

Sunday 8th July Readings: *Joshua 10, Psalms 142-143, Jeremiah 4, Matthew 18*

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	All Age Service in St John's (John 6:1-15)
1pm	Hartford Picnic in the Park
6.30pm	Holy Communion in St John's (1 Corinthians 15:35-58)
8pm	Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home
8.15pm	After 8s meet at Rob & Kathryn Payne's home

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

Prayer Diary – 1st July 2018

The Collect for today – Fifth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty God, we pray that you may so govern the course of this world that it may be peaceably ordered and that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

our mission partners: The Gideons & Peter & Julie Fraser (Bible Encounter Trust).

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 1st July 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 4:1-26; *The Water of Life*

11.45am Crèche training session (part 2) in the Eddowes Room

6.30pm Evening Prayer – guest preacher: Bishop Keith

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

Preachers elsewhere today:

Michael Walters at Sandiway Gospel Church (6pm)

Jeremy Hunns at Old St Chad's, Tushingham (6.30pm)

Summer Café Special

The Summer Café Special will be on Thursday 5th July, at 11.45am, in the Church Centre. There will be a short talk from Nathan, followed by community singing led by Michael and Amy Field. The meal will consist of roast ham and a variety of salads, followed by Strawberries Eton Mess. Tickets are £5 per adult (children are free). Everyone is welcome but booking is essential. To reserve your place, please contact Sarah Farmer, before Sunday 1st July.

Summer Ladies' Meal

The Summer Ladies' Meal in the Church Centre will take place on Tuesday 10th July at 7.15pm (for 7.30pm). Flyers are now available from Linda Sharps or in church. There is a choice of 3 main courses (plus a vegetarian option) and desserts for £10; your meal selection should be emailed or given to Linda Sharps by **Friday 6th July**. All ladies are welcome and this is a great event to bring friends along to. Tahra Kelly will be giving a short Christian talk after dinner, so it would be lovely to see you there, giving her our support.

'Giving an Answer' - a Christian Institute meeting

On Tuesday 3rd July, 8pm, at Dovecot Evangelical Church in Liverpool, The Christian Institute will be holding a meeting. The aim of the event is to encourage Christians to be confident and effective in applying their faith to the challenges of today's culture. Some of the concerns that will be addressed are the state undermining parental authority in family life, Gospel freedom and Gender Ideology. For more details, please see the flyers on the Welcome Desk.

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. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church for those who can help by baking cakes, serving teas & coffees, setting up the gazebo and chatting to visitors. For more details, please contact Teresa.

Holiday Club 2018

Holiday Club will be Tuesday 28th – Friday 31st August, 10am till 1pm, and the theme is 'To Eternity and Beyond'. There are various roles to be filled so, if you would like to help, please use the sign-up sheets in the Church Extension or talk to Nathan. Please also make sure you put the main planning meeting (Monday 9th July at 8pm) in your diary.

Registration forms for the children are now available at the back of church. Please complete and return them to Nathan.

Holiday Club craft

Once again, it's time to recycle your kitchen roll tubes for Holiday Club! Please leave them in the labelled box in the Church Extension. Thank you. *Judi Rigby.*

Churchyard grass cutting

Many people have commented on the state of St John's churchyard, in particular the very long grass. The church is acutely aware of this problem: it has an impact on the appearance of our village and causes distress to families visiting graves. However, the churchyard is the responsibility of Cheshire West and Cheshire Council (CWAC), not the church. If you are unhappy with the current condition of the churchyard, please contact both Clare Barlow (01244 977376) and Neil Bowdler (0151 356 6581) at CWAC. The more people who get in touch, the better. You may also like to contact your local councillor.

Crèche training sessions

The Provision of our Crèche is key to supporting young parents and families coming to Church regularly, and we are grateful for everyone who has served in this ministry over recent years. We are reviewing the Crèche and undergoing training, so now is a great time to join the team and prepare for the future, keeping a vital ministry going. We shall be meeting after Church for half an hour on the following weeks - and we need everyone on the team to complete all three parts of the programme in order to continue to be on the team. Please try to plan this extra half hour onto those Sundays you can make, and let us know when you are planning to attend. For more details please speak to Angie Gomm or Nathan.

- Part 2 – 1st July, 11.45am-12.15pm, Eddowes Room.
- Part 3 - Safeguarding Training in the Autumn Term. This is a vital part of the training and needs to be completed. More details to follow.

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.

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.

Church Diary – 1st July 2018

Monday 2nd July *Readings: Joshua 4, Psalms 129-131, Isaiah 64, Matthew 12*

Jacqueline away until Tuesday 17th July

Alec's day off

Mike attending Diocesan Finance & Scrutiny Committee meeting (1pm)

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

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

9.30am Staff meeting

8pm St John's Vision Group meet at The Vicarage

Tuesday 3rd July *Readings: Joshua 5, Psalms 132-134, Isaiah 65, Matthew 13*

Michael Field leading a 'Walk Through the Bible' session at Antrobus St Mark's CE Primary (9.30am)

Michael Field leading 'Walk Through the Bible' sessions at Winnington Park Primary (1 & 2pm)

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

Wednesday 4th July *Readings: Joshua 6, Psalms 135-136, Isaiah 66, Matthew 14*

Mike attending Deanery Chapter meeting (12pm)

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 – Linda Sharps (Craft)

8pm Housegroups meet for Acts Study 9

Thursday 5th July *Readings: Joshua 7, Psalms 137-138, Jeremiah 1, Matthew 15*

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

11.45am Thursday Café Summer Special in the Church Centre

7.30pm Men's Curry Night at The Indian, Castle

Friday 6th July *Readings: Joshua 8, Psalm 139, Jeremiah 2, Matthew 16*

Church Office closed today

Michael Field leading a 'Walk Through the Bible' session at Antrobus St Mark's CE Primary (9.30am)

Phil and Teresa leading 'It's Your Move' sessions at St Wilfrid's Primary School (10.10am-12.10pm)

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

6.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

7.30pm Pathfinders meet for a 'Chip Walk' with new Year 6 guests

Saturday 7th July *Readings: Joshua 9, Psalms 140-141, Jeremiah 3, Matthew 17*

Mike's and Nathan's day off

10.15am Koinonia trip to Port Sunlight Village – meet in the Church Centre car park