

Prayer Diary – 6th August 2017

The Collect for today – Eighth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty God, whose never-failing providence governs everything in heaven and on earth, humbly we ask you to remove all that is hurtful and to give that which is profitable to us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

our mission partners Local CAP Centre in Northwich (Janet Greaves) and Stephen & Catriona Bennett (CMS in Rwanda).

those serving in the Armed Forces:

our local schools:

St Nicholas Catholic High School and St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School and other schools which members of the church are involved in.

Hartford Church of England High School: for safety in school and during travel to/from school.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 6th August 2017

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

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Eddowes Room

10am Morning Prayer – Exodus 3; *The burning bush*

6.30pm Holy Communion – Matthew 18:15-18; *Articles 33-34: Christian discipline*

Gluten free communion wafers

As from this Sunday, gluten free wafers will be available at communion services, for those that need them. They will be kept on a separate plate, so please indicate to the person serving you when you come up to communion if this is something you require.

Working party

There will be a working party on Saturday 12th August from 9am to 12pm. We'll aim to complete a number of outside jobs including cleaning gutters and painting. No particular skills are required, just enthusiasm! We have a long list of maintenance tasks, ranging from jobs that will take an hour or two, up to large scale projects. If you're not available on 12th August, but could offer time any day or evening, please let us know. For more details, please contact Ian Barton.

St John's Golf Society

The next golf day in the 2017 St John's Golf Season will be on Saturday 12th August at Mersey Valley Golf Club. Tea/coffee and bacon butties will be served from 9.30am, with the first tee at 10.30am. The cost for the day is £22 and the society welcomes both male and female golfers of all abilities to join them. Please contact Ray Bridgewater for more information or to book your place.

Denise Field's interment of ashes

Denise Field's ashes will be interred in the Marshall Memorial Garden on Wednesday 16th August at 2.30pm. If anyone would like to come, you would be most welcome.

Ladies' Meal

The next ladies' meal will be on Thursday 17th August, 7.30pm, at the Golden Pheasant, Plumley. This is a great way to meet together informally and bring some friends along. Please contact Tina Wilby by Tuesday 15th August to book a place.

Help needed for evening coffee on 13th August

On Sunday 13th August, there is no-one on the rota to make coffee for the evening service. If anyone is willing to take charge of refreshments on this date, please get in touch with Nathan.

Wedding Thank You

We would like to thank all those who were able to join in our celebrations and for all the help the church family provided. It really was special seeing so many loving faces. *Ken & Tahra Kelly*

Christ Church Greenbank 15th Anniversary

On the evening of Saturday 7th and during the day of Sunday 8th October, we will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of Christ Church. More details will follow, but we would love to invite our brothers and sisters at St John's to join us, so please do put the date in your diaries. *Dimitri*

Car seats available

When Matt and Heidi Duncan returned to Australia, they left behind two booster seats, and a car seat which is a CYBEX Solution X (blue) in good condition, and has ISOFIX on it. It has won awards for being the safest seat for a child to sleep in, and is a group 2-3 seat that suits ages 3 to 10. If you are interested in any of these, please contact the Church Office.

Make, Taste & See

Make, Taste & See will take place in the church on Mondays 7th, 14th & 21st August. Feel free to come along and drop in anytime from 10am until 12pm. This is for people of all ages, with or without children, and there is no charge. Join us for coffee, cake, craft & chat, and watch some film clips too. If you are able to help on any of these dates, or can bake cakes for us, please let Teresa know. Thank you.

Music practices during the summer

There will be a break from the usual Tuesday evening music practices during the summer holidays, but they will start again on Tuesday 5th September.

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. On Wednesday 9th August they will meet at Hartford Park on Bradburns Lane.

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.

We are *particularly in need of people to lead some of the groups*, so please do consider if that's something you could help with. Notes for leaders and helpers are now available in printed form at the back of church. If you would like them to be emailed to you, please contact the Church Office.

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 as soon as possible to Nathan or Sarah Farmer.

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 (judirigby@gmail.com or 854285).

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.

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 7th August *Readings: Judges 21, Acts 25, Jeremiah 35, Psalms 7-8*

George away until 11th August

Mike and Teresa away until 29th August

9.30am-5pm Church Office open in the Church Centre (Monday to Thursday)

10am-12pm Make, Taste & See in St John's

Tuesday 8th August *Readings: Ruth 1, Acts 26, Jeremiah 36 & 45, Psalm 9*

Jacqueline away today

Wednesday 9th August *Readings: Ruth 2, Acts 27, Jeremiah 37, Psalm 10*

10am Tots' Summer Get Together at Hartford Park on Bradburns Lane

8pm Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre

Thursday 10th August *Readings: Ruth 3-4, Acts 28, Jeremiah 38, Psalms 11-12*

Nathan away until 20th August

10am Men's Walk – contact David King for meeting point

Friday 11th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 1, Romans 1, Jeremiah 39, Psalms 13-14*

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

Saturday 12th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 2, Romans 2, Jeremiah 40, Psalms 15-16*

9am-12pm Working party at St John's

9.30am St John's Golf Society play at Mersey Valley Golf Club

Sunday 13th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 3, Romans 3, Jeremiah 41, Psalm 17*

8am Holy Communion in St John's

10am Holy Communion in St John's (Exodus 4)

6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (Colossians 4:7-18)

8pm After 8s meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home

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