

**Saturday 19th May** *Readings: Numbers 28, Psalm 72, Isaiah 19-20, 2 Peter 1*

Nathan's day off

8am St John's Golf Society play at Hill Valley (Sapphire) Golf Course

**Sunday 20th May** *Readings: Numbers 29, Psalm 73, Isaiah 21, 2 Peter 2*

8am Holy Communion in St John's

9.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

10am Morning Prayer in St John's (John 1:35-51)

6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (1 Corinthians 12:12-31a)

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

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.*

**Prayer Diary – 13th May 2018**

**The Collect for today** –Sunday after Ascension Day:

*O God, the King of glory, who exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven, do not leave us desolate, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.*

**Please pray for...**

*the sick and the bereaved:*

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

*our local schools:*

Hartford Primary School & Kids Count Nursery, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.

Hartford Church of England High School.

For safety in school and during travel to/from schools.

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## Notice Sheet for Sunday 13th May 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** – John 1:19-34; *The Lamb of God*

**6.30pm Evening Prayer** – 1 Corinthians 12:1–11; *Gifts of the Spirit*

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

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

**Preachers elsewhere today:**

James Robson speaking at the Grace Church, Greenwich weekend away, in Denham, Bucks  
Michael Field at Trinity Methodist Church, Winsford (10.30am)

### A Taste of Harvest

During the first two weeks of October, we will be running an event to celebrate Harvest, and all our local schools will be invited. The format of the event will be similar to the replacement Easter story trail that we ran a year ago. We will be looking for people to help in various ways; craft preparation, scene setting & chair moving, making refreshments, and presenting during the school visits, so please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help. Set-up will be on the afternoon of Sunday 30th September, and schools will visit each day from Monday 1st to Friday 12th October during the day. There will also be evening sessions available for local groups to book. For more details, please speak to Teresa.

### 'Harambee' Partnership - Sponsored Walk 29 June

Helen and Martin Barber have been coordinating the 'Harambee' Mid-Cheshire Uganda Schools' Partnership over the past year. Nine Mid-Cheshire Schools and Colleges in Hartford, Winsford, Cuddington and Whitegate have been active in 'Harambee' (i.e. 'working together to get things done') to generate funds and educational links with Chifcod Schools in Uganda, particularly supporting Nyakabungo Parents Primary School. By way of encouragement for the Mid-Cheshire schools and to generate extra support and sponsorship, Helen and Martin will be walking around the schools, a distance of approximately 18 miles, throughout the day on Friday 29 June, stopping to pray outside each school on the way. Please pray for the planning and preparations for this walk and, if you would like to sponsor them, please sign the sheet at the back of Church.

### Alec's Ordination

A reminder that the ordination of Alec and Peter Chamberlin (from Rock Ferry and New Ferry) will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, at 7pm, in St John's. It would be wonderful to serve cakes for the refreshments after the service, so if anyone is able to make a cake and bring it on the evening, that would be great.

### Ladies' Meal at The Indian

The next ladies' meal will be on Thursday 17th May, 7.30pm, at The Indian in Castle. This is a great way to meet together informally and bring some friends along. Please contact Sarah Farmer by Monday 14th May to book a place.

### Cups for church coffee

A number of concerns have been raised lately regarding the use of plastic cups for coffee after the services. St John's Committee will be considering the alternatives but, in the meantime, please do feel free to bring your own reusable cup from home, if you would like to.

### Big Church Day Out

On Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd June, at Capesthorpe Hall, the Big Church Day Out will be taking place. This is a Christian festival-style event which was attended by around 10,000 people last year. It's for all musical tastes, with activities and fun for all ages. Camping on site is also available. There are flyers on the Welcome Desk with more information, and Chester Diocese can offer a big discount on ticket prices if you join their group booking; please see their website for more details.

### Connected – Confident Parenting in a Digital Age

This an event organised by Care for the Family on Tuesday 12th June, 7.30-10pm, at IAudacious Church, Chester. How do we embrace the positive aspects of digital life as a family whilst helping our children navigate through the associated dangers such as bullying, pornography and the pressure for likes? This event is for parents or anyone who wants to help children navigate wisely and confidently the online world. Tickets are around £5 and we will arrange transport nearer the time. For more details, please see their website and contact Nathan as soon as possible with monies for tickets.

### REBOOT

... is a day conference of Apologetics, run by Ravi Zacharias International Ministries, for current school years 8-13, on Saturday 22nd September, 10am-5pm, at Westminster Central Hall, London. REBOOT meets in major cities across the globe to explore questions such as 'How can we know God exists?', 'Why does God allow suffering?' and 'Hasn't science disproved God?' It provides a place for young people, with or without any faith or church background, to raise their objections and investigate different perspectives on life. Their team of world-class apologists want you to have confidence in what you believe, and the chance to be honest about your doubts. We hope to leave by minibus at 6am and return by about 9pm the same day. Tickets are £12 plus transport, and you will need to provide lunch and money for dinner. We need to book tickets as soon as possible and places will be limited, so please contact Nathan to let him know you would like to go.

### Hartford Picnic in the Park

As a church we will be taking part in the Hartford Picnic in the Park, on the afternoon of Sunday 8th July. This is a great way for us to serve our local community, to meet them where they are and to join in the fun of this big village event. More details will be available in due course, but please put the date in your diary. If you would be interested in helping on the day, please contact Teresa.

### Keswick Convention

For those who are new to our church or who are wondering what to do for their summer holiday this year, please can we encourage you to consider going to the Keswick Convention; a Christian conference, set in the beautiful Lake District. Keswick Ministries have three fundamental convictions which shape what they do: hearing God's Word, becoming like God's Son and serving God's mission. The convention is on for three weeks at the end of July/beginning of August and, as you find your own accommodation, can suit all budgets and all ages. Find out more from their website or speak to one of the ministry team, who can put you in touch with church members who have been before or who are going this year.

### 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.

### Monday 14th May Readings: Numbers 23, Psalms 64-65, Isaiah 13, 1 Peter 1

Michael Field at Walk Through the Bible NT Training, Congleton Life Church (12.30pm)

- 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
- 1.30pm Mock wedding service for pupils of Winnington Park Primary (*Mike and Teresa*)
- 4pm Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
- 8pm PCC meet in the Church Centre

### Tuesday 15th May Readings: Numbers 24, Psalms 66-67, Isaiah 14, 1 Peter 2

Alec away until Wednesday 30th May

Jacqueline away today

Michael Field leading a 'Walk Through the Bible' session at Whitegate CE Primary School (1.30pm)

Mike attending Bishop's Council (2-5pm)

- 10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre
- 8pm Christianity Explored course in the Church Centre

### Wednesday 16th May Readings: Numbers 25, Psalm 68, Isaiah 15, 1 Peter 3

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)

Mike taking an assembly at Hartford Manor Primary School (2.55pm)

- 10am Tots and Tinies meet in the Church Centre
- 12pm Chester Association meet in the Church Centre
- 2pm Mock wedding service for pupils of Hartford Primary School (*Phil and Teresa*)
- 2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Dr Chris Barratt
- 8pm Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre (*Will Hughes' housegroup*)

### Thursday 17th May Readings: Numbers 26, Psalm 69, Isaiah 16, 1 Peter 4

Mike's day off

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 in the Church Centre
- 7.30pm Ladies' Meal at The Indian in Castle
- 9.30pm Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

### Friday 18th May Readings: Numbers 27, Psalms 70-71, Isaiah 17-18, 1 Peter 5

Mike leading St John's, Over weekend away (Friday-Sunday)

Martin Barber attending Volunteer Uganda Trustees' Meeting in London

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

- 6.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
- 10.30am-3pm Church Office open in the Church Centre
- 11am Mock wedding service for pupils of The Grange Junior School (*Phil and Teresa*)
- 7.30pm Pathfinders meet in the Church Centre