

Sunday 15th July *Readings: Joshua 22, Acts 2, Jeremiah 11, Matthew 25*

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Holy Communion in St John's (John 4:27-42)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (guest preacher: Johnny McClean)
8pm	Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home
8.30pm	TFG meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home

Prayer Diary – 8th July 2018

The Collect for today – Sixth Sunday after Trinity:

God our Father, you have prepared for those who love you good things that surpass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love towards you that, loving you above all, we may obtain your promises which are greater than we can desire, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick the bereaved:

our mission partners: St John's, Over & Joseph Mayan (Barnabas Ministries in Uganda).

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 8th 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 All Age Service – John 6:1-15; *A Truly Significant Picnic*

1pm Hartford Picnic in the Park

6.30pm Holy Communion – 1 Corinthians 15:35-58; *The Resurrection Body*

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

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

Preachers elsewhere today:

Phil at Christ Church (4.30pm)

Hartford Picnic in the Park

As a church, we will be taking part in the Hartford Picnic in the Park this afternoon, starting at 1pm. 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. For more details, please contact Teresa.

Preschool Leavers' Celebration Service – urgent help needed

We are having a Preschool Leavers' Celebration Service in church on Monday 9th July, starting at 10am. We are really short of helpers, so it would be great if we could have assistance from 9am with moving tables and chairs. We also need some help with the children during the service from 9.45am. If you are able to volunteer, 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.

'Harambee' Walk

Just a quick note to express our sincere appreciation for your thoughts, prayers and financial support as we successfully completed our 'Harambee' Walk last Friday to raise both funds for Nyakabungo Parents Primary School and a wider awareness of the developing 'Harambee' Mid Cheshire/Uganda Partnership. Whilst the exact amount raised is still to be confirmed, we have already raised in excess of £1,000, which will provide a tremendous boost to the children in Nyakabungo PPS, which is the most needy of all the schools being supported in South West Uganda. Thank you so much for your on-going support and encouragement. *Helen & Martin.*

Make, Taste & See – Summer Holidays

MTS will be on Mondays 30th July, 6th, 13th and 20th August, from 10am until 12pm, in church. Please feel free to come along with family, friends and neighbours for coffee, cake, chat, craft and film clips. It is ideal to bring children to, but is open to everyone of any age.

As many of our regular helpers are away during the summer, we would be very happy if you are able to help at any of the sessions - either with serving refreshments, chatting to our visitors or assisting with crafts. We would also very much appreciate donations of cakes for each session. Please speak to Teresa to find out more. Thank you.

Help with Tots & Tinies

From September we would love to have some help with setting up for Tots & Tinies on Wednesday mornings. We start doing this at 9am and have to move quite a lot of tables and chairs, so if you feel able to help with this, even if you don't want to stay once the children arrive at 10am, we would really appreciate you joining us. It would be great to have one or two people who can help either every week or alternate weeks. Please speak to Teresa if you would like to find out more.

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.

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.

Crewe Church Plant - update

Those of you who heard Matt Guest speaking in St John's, 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.

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).

Church Diary – 8th July 2018

Monday 9th July *Readings: Joshua 11, Psalm 144, Jeremiah 5, Matthew 19*

Jacqueline away until Tuesday 17th July

Michael Field co-leading a Walk Through the Bible training week in Stuttgart (Monday- Friday)

Mike taking assemblies at Hartford CE High School (Monday-Thursday, 2.45pm)

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

9.30am Staff meeting

9.45am Ladies' Walk - meet in the Church Centre car park

10am Preschool Leavers' Celebration Service in St John's (*Nathan and Teresa*)

8pm Holiday Club planning meeting in the Church Centre

Tuesday 10th July *Readings: Joshua 12-13, Psalm 145, Jeremiah 6, Matthew 20*

Alec attending Oak Hill School of Theology day

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

7.15pm Ladies' Summer Meal in the Church Centre

Wednesday 11th July *Readings: Joshua 14-15, Psalms 146-147, Jeremiah 7, Matthew 21*

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

10am Tots and Tinies meet in the Church Centre

10am Funeral at Vale Royal Crematorium (*Alec*)

12pm Chester Association meet in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Songs of Praise

8pm Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre (*Alec Ham's housegroup*)

Thursday 12th July *Readings: Joshua 16-17, Psalm 148, Jeremiah 8, Matthew 22*

Friday 13th July *Readings: Joshua 18-19, Psalms 149-150, Jeremiah 9, Matthew 23*

Church Office closed today

Mike's day off

Phil and Teresa leading an 'It's Your Move' session at Great Budworth CE Primary School (9.15am)

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

6.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

11am Thanksgiving Service for life in St John's (*Alec*)

7.30pm Pathfinders meet in the Church Centre

Saturday 14th July *Readings: Joshua 20-21, Acts 1, Jeremiah 10, Matthew 24*

Nathan's and Alec's day off

9.30am St John's Golf Society play at Mersey Valley Golf Club

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