

Prayer Diary – 8th April 2018

The Collect for today – Sunday after Easter:

Almighty Father, who gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification, grant that we may put away the old leaven of malice and wickedness and always serve you in purity and truth through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

our mission partners: Johnny & Ann McClean (UFM in Bangkok) & Kip & Rachel Chelashaw (UFM in Nairobi).

our local schools:

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

Hartford Church of England High School.

For pupils to attend Christian Union groups so that they might be encouraged in their faith.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 8th April 2018

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 16:19-31; *"They will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."*

6.30pm Holy Communion – 1 Corinthians 10:14-22; *The body and blood of Christ*

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

8.15pm After 8s meet at Rob & Kathryn Payne's home

Preachers elsewhere today:

Michael Walters at St John's, Sandiway (6.30pm)

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 one starts on Tuesday 1st May 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. For more information, please contact the Church Office.

Make, Taste & See

Make, Taste & See will be in church, from 10am until 12 noon, on Monday 9th April. Drop in any time for free refreshments, cake, crafts, film clips and chat. We would love to see you there. If any church members are able to donate cakes, we would be very grateful. Please leave them (clearly labelled) in the Church Extension kitchen the day before, or drop them off any time from 9.30am on the Monday. For more details, please contact Teresa.

Tuesday's Time to Pray meeting cancelled

This Tuesday morning's (9.10am) Time to Pray meeting will not take place due to holidays.

Sunday morning coffee at St John's

Would anyone else like to join the rota to provide refreshments after the morning services at St John's? If we had a few more volunteers, everyone would only have to serve about six times a year. If you would like to help, please contact Mary Shorter.

Ladies' Meal at the Riverside Inn

The next ladies' meal will be on Thursday 19th April, 7.30pm, at the Riverside Inn, Acton Bridge. This is a great way to meet together informally and bring some friends along. Please contact Mary Shorter by *Monday 16th April* to book a place.

Ladies' Walks

... will restart on Monday 23rd April and then they will be running fortnightly until further notice. They will meet, on each occasion, in the Church Centre car park at 9.45am. For more details, please contact Mary Shorter.

St John's and Christ Church Annual General Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Meeting for Election of Churchwardens will be held in St John's on Wednesday 18th April, beginning at 8pm, with coffee served from 7.30pm. Business includes the election of lay representatives to the PCC. Nomination forms are available from the PCC Secretary (Rodney Bessent). Minutes of the 2017 AGM are available in the Members' Area of the church website and on the notice board in the Church Extension porch, where details of the other business can also be found.

Colin Buchanan

Colin Buchanan will be in concert at Holy Trinity Platt on Wednesday 2nd May, starting at 5.30pm. Tickets are £4.50 (for adults and children aged 2 and above) but Nathan will be sending out letters to Sunday School children, after Easter, to arrange a group booking.

Time to pray

In the run-up to the 'Better Story' mission, we set up times to meet and pray on each day of the week; we have decided to continue these until May. Most meetings are for 20 minutes and the aim has been to choose times that will suit everyone. The meetings will start promptly and end on time. All the prayer meetings are in the Eddowes Room in the church unless stated otherwise.

Please enter directly using the vestry door opposite the vicarage, except for Sunday when the church is open. All the times are in the notice sheet diary and on the church website. All are welcome and, if you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.

Promoting church events on Facebook

For those of you who use Facebook, please can we encourage you to "like" our church page. There are almost daily updates and it is a great way to find out what is taking place in the life of our church so that you can pray for things as they are happening, share events with your friends and be encouraged during the week. Some people have found that they are missing our posts in the midst of everything else on their feed. To make sure this doesn't happen, when you have liked our page, click on the drop down arrow next to "Following" (just under the cover photo) and select "See First". If you would like information to be included on the page, please email the details to teresa@stjohnshartford.org, including any photos or logos that may be appropriate. *Teresa*.

Crewe Church Plant - update

Those of you who heard Matt Guest, will remember him talking about the Crewe Church Plant. They now have a website (www.preparingtoplantcrewe.com) and have started meeting monthly to pray. All are welcome and this is for anyone who wants to pray for the plant, not just those who may be considering becoming involved.

Cancer Research Ultra Challenge – Christian Locke

I'll be walking the 100km Ultra Challenge along the Cotswold Way, starting on Saturday 30th June. I'm hoping to raise lots of money for Cancer Research - I know that cancer affects so many people and I'd like to help speed up the research into finding cures for as many types of cancer as possible. Thank you in advance for donating to this worthwhile cause; please don't forget to Gift Aid your donation as well (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/christian-locke100). *Christian Locke*.

Counselling services

Dee Rollinson (who used to be our in-house therapeutic counsellor) acts as a counselling advisor for St John's. If you would like to discuss or explore counselling options, please contact Dee (dee@stjohnshartford.org). We also have direct access to Chester Diocese's Counselling Service; contact Jane Knight (01270 652034 or 07918 732806).

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Monday 9th April *Readings: Leviticus 13, Psalms 15-16, Proverbs 27, 2 Thessalonians 1*

Mike and Richard away until Monday 16th April

9.30am-12pm Church Office open in the Church Centre (*morning only*)

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

4pm Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

Tuesday 10th April *Readings: Leviticus 14, Psalm 17, Proverbs 28, 2 Thessalonians 2*

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

Wednesday 11th April *Readings: Leviticus 15, Psalm 18, Proverbs 29, 2 Thessalonians 3*

8pm Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre (*Michael Field's housegroup*)

Thursday 12th April *Readings: Leviticus 16, Psalm 19, Proverbs 30, 1 Timothy 1*

Nathan away until Monday 16th April

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

9.30pm Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

Friday 13th April *Readings: Leviticus 17, Psalms 20-21, Proverbs 31, 1 Timothy 2*

Alec's day off

6.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

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

Saturday 14th April *Readings: Leviticus 18, Psalm 22, Ecclesiastes 1, 1 Timothy 3*

Sunday 15th April *Readings: Leviticus 19, Psalms 23-24, Ecclesiastes 2, 1 Timothy 4*

8am Holy Communion in St John's

9.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

10am Morning Prayer in St John's (Luke 23:39-43)

6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1)

8.30pm TFG meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home

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