

Sunday 19th November Readings: 1 Chronicles 13-14, James 1, Amos 8, Luke 3

8am	Morning Prayer in St John's
10am	Holy Communion in St John's (Exodus 15:22-17:7)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (1 Corinthians 4:14-21)
8pm	TFG meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home
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 – 12th November 2017

The Collect for today – Twenty second Sunday after Trinity:

Father in heaven, keep your household the church firm in godliness, so that it may by your protection be free from all adversities and may devoutly serve you in good works to the glory of your name, through 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:

The Grange Junior and Senior Schools, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.

Hartford Church of England High School.

For Osted to be less aggressive in schools when assessing 'British Values'.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 12th 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 Remembrance All Age Service – Matthew 5:38-48; *What causes wars?*

6.30pm Evening Prayer – 1 Corinthians 4:1-13; *The scum of the earth*

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

Preachers elsewhere today:

Michael Walters at St John's, Toft (10.15am)

Michael Field at URC, Over, Winsford (10.30am)

Jeremy Hunns at St Michael's, Marbury (10.45am)

Alec at Christ Church (4.30pm)

Michael Field at Sandiway Gospel Church (6pm)

Church Holiday bank account - amended details

When paying your deposit for the Church Holiday, please make cheques payable to PCC St John's Hartford, or use the following amended details for electronic transfers: Yorkshire Bank 05-03-89, account number 51897095. The information given on the booking form was out of date but a new version of the form is now available in the Church Extension. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. For those who have already submitted deposits, your place is secure, and a member of the Church Holiday team will come to you to amend payment.

Welcome Team Christmas Rota

Wanted: church members with a smile, a willing heart and a cheery welcome! Recruiting now - temporary positions supporting the Welcome Team over the Christmas period. It's a great time for welcoming visitors into our church as they join us in celebration at one of the many services running on 17th, 24th and 25th December. All applications welcome; no special skills required other than the above! Interested? Please contact Debbie Nobes to receive a list of services to volunteer for ... and thank you.

We are also looking for **firewardens** (to keep watch over the candles) at the services on 17th and 24th December. If you would like to volunteer for this role, please contact Ian Barton.

Ladies' Meal

The next ladies' meal will be on Thursday 16th November, 7.30pm, at the Riverside Inn, Acton Bridge. This is a great way to meet together informally and bring some friends along. Please contact Tina Wilby by Tuesday 14th November to book a place.

St John's Café Christmas Special

Please join us on Thursday 7th December at 11.45am for our Thursday Café Christmas Special. There will be a great food and Mike Smith will be giving a short Christmas talk. Cost is £5 for adults and all children are free. Booking is open now. Please contact Sarah Farmer (stjohnscafes@stjohnshartford.org) or ring the Church Office (872255).

Lakes Gospel Choir

On Saturday 18th November, the Lakes Gospel Choir will be presenting an evening of music, worship and celebration. They will be at Christ Church, Wharton and the evening starts at 7pm (doors open at 6.15pm). Tickets are £6 (under 16 - £4) and can be obtained from Christ Church (861860 or 07792 404974).

Church Office phone number 01606 872255

Good News Singers

Monday 27th November, 7.30pm, at Knutsford Methodist Church, the Good News Singers warmly invite you to 'Advent Hope', a presentation for Advent. Rev Rob Cotton will be speaking and refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome to this evangelistic opportunity and there's no admission charge.

Candlelight Services

Will the candle troopers (volunteers and conscripts) please assemble at 2pm, on Saturday 16th December, in church for the annual candle mounting ceremony! For more information, please contact Les James.

Thank you for Harvest Gifts

Mid Cheshire Foodbank would like to thank St John's Hartford for the kind donations of 163.3 kg of food from the church and Tots' Harvest services and the Thursday Cafe. Our support is appreciated as it maintains the Foodbank's ongoing commitment to serve the local community. The year 2017/2018, to date, is showing a further increase in numbers at all their Food Distribution Centres, and our donation is enabling their volunteers to restore hope within this area.

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.

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.

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. If you haven't received a booking form, there are some blank envelopes available in the Church Extension. 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*.

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*.

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*.

Church Diary – 12th November 2017

Monday 13th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 1-2, Hebrews 8, Amos 2, Psalm 145*

Alec away until Sunday 19th November

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

Teresa visiting a year 1 class at Hartford Manor Primary School (1.30pm)

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

10am Staff meeting

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

Tuesday 14th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 3-4, Hebrews 9, Amos 3, Psalms 146-147*

Jacqueline away today

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

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

Wednesday 15th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 5-6, Hebrews 10, Amos 4, Psalms 148-150*

Michael Field taking an assembly at Great Budworth CE Primary School (10.15am)

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

10am Tots and Tinies meet in the Church Centre

12pm Chester Association meet in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Mary Shorter (Demonstration)

8pm Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre (*Keith Wilby's housegroup*)

Thursday 16th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 7-8, Hebrews 11, Amos 5, Luke 1:1-8*

Mike's day off

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

11.45am Thursday Café in the Church Centre

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

7.30pm Christmas Choir practice in St John's

7.30pm Ladies' Meal at the Riverside Inn, Acton Bridge

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

Friday 17th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 9-10, Hebrews 12, Amos 6, Luke 1:39-80*

Mike's day off

Phil leading Keele University CU's houseparty at Cefyn Lea (Friday - Sunday)

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 18th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 11-12, Hebrews 13, Amos 7, Luke 2*

Nathan's day off

8am Men's Breakfast at Wetherspoons (The Penny Black) in Witton Street