

Prayer Diary – 12th August 2018

The Collect for today – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity:

Lord God, you show your Almighty power most of all in showing mercy and pity: grant us such a measure of your grace that in carrying out your commandments we may obtain your promises and share in your heavenly treasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick the bereaved:

our mission partners: Johnny & Ann McClean (UFM in Bangkok) & Kip & Rachel Chelashaw (UFM in Nairobi).

those marrying this month:

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 Christian governors to wisely fulfil their duties.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 12th August 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 – (including renewal of wedding vows)

6.30pm Holy Communion – Exodus 32:1-33:6; *The Golden Calf*

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

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 4th 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 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.

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 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.

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 13th 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 to see course content.

Northern Women's Convention

On Saturday 17th 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 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.

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 – 12th August 2018

Monday 13th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 3, Romans 3, Jeremiah 41, Psalm 17*

Uganda Team away 5th - 16th August

Nathan away until Sunday 19th August

Teresa away until Monday 20th August

Mike away until Tuesday 28th August

Richard away until Monday 3rd September

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

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

Tuesday 14th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 4, Romans 4, Jeremiah 42, Psalm 18*

Jacqueline away today

Wednesday 15th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 5-6, Romans 5, Jeremiah 43, Psalm 19*

10am Tots and Tinies Summer Get Together in Grange Park

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

Thursday 16th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 7-8, Romans 6, Jeremiah 44, Psalms 20-21*

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

7.30pm Ladies' Meal at the Riverside Inn, Acton Bridge

Friday 17th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 9, Romans 7, Jeremiah 45-46, Psalm 22*

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

Saturday 18th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 10, Romans 8, Jeremiah 47, Psalms 23-24*

Alec conducting a wedding blessing at Hartford Golf Club

8am Men's Breakfast in the Church Centre

Sunday 19th August *Readings: 1 Samuel 11, Romans 9, Jeremiah 48, Psalm 25*

Alec's day off

8am Holy Communion in St John's

9.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

10am Holy Communion in St John's (Exodus 33:7-34:35)

6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (Psalm 3)

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.