages and hurled into rivers and lakes to imitate the failing of the sun. Halloween is also an autumn festival, in that apples feature a lot in games as well as toffee apples being a favourite Halloween treat. Pumpkins also come into season at this time of year, and are often turned into pumpkin lanterns.

Children love to dress up, and go out 'trick or treating.'

Many of the traditions of Halloween also go back to a time when there was a much stronger belief in the powers of good and evil, and were about warding off evil spirits. Christianity has a strong belief in the reality of evil, but also of a stronger good in the person of Christ. We believe that Christ is the Light of the World, and that his light and love are stronger than any evil.

Which is why over the weekend of Friday 31st October-2nd November St. Mark's is holding a 'Darkness to Light' Event.

This will begin with Messy Church on the Friday morning (10.30am). The theme of Messy Church will be about Christ's light shining in the darkness. In the evening the church will be open, with refreshments available. (Hot Dogs and hot drinks.)

The Church will be lit by candlelight, and there will be stands with posters, and information of how Christ's light shines in our world today.

The 'Darkness to Light' theme will be reflected in events and Services throughout the weekend. On Saturday 1st November to celebrate All Saints Day, which is when the Church gives thanks for Saints who have inspired the Church through the ages, we will be having a Parish Dinner. For this occasion we have a Christian Magician to entertain us.

On Sunday 2nd of November, our monthly 'Explore Service' will be following the theme of 'Darkness to Light'. In the afternoon, we will be holding our Annual All Souls' service. This is the service in which we invite people to come and remember those who have died. People are invited to bring a flower and lay them in front of the altar, and then light a candle. A small act, but in so doing we remember that those who have died, but who are now in the presence of God's eternal light.

It is hoped that as many of our congregation will come and support this event, and that others who live in our parish will join us for this festival, as we reflect on the love of God and his initiative in saving the world from evil and how he transforms situations and individuals by the light and love of Christ.

Other special events and services, that will be taking place over the next couple of months include our Harvest Festival Service, which is followed by a Harvest Lunch. Harvest is a time when we give thanks for all that God provides for us. In the Old Testament in the book of the Prophet Joel, are written the words ;

*Rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you
 The autumn rains in righteousness.
 He sends you abundant showers,
 both autumn and spring rains ,as before.
 The threshing- floors will be filled with grain;
 The vats will overflow with new wine and oil.*

Joel. 2. 23-24

We will once again this Harvest be collecting shoeboxes, which will be sent to Romania in November, which will be distributed to families and children in schools, by teams from the Biggin Hill Romania Group.

Another important event that will be happening on October 12th at **4.00pm** is the Launch Service, of the 'Biggin Hill, Hayes and Keston Cluster.' The three Churches of the our villages have made a commitment to work together, in the future. A special celebratory service has been organized, which will involve members of all three Churches.

We have also planned a joint Confirmation Course in the spring. There will be more details about the course in the next edition of Moving Church News.

As the nights draw in, it is good to reflect on the Light of Christ shining in the darkness, in the words from John's Gospel.

'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'

John 8:12

Rev. Jeanette McLaren

Keeping up with everything at St. Mark's.

If you want to receive a regular email giving all of the details of events and services at St. Mark's please email your details to Chris Walker. Her email is asnail@ntlworld.com. Your email address will not be passed on to anyone else.

A CHORISTER'S STORY

"Oh dear, we'll never get them all in!" said my mother.

We were in St. Mark's Church one Sunday morning in 1952,

Not our beautiful modern St. Mark's with its fascinating history, but the "tin tabernacle" on the opposite side of the Main (then



Westerham) Road. We had moved to Biggin Hill from Hayes in 1950; my parents were "down-sizing" and in search of a bigger garden.

My mother was worrying about my forthcoming wedding and the number of friends and relatives expected to attend. So my wedding took place in St. Mary's, Hayes, where we had regularly attended for many years.

However, some six years later we (husband, children, cat and me) had moved back to Biggin Hill to be nearer my parents. It was 1958 and I was delighted to become part of this bustling, thriving new Church family.

When my son Andrew was 8 he joined the Church choir and daughter Alison followed him a short while later, both enjoying singing and music generally. All went well until Andrew's voice "broke" and he launched into secondary school. Knowing that

Alison might not want to stay in the Choir without her big brother, I joined to keep her company. For a long time, until Alison went to University we sang in the Choir together whenever possible.

My attendance in the Choir has not been continuous; another son arrived and other family commitments took me away from time to time, but over the years it has been my joy and privilege to take part in services. From the heydays when the Choir numbered in the twenties, (men, women and children) for Sunday morning Eucharist and Evensong, to the present time when we struggle to maintain half that number, singing has remained a valued part of my life.

Margaret Howe

Advice and Services in Biggin Hill

Biggin Hill Community Care Association facilitates the following advice sessions. No appointment is needed. They are held in

St. Mark's Centre, St. Mark's Church, Church Road.

Parkinson's UK 1st Wednesday 10am-12 noon

See what the Branch can do for you. For more information, contact Steve Kingston on steve.kingston@ntlworld.com

General Advice - 2nd & 4th Wednesday 10am-12 noon

General advice is offered from our advisor, who will be able to direct you to the information or services that you may need.

Hearing Aid Maintenance Clinic:

The clinic is held on the 4th Thursday of the month (except December) at St. Mark's Centre from 1pm to 2.30pm. Call in to have your NHS hearing aid cleaned and collect new batteries - all free of charge. The clinic is run by the Charity 'Hi Kent'. For more details please call 01622 691151 or go to www.hikent.org.uk. No appointment is needed.

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Bell Ringing

Please contact the Parish Office on 01959 577816

1st Biggin Hill Guides

Please contact Rosemary Spurway on 01959 575717

Home Groups

Home groups meet every fortnight for fellowship and Bible Study. For more information contact David Shannon on 01959 700668

Junior Church

For primary age children. Held in the church hall on Sundays from 10.30am

Music Group

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DANCING IN THE BREEZE

The eruption of bulbs through the soil surface at any time of the year and the gentle way they move provocatively in the slightest of breeze always brings a smile. Winter in particular, especially if the winter is harsh, brings joy and relief, knowing that spring is not too far away.

Bulbs are a general term used that we generally group together, but botanically they differ. Bulbs such as *Narcissus* (daffodils) have a short stem with fleshy leaves or leaf basis that function as food storage organs during dormancy. Corms, rhizomes and tubers are underground organs. *Crocus* is a solid, swollen stem whose scales have been reduced to a dry leaf like covering. A rhizome is a specialised stem which grows horizontally at or just below the soil surface and a tuber is an enlarged portion of an underground stem like potato tubers which has nodes that produce buds.

Bulbs can provide colour throughout the year and are available from late August through to November. This time of year it is spring flowering bulbs available with a small amount of autumn flowering bulbs that need attention.

Flowering now are short perennials that have flowered earlier in the summer such as *Alchemilla* and *Geraniums*, pink or white goblet shaped flowers of the *colchicum* or 'Naked Ladies'. Plant them just below the surface in late August and early September, or you can have them flowering in just a saucer of water and enjoy them indoors.

When growing bulbs, there are a few simple rules, plant the bulb twice its depth, especially *Narcissus* and *Tulip*, they will benefit being planted deeper. Also plant *Tulips* later than other bulbs, preferably in November, as they prefer colder conditions to perform, compared to other bulbs. There are some exceptions to planting depths, both *Cyclaman* and *Nerines* like to be planted just under the soil, in fact they liked to be baked by the summer sun. Some bulbs also prefer good drainage and moisture especially during summer when they are building up reserves ready to flower the following spring.

There are a few pests and diseases: everybody knows *Lily Beetle* and slugs that devour *Lilies* but also keep an eye out for *Narcissus* fly larvae that burrow into the neck of the bulbs and eelworms, microscopic worms that eventually stunt the growth of the plant. *Tulip fire*, a fungal disease, producing brown spots and twisted withered and distorted leaves, as if they have been scorched by fire. Discard them, but don't put in compost heap as the spores will be with you for some time

Bulb foliage can sometimes look untidy at the end of the flowering period but to allow them to die down naturally, do not tie them in knots or cut the

foliage. Bulbs need a minimum of six weeks once the plant has flowered to allow nutrients to return to the bulb for the following year. It would benefit by dressing the soil with a general fertiliser such as Bonemeal or Growmore, to give them an extra boost.

Bulbs are very adaptable, you can grow them in containers for static displays or place them around the garden in areas where it is looking a little drab or if you have no room to plant them in the ground during autumn, plant in containers and plant in the border later when the garden is just starting to wake up to give that instant effect.

After some years, bulbs tend not to flower so freely, they become congested and need splitting. Lift and split the clumps in early summer and replant them in your chosen areas at a similar depth to what they have been used to and they will flower their socks off once again.

There are miniature bulbs that have a delicate, jewel box charm that is hard to resist and tall bulbs that will rise majestically above other plants, so much to choose from, easy to grow, bulbs will accommodate everybody's taste.

Purchase some and be ready to be amazed how much they brighten up your day.

Enjoy your gardening!

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 17th September - 'The Wonderful World of Fungi by Irene Palmer

Saturday 4th October - General Quiz, teams of six compete against each other to be the number one team on general knowledge. Are you good enough? £2 per person with prizes and raffle and bring your own nibbles and drink. THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES, TABLETS, LAP TOPS OR HELP FROM ABOVE IS PROHIBITED.

Wednesday 15th October - 'The Work of the Plant Heritage and National Plant Collections in Kent' by Jude Lawton.

Wednesday 19th November - Annual General Meeting (join the committee, the society needs you!) plus speaker (tba)

Doors open at 7.30 pm for 8 pm start.

Thank you

Nick Hagon

(Chairman of The Biggin Hill and District Horticultural Society)

The Darkness to Light Weekend

What is “Darkness to Light”?

Darkness to Light is a series of events around a single theme. The theme of Darkness and Light illustrates God’s powerful initiative in saving the world from evil and transferring us to the light of Christ.

When will it take place?

The events will take place during an ancient Festival of the church - the Eve of All Hallows (Friday 31st October), All Saints’ Day (Saturday 1st November), and All Souls Day (Sunday 2nd November 2014).



Where?

All events will be in St Mark’s Church, the Moving Church.

Who?

Darkness to Light will be an opportunity for us to explore the dynamic of our Christian faith. It will also be an ideal opportunity to invite others to consider God’s generous offer to transform difficult, complex and seemingly intractable situations - out of darkness and into light.

How?



This theme will be facilitated by a display of posters, a dinner with a magician, a Messy Church, an Explore service, a service for the bereaved, and times of Open Church, all centred on the theme.

Display of Posters

Sixteen posters will be displayed from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon just inside the main entrance to St Mark’s.

Starting with Genesis, the posters trace God's gift of Light in creation, guidance, transformation, Transfiguration, salvation, rescue, regeneration and final judgement.

Dinner with a Magician

All members of St Mark's have the opportunity to contribute to the success of the weekend by bringing guests (14 years +) to the Dinner on Saturday 1st November. A three-course meal will be followed by a presentation by Ian Hutchinson. Ian (from Eltham) is both a First Aid trainer and a Member of the Fellowship of Christian Magicians. Entrance to the Dinner is by pre-paid ticket only.



Members of St Mark's can invite friends and relations, and should then buy tickets (£10) for them from Jeanette (540482), Caroline (576093) or Gordon (079 001 575 30).

Open Church

The display of posters illustrating darkness and light may be viewed from 1800 on Friday, and 1000 on Saturday. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and to discuss the theme.

Programme

Eve of All Hallows: Friday 31st Oct

10.30 Messy Church;

18.00 Open Church.

All Saints' Day: Sat 1st Nov

10.00 Open Church Coffee & Sale

18.30 for 19.00 Dinner.

All Souls' Day: Sun 2nd Nov

10.00 for 10.30 Explore Cafe Church;

16.00 Service for the Bereaved.

FOCUS ON.....Messy Church

Once again a most excellent Messy Church with over fifty children and their parents attending. Well done Judy and the team!





The pictures show the children involved in the various activities of Messy Church and enjoying the meal afterwards.



**The next messy church will be on Friday 31st
October at 10.30am**



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**The people of St. Mark's Church would like you to know
that we pray for Biggin Hill regularly.**

If you would like us to pray for you, someone you know or for something that concerns you, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.

Please telephone the Church office on 577816. The office is normally open from 10 am to 12 midday Monday to Thursday. A message can be left on the answer machine outside of these times.

If you prefer, you could send your prayer request to St. Mark's
Vicarage, 10, Church Road, Biggin Hill,
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WINTER IS AN ETCHING, SPRING A WATERCOLOUR, SUMMER AN OIL PAINTING AND AUTUMN IS A MOSAIC OF THEM ALL

Misty, chilly mornings greet us in the sensory garden this time of year with heavy dew, the appearance of autumn colours, ruby gems of fruit and the visit of the cobweb fairy, lining everything with droplets of dew and a sprinkling of stardust, showing their intricate designs. The equinox has been and gone and the nights are sharply closing in. We can still get the odd warm, dry day to get out in the garden, however tidying up the border can be detrimental to some wildlife, as some plants can offer rich pickings as autumn approaches.

With the arrival of various hues as senescence starts to take hold of the plants, the picture changes once again in the sensory garden from shades of green to butter yellow, russets, purples and reds, a rich tapestry interspersed with fruits and late flowers, as if almost a second spring has arrived when every leaf is a flower.

The late flowers of the Aster, Sedum, Buddleia, Anemone, Verbena and many other flowers provide an important source of rich nectar for the bees and hoverflies this time of year. While the rich coloured berries adorn the many shrubs and trees in the garden they are almost ready for the autumn feast.

Having visited the garden recently, the trees and shrubs are full of fruit slowly ripening. The rich fruits of the elder which so many people use to make wine, will undoubtedly be loved by birds, while the crab apple, pear, hawthorn, dogwood, wild rose, honeysuckle and snowberry are dripping of fruit.

Whilst nearby, ivy is full in bud ready to burst into flower next month, almost the last flower to provide nectar when little else is available and is often full of bees, flies, hoverflies and late wasps before the chilly nights end their year. But it doesn't end there as

the ivy provides a wonderful warm, safe and sheltered spot for many wildlife during winter.

The sensory garden shows its true colours this time of year, not only for the community, but the garden was designed to cater for wildlife, especially for this time of year. Important nectar, flower seed heads for the birds and fruit for the birds and other wildlife while providing shelter when the winter is harsh.

During October and November, Mine Shaw and Jugs Hill will host spectacular fungi as they erupt through the surface of the ground or on rotting wood, visit and see the delights or visit a fungi foray near you to understand the stories behind each one found. Also wood piles can be found in the undergrowth providing excellent safe havens for invertebrates, frogs and toads, while brambles with their last remains of fruit will also give shelter and food.

As we approach October and November and the autumnal equinox (officially the beginning of autumn when the twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of night are equal) has passed in September, many people see winter as the end of the growing year. Yet many understand it is now the beginning of a new season. Nature aids the dispersal of their seed via animals, birds, wind, rain and humans. The weather will then break down their barriers and dormancy, ready for that seed to germinate the following spring. And the whole cycle starts again!

The Friends of Biggin Hill Parks are a vital and passionate group of people that care for their environment and their community, but we desperately need your help to maintain our environment around us in Biggin Hill. We meet every second Saturday of the month for a couple of hours to work at any of the three sites, sensory garden, Jugs Hill and Kings Road open space, but we need your help, even for an hour. Tasks we carry out are weeding, edging, litter picking, cutting down small tree saplings, pruning, sweeping, bulb planting and so on. Tools, rubbish bags etc are supplied.

Do join us and keep Biggin Hill a place to be proud of. Telephone Nick Hagon, 01959 575799 for further information between 6.30pm and 9 pm.



Biggin Hill & Westerham Lions Club

Quiz Night

Biggin Hill and Westerham Lions Club are holding another of their great Quiz Nights on 11th October 2014.

As usual it will be held in St Theresa's Church Hall, Haig Road, Biggin Hill. Tickets are £10 per head which includes a Fish & Chips supper. Quizzers are asked to make a team of 6 and phone Malcolm Lowing on 01959 576628 to book a table.

Proceeds of this quiz will be donated to Leonard Cheshire Disability to help fund major construction and refurbishment work at their home at Chipstead Lake.

Our last quiz in March was fully booked - so please book early to avoid disappointment.

The photo of our last quiz in March which raised £500 for SERV Kent (bloodrunners).

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Biggin Hill Romania Group

Family Boxes and Christmas Shoeboxes

The Biggin Hill Romania Group usually collects about 2,000 Christmas shoeboxes each year to distribute in and around the area of Comanesti, Romania. If possible, we would love to collect even more, so that more youngsters

will benefit and receive these lovely gift-wrapped boxes that have been filled with presents. Family boxes are collected as well to distribute to poor and destitute families in the same area.

A list of items to go into the Shoeboxes and Family Boxes can be found in this magazine for you to tear out to attach to your box. For the Christmas shoeboxes, we usually have less boy boxes than girl boxes. To help with the distribution of the shoeboxes it is beneficial to have Unisex boxes that can be handed to either sex if we are short of boy or girl boxes. It would be really helpful if you are able to complete a Unisex box.

Please wrap the lid and base of the shoebox separately with Christmas wrapping paper, secure with two elastic bands and then tape the bottom part of the label to the top of the shoebox, not forgetting to indicate the age and sex the shoebox is intended for. The delivery went very smoothly last Christmas because the gift boxes were clearly labelled.

Three groups of volunteers will go to Romania in December, paying their own way, to distribute the boxes to the children and families, many of whom would not otherwise receive anything for Christmas. We are happy to show you photographs of the children and families receiving and opening their boxes on our return, or may be able to give a presentation to larger groups interested in seeing more.

These gifts bring tremendous joy to the children and families who receive them. They also bring them the assurance that they are loved and valued. Please help us to fill Comanesti once more with happy children and families by giving them not only the gift of a box but also the gift of hope and love.

You will probably read this after the Harvest Service in St Marks on Sunday 28th September when the boxes are being collected . If so, please just let us have them before 19th October.

Call Sandra on 700489 or Chris on 700815 for any further information.

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Gift Aid Declaration

We would be grateful for a donation to assist with transportation. We suggest £2 for a shoebox and £5 for a family box. With the changed Gift Aid scheme your gift can go even further. For every pound you give we can currently reclaim a further 25 pence. That means a gift to the Biggin Hill Romania Group of £2.00 will total £2.50 - at no additional cost to you!

Full Name:

House Number:.....Postcode:

Email Address:

Number of gift boxes completed:

Number of shoeboxes completed:.....

Please insert your full name, house number and **Postcode** - using **CAPITAL** letters in the space provided.

Only one Gift Aid Declaration form needs to be completed even if more than one box is given.

I authorise the Biggin Hill Romania Group to treat all donations I have made since 6th April 2000 and all donations I shall make hereafter as Gift Aid Donations and reclaim tax accordingly. This declaration shall cover all of my giving until such time as I cancel it in writing.

Signed:..... Date:.....

Notes:

1. As your declaration covers donations that you may make in the future, please notify us if you change your name or address while this declaration is still in force.
2. You can cancel the declaration at any time by notifying us in writing. It will then not apply to donations you make on or after the date of cancellation or such date as you specify.
3. You must have paid enough UK Income or Capital Gains Tax to cover all of your charitable donation; other taxes such as Council Tax and VAT do not qualify
4. If in the future your circumstance change and you no longer pay tax on your income or capital gains tax equal to the tax that we claim, you can cancel your declaration as described in Note 2 above.

If you pay tax at the higher rate, you can claim further tax relief in your Self-Assessment Tax Return. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, please contact us. You can also get the leaflet IR113 Gift Aid from your local Tax Office.

Biggin Hill Romania Group**Family Box 2014****Suggested list of CONTENTS (please delete items not included)**

TOILETRIES:	PARFUMERIE:
Antiperspirant deodorant	Deodorant
Comb	Pieptene
Hand Cream	Cremă de mini
Mouthwash	Apă de gură
Shampoo	Șampon
Soap	Săpun
Toilet Paper	Hîrtie igienică
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes	Pastă de dinți & Perie de dinți
HOUSEHOLD:	ARTICOL DE UZ:
Bag	Sac
Blankets	Pături
Candles	Luminare
Cotton Wool	Vată
Cutlery Set	Tăcîmuri
Disinfectant	Dezinfectant
Flannels	Flanele
Hairbrush & Mirror	Perie de păr & Oglindă
Matches	Chibrit
Notebook	Carnet
Pencils	Creioane
Pens	Stiloun
Shoe Polish	Cremă de pantofi
Soft Toys	Jucării
Tea-towels	Prosop
Tin Opener	Deschizător de conserve
Tissues (Handkerchief)	Batistă de hîrtie
Torch	Lanternă
Wooden Spoons	Lingură
Umbrella	Umbrelă
Writing Paper	Hîrtie de scris
MEDICAL:	MEDICAL:
Antiseptic Cream	Cremă antiseptică
Bandage	Bandaj nt
Plasters	Pansament gipsat
FOOD:	FIDEA/OREZ
Pasta/Rice	Biscuiti/Madelene
Biscuits / Cake	Zahar/Malai
Sugar/Flour	Bulion
Tomato sauce	

To help assist towards the transportation costs, it would be appreciated if £5 could be folded and taped in the space provided. This is optional. Also please indicate who this box is suitable for in the space provided and then securely tape the label to the outside of the box.

£5 donation
given?

☐

Family

☐

Single Male

☐

Single Female

☐

Unisex

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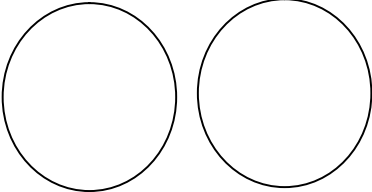
Biggin Hill Romania Group **Christmas Gift Box 2014**

Suggested list of Contents:

Toothbrush & Toothpaste
 Soap
 Sponge or Flannel
 Hairbrush and/or Comb
 Shampoo
 Tissues
 Gloves or Mittens
 Hat
 Scarf
 Socks
 Activity Book
 Paper
 Colouring pencils or crayons
 Pencil Case
 Pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler
 Pencils
 Pens
 Ball
 Small toys or games (that do not need written instructions)
 Soft toys
 Christmas card with your personal message/photograph of yourself
 Sweets in Packets

Please wrap the lid and box separately with Christmas wrapping paper, secure with two elastic bands and then tape the bottom part of this label to it. To help assist toward the transportation costs, it would be appreciated if two £1.00 coins could be taped in the spaces provided. This is optional. Also please indicate who this box is suitable for in the space provided

Please complete the Gift Aid form opposite, if you are a tax payer, to enable us to get more from your donation, at no additional cost to you and return the completed form with your shoebox

	Boy	<input style="width: 50px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	1-2 Years	<input style="width: 50px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
		<input style="width: 50px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	3-6 Years	<input style="width: 50px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
	Girl	<input style="width: 50px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	7-11 Years	<input style="width: 50px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
		<input style="width: 50px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	12-15 Years	<input style="width: 50px; height: 25px;" type="text"/>
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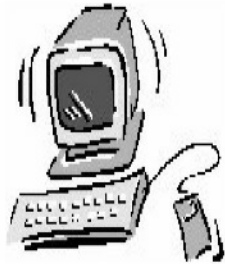
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St. Mark's is known as the "Moving Church" as in the 1950's it was constructed from materials brought from the redundant church of All Saints North Peckham. This remarkable feat of dismantling and building carried out by local Biggin Hill people was accomplished through the initiative and vision of the then vicar, The Revd. Vivian Symons. He mobilised the local parishioners to create a truly worthy parish church in place of their ageing corrugated iron building. This fascinating story is recounted in an illustrated colour guide available from the Church.

St. Mark's is a pilgrim church; we do not simply accept the status quo, we are on a spiritual journey as pilgrims of old, actively seeking to draw closer to God and discover His will both in our own lives and the life of our local church and community which we love and serve. We are anxious "not to store up treasures here on earth" but to use all our church resources given by God, in His service and for His glory.

We want to share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with all those in our parish and neighbourhood. Hopefully this is portrayed by the way we live our lives, and speak to others.

We respect that we are all children of God, and we want to discover Christ in each other, encouraging personal growth in our individual relationship with each other and with Jesus.

Worship is an integral part of our love for God, and we want our services to reflect dignity and sensitivity as well as joy and thanksgiving.

Our Main Services are shown on page 4

St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill - People's Prayer

Dear God in Heaven who loves us so much,
Thank You for everything You do and provide for us.

We pray for Your church and community here in
Biggin Hill, that we may know Your plans for us
in this special town.

Especially, we pray for help in bringing all Your
children to You, so they may come to know You fully,
through our actions enabled by Your Spirit,
And through the life, teaching and example of
Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Age Concern – Information & Advice Helpline	0208 315 1850
Benefit Enquiry Line	0800 88 22 00
Biggin Hill Aperfield W.I.	01959 572591
Biggin Hill Blind Club	01959 572817
Biggin Hill Community Care Association	01959 577400
New Life Church	01959 571667
Biggin Hill Evening W.I.	01959 572967
Biggin Hill Horticultural Society	01959 575799
Biggin Hill Musical Theatre Company	01959 701829
Biggin Hill Residents Association	01959 572299
Biggin Hill Rangers, Guides and Brownies	01689 848562
Biggin Hill Romanian Group	01959 700489
Biggin Hill Society	01959 572569
Biggin Hill Scout Group	01959 574625
Biggin Hill & Westerham Lions Club	01959 576628
Bromley Council – Office Hours 020 8464 3333	Nights 0208 464 4848
Bromley Assoc. for People with Disabilities (BATH)	0208 663 3345
Carers Bromley Helpline	0800 015 77 00
Childline (confidential helpline for children)	0800 1111 (24 hr)
Citizen's Advice Bureau (Bromley)	0208 315 1940
Community Links, Bromley	0208 315 1900
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Dial-a-Ride (For registration and enquiries)	0343 222 7777
Doctor's Surgeries –	
Stock Hill Surgery	01959 580011
Norheads Lane Surgery	01959 574488
FOAL Farm (Friends of Animals League)	01959 572386
GAS Emergency 24 hr freephone	0800 111 999
National Childbirth Trust (Biggin Hill)	01959 572209 or 01959 701765
NHS Choices - For non urgent medical advice	111
Police: Non Emergency Reporting	101
Local Safer neighbourhood team:	020 8721 2820
Princess Royal University Hospital	01689 863000
Rogue Traders Rapid Response	07903 852 090
St. Mark's Parish Office	01959 577816
St. George's Memorial Chapel	01959 570353
St. Theresa's RC Church	01959 571404
Schools - Biggin Hill Primary	01959 575846
Charles Darwin Secondary	01959 574043
Cudham Primary	01959 572673
Oaklands Primary	01959 573963
Tatsfield Primary	01959 577356
Samaritans (Local branch) - 01689 833 000	24 hr - 08457 90 90 90
Textphone for hard of hearing	08457 90 91 92
Social Services - 24hr emergency number	020 8464 4848
Spitfire Youth Centre	01959 574835
St. John Ambulance	01959 701281
Thames Water	0845 920 0800
Valley Hall Community Association	01959 573917/570020
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