

Sunday 12th November *Readings: 2 Kings 25, Hebrews 7, Amos 1, Psalm 144*

8am Holy Communion in St John's
10am Remembrance All Age Service in St John's (Matthew 5:38-48)
6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (1 Corinthians 4:1-13)
8.15pm Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home

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

Prayer Diary – 5th November 2017

The Collect for today – Twenty first Sunday after Trinity:

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

our mission partners: Helen Eccles (St Catherine's, Tranmere) and Robert Matati (Anglican minister in Butere, Kenya).

those serving in the Armed Forces:

our local schools:

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

Hartford Church of England High School.

For Christian teachers to show the love of Jesus in their lessons and presence around school.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 5th November 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 – Luke 18:9-14; *Can you be good without God?*

6.30pm Holy Communion – 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; *All things are yours!*

8pm After 8s meet at Rob & Kathryn Payne's home

8.15pm Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home

Preachers elsewhere today:

Michael Walters at Sandiway Gospel Church (6pm)

Hartford Victorian Christmas

We need volunteers to enable this event to run successfully on Saturday 2nd December, and for all the setting up on Friday 1st December. There are lots of different roles available - please can you help? There are sign-up sheets at the back of church or have a chat to Sarah Farmer.

Christmas Choir Practices

If you would like to join a choir to sing in the Christmas services, rehearsals are mainly on Thursdays, from 7.30pm until 8.30pm in the church, though two are on Monday evenings. The dates are: Thursday 16th November, Monday 20th November, Monday 27th November, Thursday 7th December and Thursday 14th December. If you cannot make all of the practices but can manage some, please do still come along! For more details, please see Mike Jones.

The Church Christmas Card

... will be on display in the Church Extension from Sunday 3rd December. We invite you to use it to send a greeting to everyone else in the church family, rather than sending individual cards. Any money saved could then be donated to the church or to missionary organisations. Thank you.

Church Holiday 2018 – booking forms now available

We have booked Friday 7th September to Sunday 9th September 2018 for our next church family holiday, at Quinta Hall in Oswestry. We do hope you will join us. Invitations and Booking Forms are now available in labelled envelopes at the back of the Church Extension. Please do look out for your own, or take a blank one for you to fill in. All the information you need is enclosed, and the deadline for returning forms is 30th November 2017. If you have any further questions do please come and talk to any one of the organising team. *Nathan.*

Could you help with The Buzz?

The Buzz, which is run by Sound Holidays for 8-11s, during May half term, is looking for some new leaders, and also for a head cook. If you would be interested in getting involved, please talk to Nathan.

Help with Tots & Tinies

We would love to add a person to our team of volunteers who would be happy to commit to helping once a week or once a fortnight at Tots & Tinies. This would involve helping to set up the toys, chairs & tables from 9am, talking with the mums or supervising children doing a craft activity from 10am, and then helping to tidy away until about 11.45am/12pm. If you would like to find out more, please contact Teresa.

Harambee proposed visit to Uganda – Information Evening

There is growing interest in the proposed visit to Uganda in August next year, so to provide church members who are interested with an opportunity to hear more, ask questions and then make

informed decisions regarding joining the group, we are holding an 'Information Evening' on Monday 20th November at 8pm in the Church Centre (Cranmer Room). Our friends in the Kanungu region of South West Uganda already value our collective support and prayers very highly and the proposed visit would be a great opportunity to further develop our relationships, not only with them, but also with each other as we work together in God's name. *Martin and Helen Barber.*

Harambee Mid Cheshire/Uganda Partnership

Following the considerable interest in the developing 'Harambee' Mid Cheshire/Uganda Partnership and particularly in the sponsorship of children at Nyakabungo Parents' Primary School, we have placed a supply of sponsorship forms and letters from children in the Church Extension for your information and prayerful consideration. Please feel free to take a copy of the form to inform your thinking. If you decide to provide sponsorship please ensure that you return the form directly to either of us so that we can collate the responses for onward transfer to 'Volunteer Uganda' which is the funding co-ordination partner in the UK and to whose Board of Trustees we have recently been appointed. *Helen & Martin Barber.*

The Oakes Weekend Away for 11s - 15s

We are booking to travel with the Pathfinders/Crossfinders group to The Oakes in Sheffield, from Friday evening 16th February to Sunday afternoon 18th February, 2018. The cost for this with all food, accommodation and transport provided, will be about £45. Please contact Nathan for further information and watch out for a booking form shortly. This will be a vital time of friendship, fun and faith-developing activities that will be hugely memorable for your child.

Crosslinks Mission Conference

On Saturday 11th November at Christ Church Central, Sheffield (S1 4JR), Crosslinks will be holding its mission conference, 'Europe to the World and Back'. The conference aims to get us excited about mission as they look at the Reformation and the role it played in fuelling mission 500 years ago. The event will include two plenaries from Lee Gatiss which will help to explore how the rediscovery of the gospel in the Bible should do the same today. There will also be plenty of time for interaction with those currently serving in mission overseas. The cost for the day is £10, or £8 for Members/Friends of Crosslinks. They are also offering a £6 ticket for students. This includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day. To find out more, please see their website.

The Christian Institute meeting

On Thursday 9th November, 8pm, at St John's, Lindow (SK9 6EL), The Christian Institute will be holding a meeting. The aim 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 the government's plans for 'Relationship Education' in primary schools, Gospel freedom and the 'British Values' test, and transsexualism. For more details, please see flyers on the Welcome Desk.

CAP Stall at Hartford Victorian Christmas

Please could you help by donating unwanted good as new gifts to be sold on the CAP stall at the Victorian Christmas Fayre on 2nd December. There will be a box labelled 'CAP STALL' at the back of church for items to be left in. Many Thanks. For more details please contact Jackie Williams or Gill Woolley.

Save the Date

The Ladies' Christmas Meal will be on Tuesday 12th December. Please put the date in your diary and PRAY - who can I bring? *Linda Sharps.*

CAP Food Bank

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the CAP Food Bank over the last 7 years. The food distributed to clients, especially in their early days with CAP, has been invaluable in building up trust and giving practical support to families. As the Debt Centre will have to close until

another Centre Manager can be appointed, please can you stop your donations to the food bank until further notice. The new manager may start this again or instead decide to refer people to the Mid Cheshire Food Bank. Watch this space and please continue to pray for a new Debt Centre Manager so that the help, to people in unmanageable debt, can continue. *Janet Greaves.*

Church Diary – 5th November 2017

Monday 6th November *Readings: 2 Kings 19, Hebrews 1, Hosea 12, Psalms 135-136*

Mike at Proclamation Trust Conference (Monday-Thursday)

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

9.45am Ladies' Walk – meet in the Church Centre car park

10am Staff meeting

Tuesday 7th November *Readings: 2 Kings 20, Hebrews 2, Hosea 13, Psalms 137-138*

Teresa leading a story & craft session at Kids Count Nursery (9.15am)

Michael Field leading 'Walk Through the Bible' sessions at Little Leigh Primary School (9.30am & 11am) and Greenbank School (1.50pm)

Teresa visiting a year 6 class at Winnington Park Primary School (1.15pm)

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

Wednesday 8th November *Readings: 2 Kings 21, Hebrews 3, Hosea 14, Psalm 139*

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

Teresa leading a story & craft session at Sir Leslie Martin Nursery (2pm)

10am Tots and Tinies meet in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – David Frith

8pm Housegroups doing a study on 'Can you be good without God?'

Thursday 9th November *Readings: 2 Kings 22, Hebrews 4, Joel 1, Psalms 140-141*

Alec attending Curate Training at Foxhill (all day)

Michael Field taking an assembly at Antrobus St Mark's CE Primary School (11.30am)

11.45am Thursday Café in the Church Centre

7.30pm Growing in Christ course at St Peter's, Elworth

8pm God's Big Picture course in the Church Centre

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

Friday 10th November *Readings: 2 Kings 23, Hebrews 5, Joel 2, Psalm 142*

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 11th November *Readings: 2 Kings 24, Hebrews 6, Joel 3, Psalm 143*

Nathan's day off

Mike attending Diocesan Synod (9.15am-12.30pm)

3pm Koinonia meet in the Church Centre – talk about Age Concern by Linda Sharps