

## Prayer Diary – 15th April 2018

**The Collect for today** – Second Sunday after Easter:

*Almighty God, who gave your only Son for us to be both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly life, give us grace so that we may always receive with thankfulness the immeasurable benefit of his sacrifice, and try day by day to follow in the steps of his most holy life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Please pray for...**

*the sick and the bereaved:*

*our mission partners:* a local CAP Centre in Northwich & Stephen & Catriona Bennett (CMS in Rwanda).

*our local schools:*

St Nicholas Catholic High School & St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.

Hartford Church of England High School.

For Christian assemblies to be bold proclamations of the gospel. Give thanks that we have opportunities to do this in many local schools.

## Notice Sheet for Sunday 15th 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 23:39-43; *"Today, you will be with me in paradise."*

**6.30pm Evening Prayer** – 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1; *Consecrated freedom*

**8.30pm TFG** meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home

**Preachers elsewhere today:**

Phil at St John's, Over (10.30am)

Jeremy Hunns at St Michael's, Marbury (11am)

Michael Walters at Sandiway Gospel Church (6pm)

### 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.

### 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.

### Hartford Fun Run – Sunday 22nd April

The first Hartford Village Fun Run takes place next Sunday. We will be having a shorter family service that morning, linked to the fun run, so there will be plenty of time for you to come to church and then head straight to Hartford Manor Primary School in time to join the run. Come to church in your running kit! For details of routes, see this month's edition of Hartford News. To avoid delays, the organisers are encouraging church members to register in advance (registration is free). It would be wonderful for our church to show their full support for this village event.

### Ladies' Walks

... will resume on Monday 16th 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.

### Jigsaw

... will restart this Tuesday, 17th April. They will be looking at a series of topics, based on a DVD with questions and Bible passages, called 'Chat Around the Bible'. The first study will be on prayer.

### Thursday Café

... will be open again this Thursday (19th April) following their Easter break.

### The Gospel of John

On Thursday 19th April, at St Mary's, Great Budworth, there will be a 90 minute one-man dramatic retelling of the story of Jesus of Nazareth, according to the Gospel of John. The evening starts at 7pm and entry is free (retiring collection for charity). For more information, please see the poster at the back of church or phone 782743.

### **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.

### **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) and flyers will be given out to Sunday School children this week. There are also some spare copies on the Welcome Desk.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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.

### **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](mailto:dee@stjohnshartford.org)). We also have direct access to Chester Diocese's Counselling Service; contact Jane Knight (01270 652034 or 07918 732806).

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

## **Church Diary – 15th April 2018**

**Monday 16th April** *Readings: Leviticus 20, Psalm 25, Ecclesiastes 3, 1 Timothy 5*

- 9.30am-5pm Church Office open in the Church Centre (Monday-Thursday)
- 9.30am Staff meeting
- 9.45am Ladies' Walk – meet in the Church Centre car park
- 4pm Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
- 8.30pm Mike, Dimitri and the Churchwardens meet at The Vicarage

**Tuesday 17th April** *Readings: Leviticus 21, Psalms 26-27, Ecclesiastes 4, 1 Timothy 6*

Alec attending Curacy Training at Foxhill (10am-3pm)

- 9.10am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
- 10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

**Wednesday 18th April** *Readings: Leviticus 22, Psalms 28-29, Ecclesiastes 5, 2 Timothy 1*

St John's Ministry Team taking part in Citizenship Day at Hartford CE High School Phil at Hartford Church of England High School Christian Union (1-1.45pm)

- 10am Tots and Tinies meet in the Church Centre
- 2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Rev Tim Hanson
- 8pm Annual General Meeting in St John's (coffee from 7.30pm)

**Thursday 19th April** *Readings: Leviticus 23, Psalm 30, Ecclesiastes 6, 2 Timothy 2*

Mike's day off

- 11.45am Thursday Café in the Church Centre
- 7.30pm Growing in Christ course in the Church Centre
- 7.30pm Ladies Meal at the Riverside Inn, Acton Bridge
- 9.30pm Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

**Friday 20th April** *Readings: Leviticus 24, Psalm 31, Ecclesiastes 7, 2 Timothy 3*

Alec's day off

- 6.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
- 10.30am-3pm Church Office open in the Church Centre
- 7.30pm Pathfinders meet in the Church Centre

**Saturday 21st April** *Readings: Leviticus 25, Psalm 32, Ecclesiastes 8, 2 Timothy 4*

Nathan's day off

- 11am St John's Golf Society play at Pryors Hayes Golf Club

**Sunday 22nd April** *Readings: Leviticus 26, Psalm 33, Ecclesiastes 9, Titus 1*

- 8am Morning Prayer in St John's
- 9.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
- 10am All Age Service in St John's (Acts 10:34-43)
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (1 Corinthians 11:2-16)
- 8pm Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home