

## Prayer Diary – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**The Collect for today** – Tenth Sunday after Trinity:

*Let your merciful ears, Lord God, be open to the prayers of your people and, so that we may obtain our petitions, teach us to ask for those things that please you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Please pray for...**

*the sick and the bereaved:*

*our mission partners:* Andrew Pettinger (TWR in UK) & the Persecuted Church worldwide.

*those marrying this month:*

*those leading/helping at camps:*

*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.

## Notice Sheet for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018

All services are in **St John's Church** unless stated otherwise.

**8am Morning Prayer**

**9.30am Prayer Meeting** in the Eddowes Room

**10am Morning Prayer** – Exodus 25-31; *Praise to the Holiest (part 1)*

**6.30pm Evening Prayer** – Psalm 2; *Kiss the Son!*

**Preachers elsewhere today:**

Michael Field at Over URC, Winsford (10.30am)

### Bursaries for Ugandan pastors

Following the appeal in church for donations towards bursaries which enable Ugandan pastors to attend the conference Alec and George Crowder are leading, a wonderful total of £1369.43 (including reclaimed tax) was given. Thanks to everyone for this generous response.

### Ladies' Meal at the Riverside Inn

The next ladies' meal will be on Thursday 16th August, 7.30pm, at the Riverside Inn in Acton Bridge. This is a great way to meet together informally and bring some friends along. Please contact Mary Shorter by Monday 13th August to book a place.

### The Christian Institute job opportunities

The Christian Institute is seeking to employ a Communications Officer and an Editor/Writer to work at its headquarters in Newcastle upon Tyne. The deadline for applications is 4<sup>th</sup> September. For more information, please see the poster at the back of church or call Judi Coulson (0191 281 5664).

### Jam jars & ice cream tubs needed

If you have any spare jam jars that you no longer need (with or without lids), we would like to recycle them for a Tots' craft. As part of the preparations for A Taste of Harvest, we also need 40 empty ice cream tubs (2 litre rectangular ones) with their lids. If you can donate either of these items, please leave them at the back of the Church Extension or bring them to the Church Office. Thank you, *Teresa*.

### Make, Taste & See – Summer Holidays

MTS will be on Mondays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Tots & Tinies over the summer

During the summer holidays, there will be no Tots sessions on a Wednesday morning in the Church Centre. Instead, we will have an informal get together each week where you can just turn up to play. Nothing will be led – just free play in the fresh air with friends. Meet each Wednesday morning from 10am at the park on Bradburns Lane, next to The Grange Senior School, opposite the tennis courts. As this is a public play area, older children and non-tots regulars are also welcome to join us. For more information, please speak to Teresa.

### Holiday Club 2018

Holiday Club will be Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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! We would like to have the tubes from your cling film/foil too. Please leave them in the labelled box in the Church Extension. Thank you. *Judi Rigby*.

#### **Help needed from knitters and crocheters**

As part of our harvest event for schools and the local community called 'A Taste of Harvest', which is running for the first two weeks of October, we would like to string up lots of knitted and/or crocheted leaves to make a sort of 'bunting' to hang outside the church. To do this we need lots and lots of leaves!!! If you are able to knit or crochet, and would like to help with this, please speak to Teresa to get more information and patterns. Thank you.

#### **Real Change Course – Autumn 2018**

As Philippians reminds us, God is going to bring to completion the good work he has already begun in us. Real Change is a course for anyone who wants to take a look at what is going on in their heart and grow with God's help to see Real Change. The course lasts for 8 weeks and starts on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at St John's Knutsford. Booking is essential and there will be a cost of £3.50 for the course handbook. Contact St John's Office (office@stjohnsknutsford.org.uk or 01565 755160) to book a place or visit [www.biblicalcounselling.org.uk/realchange](http://www.biblicalcounselling.org.uk/realchange) to see course content.

#### **Northern Women's Convention**

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November, the Northern Women's Convention will take place at All Saints in Preston. The speaker this year is Liz Cox and the title is 'Now I See' - teaching from John 9 about the light that Jesus brings into our dark, blind world. There are also a number of seminar options to choose from. Tickets are £15 and more details can be found on the NWC website. If you would like to go, please get in touch with Jackie Barton, so we can make a group booking.

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup> September, and schools will visit each day from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October during the day. There will also be evening sessions available for local groups to book. For more details, please speak to Teresa.

#### **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](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.

#### **Church Diary – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August** *Readings: Judges 20, Acts 24, Jeremiah 34, Psalms 5-6*

#### **Church Office closed**

Phil away until Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August

Jackie away until Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Uganda Team away 5<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> August

Nathan away until Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August

10am-12pm Make, Taste & See in St John's

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August** *Readings: Judges 21, Acts 25, Jeremiah 35, Psalms 7-8*

Teresa away until Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August

9.30am-2pm Church Office open in the Church Centre

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August** *Readings: Ruth 1, Acts 26, Jeremiah 36, Psalm 9*

#### **Church Office closed**

10am Tots and Tinies Summer Get Together in Grange Park

8pm Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre (*Mike*)

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August** *Readings: Ruth 2, Acts 27, Jeremiah 37, Psalm 10*

#### **Church Office closed**

Mike's day off

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August** *Readings: Ruth 3-4, Acts 28, Jeremiah 38, Psalms 11-12*

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

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August** *Readings: 1 Samuel 1, Romans 1, Jeremiah 39, Psalms 13-14*

1pm Marriage Service in St John's (*Mike*)

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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August** *Readings: 1 Samuel 2, Romans 2, Jeremiah 40, Psalms 15-16*

8am Holy Communion in St John's

9.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

10am Morning Prayer in St John's (including a renewal of vows)

6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (Exodus 32:1-33:6)

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.*