

Prayer Diary – 16th July 2017

The Collect for today – Fifth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty God, we pray that you may so govern the course of this world that it may be peaceably ordered and that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

our mission partners: Jonny & Erica Greaves (The Oakes, Sheffield) and Mags Southern (SAMS in Asuncion, Paraguay).

those serving in the Armed Forces:

those marrying this month:

those leading/helping at camps, and the children and young people attending them:

our local schools:

Sir Leslie Martin and Old School House Nurseries and other schools which members of the church are involved in.

Hartford Church of England High School: wisdom for Phil to know how to develop the chaplaincy more in the months ahead.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 16th July 2017

All services are in **St John's Church** unless stated otherwise.

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Eddowes Room

10am Holy Communion – Exodus 1; *Israel Oppressed*

6.30pm Evening Prayer - Colossians 3:12-17; ... *and putting on the new*

8pm Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home

8pm TFG meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home

Preachers elsewhere today:

Jeremy Hunns at St Michael's, Marbury (11am)

Electronic notice sheet

Due to some persistent and very frustrating problems with email errors, after spending weeks in dialogue with our web hosting company, we have been forced to change the method we were using to send the notice sheet. Unfortunately, as a consequence of this change, some ISPs may now treat the notice sheet as spam, even though we are applying all possible technical options to indicate that our emails are legitimate messages. If you were previously receiving the electronic notice sheet but are no longer, we suggest looking in your spam folder and then marking the notice sheet as 'not spam', so it shouldn't happen again.

Men's and Ladies' Walk

There will be a combined Men's and Ladies' Walk, on Thursday 20th July, to Lyme Park and the Macclesfield Canal. It will be around 6.25 miles, with a lunch stop half way at Lyme Park, where there are toilet facilities and a café. If you don't want to do the whole walk, you can remain at Lyme Park and be collected on the way back. Please meet in the Church Centre car park at 9.30am to share lifts. If you are planning to come or for more information, contact Stephen Williams.

Tots and Tinies

During the summer holidays, there will be no Tots sessions on a Wednesday morning in the Church Centre. Instead, they will have informal get togethers each week where you can just turn up to play, anytime from 10am. As these are public play areas, older children are welcome too. Locations will be in the notice sheet each week, starting with Wednesday 26th July.

Help required for morning coffee on 23rd July

On Sunday 23rd July, Alf and Sandra are on the rota to make coffee after the morning service but are unable to be there. They have tried to do a swap but no-one has been able to help them. If anyone is willing to do the coffee for the morning service on this date, please get in touch with Mary Shorter.

Free piano!

Matthew and Judi Rigby have a piano which they no longer need. They are offering it to the church family, free of charge, to anyone who can come and collect it. For more information, please contact Judi.

Holiday Club 2017

Holiday Club 2017 will be 29th August to 1st September, 10am till 1pm. There are sign-up sheets available at the back of church, so please take a look and offer your help: your support, cake-baking, admin, teaching and general encouragement is most welcome and vital.

Holiday Club registration forms are now available at the back of church or can be downloaded from the church website. Please fill them in and return to Nathan.

Please would you collect the following items for this summer's **holiday club craft** ideas: cardboard tubes from inside kitchen rolls and 1 litre (tall) drinks cartons. There will be a collection box in the Church Extension. Thank you! *Judi Rigby*.

Wedding Invitation

Tahra Naeeni and Ken Kelly are getting married in St John's on Saturday 29th July at 2pm. They would like to invite the church family to join them for this special occasion and to share some refreshments in the Church Extension afterwards.

Church Photo Directory

If you didn't pick up a copy of the new Photo Directory when they were in church, they are now available from the Church Office during the week. The suggested donation to cover costs is £2.50 for a copy with a plastic cover, or £2 without. Please shred any old versions you have or pass them to the Church Office to do it for you.

Welcome to the Ham Family

Welcome to Alec (our new curate), Leah, Oscar & Charlie Ham. Please pray for Alec, as he starts his new role, and for the whole family as they settle into Hartford.

The Christian Institute meeting

On Thursday 20th July, 7.30-9pm, at Christ Church Wharton, The Christian Institute will be holding a meeting. The aim of the meeting is to encourage Christians to be confident and effective in taking a stand as salt and light in our nation. Some of the concerns that will be addressed are Gospel freedom, transsexualism and progress in the Ashers Baking Company case. For more details, please see the flyers on the Welcome Desk.

Tearfund Appeal

Famine has already been declared in parts of South Sudan, and Somalia is likely to experience famine this year. Parts of Kenya and Ethiopia are rapidly heading towards crisis stage. Extreme drought conditions, often worsened by conflict, have left millions on the brink of starvation and it will only get worse if we don't act quickly. If you would like to donate something towards Tearfund's East Africa Appeal, please use one of the purple envelopes and mark it 'Tearfund'.

Northern Women's Convention

On Saturday 14th October the Northern Women's Convention will take place at the Life Centre in Bradford. The speaker this year is Agnes Brough and the title is 'Worth it?' - seeking to live out our faith in an unbelieving world when it is very difficult, and asking if following Jesus is really worth it. For more details, please see the NWC website or flyers on the Welcome Desk.

Help with reading in schools

We would love more church members to become involved in supporting our local schools, by joining our Pray Bake Read scheme. We currently have small teams of volunteers praying for four of our schools, going in to listen to children read and/or baking cakes for the children. The schools are very grateful for what we are already doing but there is a real need for more help. If you think this is something you would like to know more about, please speak to Teresa.

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Monday 17th July *Readings: Joshua 24, Acts 4, Jeremiah 13, Matthew 27*

Church Office closed today

Jackie away until Wednesday 19th July

10.30am Staff meeting

8pm St John's Committee meet in the Church Centre

Tuesday 18th July *Readings: Judges 1, Acts 5, Jeremiah 14, Matthew 28*

9.30am-2pm Church Office open in the Church Centre

7pm Music practice in St John's

7.45pm Ladies' Summer Meal in the Church Centre

Wednesday 19th July *Readings: Judges 2, Acts 6, Jeremiah 15, Mark 1*

Phil at Hartford Church of England High School Christian Union (1-1.45pm)

9.30am-5pm Church Office open in the Church Centre (Wednesday and Thursday)

10am Tots and Tinies meet in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Communion (*Mike*)

8pm Housegroup Socials

Thursday 20th July *Readings: Judges 3, Acts 7, Jeremiah 16, Mark 2*

9.30am Men's and Ladies' Walk - meet in the Church Centre car park to share lifts

8pm Operations' Committee meet in the Church Centre Conference Room

Friday 21st July *Readings: Judges 4, Acts 8, Jeremiah 17, Mark 3*

Mike's day off

Nathan away until Friday 28th July

Ministry team taking Hartford Church of England High School Chapel Services (2.55pm)

10.30am-3pm Church Office open in the Church Centre

Saturday 22nd July *Readings: Judges 5, Acts 9, Jeremiah 18, Mark 4*

Alec away until 6th August

George away until 11th August

Sunday 23rd July *Readings: Judges 6, Acts 10, Jeremiah 19, Mark 5*

8am Holy Communion in St John's

10am Morning Prayer in St John's (Matthew 23:23-28)

6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (Colossians 3:18-4:1)

For more details about the daily Bible reading plan, including online readings, please visit our website