

Sunday 17th September *Readings: 2 Samuel 13, 2 Corinthians 6, Ezekiel 20, Psalms 66-67*

8am	Morning Prayer in St John's
10am	Holy Communion in St John's (Exodus 7:8-10:29)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (1 Corinthians 1:10-17)
8pm	Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home
8pm	TFG meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home

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

Prayer Diary – 10th September 2017

The Collect for today – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity:

Merciful God, by whose gift alone your faithful people offer you true and acceptable service, grant that we may serve you faithfully so that we do not finally fall to obtain your heavenly promises, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

our mission partners: Jemma Fitzsimmons (OM) and TLG (Transforming Lives for Good).

those serving in the Armed Forces:

our local schools:

Hartford Primary School and Warrington & Vale Royal College, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.

Hartford Church of England High School: give thanks for the freedom we have in the school to share what Christians believe in assemblies, 'Thought of the Week' and in lessons.

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Notice Sheet for Sunday 10th September 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 – Deuteronomy 6:1-9; *Education Sunday*

6.30pm Evening Prayer – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; *God is faithful*

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

Church Office opening times

Jackie is off this week but the Church Office will be open on Tuesday (9.30am-2pm) and Friday (10.30am-3pm) when Jacqueline will be there.

Christianity Explored

Christianity Explored is an informal 7-week course for anyone who would like to investigate Christianity, see what the Bible really says or ask any questions that they have. Our next course starts on Tuesday 3rd October at 8pm in St John's Church Centre. Looking at Mark's gospel, the course explores who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow him. Booking is not essential but is appreciated (don't be put off if you forget to book). For more information, please contact the Church Office or email ce@stjohnshartford.org.

God's Big Picture – Bible Overview

The 'God's Big Picture' Bible overview course traces the story of the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation to see how it all fits together, telling of God's wonderful plan to save the world through Jesus Christ. The course is based on the book written by Vaughan Roberts. There are 9 sessions, which each consist of a 10 minute video, followed by study of the Bible and some time for discussion. The first session will be on Thursday 28th September, at 8pm, in the Church Centre. For more details, please talk to Mike or contact the office.

Sunday School teacher's training day

There will be an excellent training day for Sunday School teachers in Manchester on Saturday 30th September. The day is run by the organisation that writes our Bible material - TnT Ministries - and it is a well organised and tried-and-tested course. It will be helpful to make teachers stronger and more confident in trusting the Gospel with those in their care. The event takes place in New Covenant Church, M12 4QW (10am-4.30pm). Drinks are included but bring your own packed lunch. Please let Nathan know if you are coming, so he can book tickets and arrange transport.

Ladies' Walk

The next ladies' walk will be on Monday 11th September. It will be around the local area, so please meet in the Church Centre car park at 9.45am. The walk should be completed by 12.30pm. Please contact Mary Shorter for more details.

100 of those end of year warehouse sale

On Saturday 16th September, 10am-12noon, 100 of those are having a sale at their warehouse in Leyland. There will be 100s of overstocked, clearance or slightly damaged titles: paperbacks at £1 and hardbacks at £3. The bookshop will also be open and they are serving free tea and coffee! For more information, please visit their website.

Ladies' Meal at The Bulls Head

The next ladies' meal will be on Thursday 21st September, 7.30pm, at the The Bulls Head in Davenham. This is a great way to meet together informally and bring some friends along. Please contact Mary Shorter by Monday 18th September to book a place.

Thursday Café

The Thursday Café will reopen, following its summer break, on 14th September at 11.45am.

Thank you from the Gibson family

Thank you all for praying for Alasdair and for us. The operation went very well and recovery is progressing well too. We felt very supported, especially on the day of the surgery and are very grateful to everyone. *Fiona.*

St Luke's charity shop in Northwich

We have been asked to mention an urgent request for volunteers at the St Luke's charity shop in Northwich. They are really short of help and would love to welcome anyone with a morning, afternoon or a full day free. Visit the shop to pick up an application form or contact the manager, Heather Sherratt.

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?' Life is full of struggles and seeking to live out our faith in an unbelieving world is very difficult. We all have times when we ask ourselves if following Jesus is really worth it. If you would like to go, please get in touch with Jackie Barton (jackie@stjohnshartford.org) as soon as possible, so we can make a group booking. For more details, please see the NWC website or flyers on the Welcome Desk.

Church Weekend 2018

We have booked Friday 7th September to Sunday 9th September 2018 for our next church weekend away, at Quinta Hall in Oswestry. Please put the date in your diary now.

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.**

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*

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.

Can you help the Thursday Café?

The Thursday Café is in urgent need of more helpers, particularly to work in the kitchen, but also for setting up, working in the cafe and giving lifts to customers that wouldn't otherwise be able to attend. If you can help at all, please contact Sarah Farmer.

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.

Church Diary – 10th September 2017

Monday 11th September *Readings: 2 Samuel 6, 1 Corinthians 16, Ezekiel 14, Psalm 55*

Church Office closed today

Jackie away until Wednesday 20th September

Teresa leading a story & craft session at Hartford Old School House Nursery (9.30am)

9.45am Ladies' Walk around the local area - meet in the Church Centre car park

10.30am Staff meeting

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

Tuesday 12th September *Readings: 2 Samuel 7, 2 Corinthians 1, Ezekiel 15, Psalms 56-57*

Phil attending a Christian Institute seminar in Liverpool (9.30am-2.30pm)

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

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

7pm Music practice in St John's

8pm Missionary Strategy Group meet at The Vicarage

Wednesday 13th September *Readings: 2 Samuel 8-9, 2 Corinthians 2, Ezekiel 16, Psalms 58-59*

Church Office closed today

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

10am Tota and Tinies meet in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Joy Guest

2.30pm Funeral at Vale Royal Crematorium (*Mike*)

8pm Prayer Fellowship meet in the Church Centre (*Charles Hayward's housegroup*)

Thursday 14th September *Readings: 2 Samuel 10, 2 Corinthians 3, Ezekiel 17, Psalms 60-61*

Church Office closed today

11.45am Thursday Café in the Church Centre

8pm Uganda trip feedback from Martin & Helen Barber in St John's (coffee 7.30pm)

8pm Youth & Children's Committee meet in the Church Centre

Friday 15th September *Readings: 2 Samuel 11, 2 Corinthians 4, Ezekiel 18, Psalms 62-63*

Mike's and Alec's day off

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

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

7.30pm Pathfinders meet in the Church Centre

Saturday 16th September *Readings: 2 Samuel 12, 2 Corinthians 5, Ezekiel 19, Psalms 64-65*

Nathan's day off

8am Men's Breakfast in the Church Centre