

Prayer Diary – 13th August 2017

The Collect for today – Ninth Sunday after Trinity:

Grant us, Lord, we pray, the spirit always to think and do those things that are right, so that we, who cannot do anything good without you, may be able in your strength to live according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

our mission partners: Olivia Rigby (UCCF in the Midlands) and Alex Lucas (UCCF in London).

those serving in the Armed Forces:

our local schools:

Cloughwood Academy and Greenbank School and other schools which members of the church are involved in.

Hartford Church of England High School: for good links with local, feeder and CE primary schools.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 13th 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 Holy Communion – Exodus 4; *Miraculous signs*

6.30pm Evening Prayer – Colossians 4:7-18; *Encourage your hearts*

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

Gluten free communion wafers

We now have gluten free wafers 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.

An invitation from Rob & Kathryn Payne

Matthew Payne is being baptised during the morning service on Sunday 1st October. Rob and Kathryn would like to invite all the church family to come to his baptism and afterwards to join them for a 'bring and share' lunch, at 12.15pm, in the Church Centre. If you would like to come, please let Rob and Kathryn know **by Sunday 17th September**.

Books needing a new home!

Alex Hunns is having a clear out of his old university text books. He has a number of them on politics and European/International law, and wondered if anyone in the church family could make use of them. Most are in good condition, though some have a few notes in the margin or some superficial external damage. For more details, please contact Alex as soon as possible.

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.

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 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.

Make, Taste & See

Make, Taste & See will take place in the church on Mondays 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.

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 16th August they will meet at Marbury Country Park play area.

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. If you are interested in either of these, please contact the Church Office.

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.

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.

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 14th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 4, Romans 4, Jeremiah 42, Psalm 18*

Nathan away until 20th 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 15th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 5-6, Romans 5, Jeremiah 43, Psalm 19*

Jacqueline away today

Wednesday 16th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 7-8, Romans 6, Jeremiah 44, Psalms 20-21*

10am Tots' Summer Get Together at Marbury Country Park play area

8pm Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre

Thursday 17th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 9, Romans 7, Jeremiah 46, Psalm 22*

7.30pm Ladies' Meal at The Golden Pheasant, Plumley

Friday 18th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 10, Romans 8, Jeremiah 47, Psalms 23-24*

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

Saturday 19th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 11, Romans 9, Jeremiah 48, Psalm 25*

Sunday 20th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 12, Romans 10, Jeremiah 49, Psalms 26-27*

8am Holy Communion in St John's

10am All Age Service in St John's (Exodus 5:1-21)

6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (Philemon)

8pm TFG meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home

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