

Sunday 14th October Readings: 1 Kings 17, Colossians 4, Ezekiel 47, Psalm 103

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Harvest All Age Guest Service in St John's (John 6:25-40)
12.15pm	Bring & Share Lunch in the Church Centre
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (Isaiah 25-26)
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 – 7th October 2018

The Collect for today – Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity:

Lord God, because without you we are not able to please you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in everything direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

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

our local schools:

- Cloughwood Academy & Greenbank School, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.
- Hartford Church of England High School.
- For Christian teachers to show the love of Jesus in their lessons and in their presence around school.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 7th October 2018

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

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Church Centre (upstairs)

10am Morning Prayer in the Church Centre - John 6:16-24; *Walking on Water*

6.30pm Holy Communion in the Church Extension - Isaiah 24; *"The Lord Almighty will reign"*

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

Preachers elsewhere today:

Michael Field at Shurlach Methodist Church (10.45am)

Phil at St Catherine's, Tranmere (11am)

A Taste of Harvest preparation

Thank you to everyone who has been involved so far but, for next week's visits, we still need volunteers for the following times, please:

Thursday 11 th October (1.15pm)	Help with children and refreshments
Thursday 11 th October (6pm)	Help with refreshments
Friday 12 th October (9.15am)	Help with refreshments
Friday 12 th October (10.45am)	Help with refreshments

If you are able to help with any of these, please let Teresa know. Thank you.

Bring & Share Lunch - 14th October

The Harvest Bring & Share Lunch will be after the morning service next Sunday, 14th October. The lunch will aim to start at 12.15pm in the Church Centre. The idea is that anyone who would like to come brings a main course or a pudding, plus a cold drink. If you bring enough to feed and water yourselves, and a few others, there should be plenty for everyone. To save making extra work for anyone, there won't be any hot drinks on this occasion. Housegroups will be taking it in turns to host these lunches. For more details, please contact Alec.

Harvest Gifts for Mid Cheshire Food Bank – Sunday 14th October

This year we will again be supporting the Mid Cheshire Foodbank, who provide emergency food for local people in crisis. They would welcome any of following (items in *italics* are things that they are currently very short of): *tinned fruit, meat*, tomatoes & fish, cordial, *long life milk & fruit juice, cup a soups*, dried snack meals, *pasta sauce*, rice, custard, rice pudding, *sponge puddings, jam, biscuits*, chocolate & treats, *coffee*, toilet rolls and toiletries. They currently have sufficient pasta and baked beans. Please bring your food gifts to the Harvest Service on 14th October and ensure that all donations are well in date. Thank you.

Ladies' Meal at The Bulls Head, Davenham

The next ladies' meal will be on Thursday 18th October, 7.30pm, at The Bulls Head in Davenham. This is a great way to meet together informally and bring some friends along. Please contact Sarah Farmer (ladies@stjohnshartford.org) by Monday 15th October to book a place.

Stained Glass Course

A Stained Glass Course takes place regularly in the Church Centre and there is a new one, starting on 11th October, which has some vacancies for beginners. It is a 7-week course, which is ideal for learning the basics of lead work and copper foiling. The course is £120, and this includes the cost of materials. If you are interested, please contact the organiser, Ian Lonsdale (0161 976 0877 or 07967 020204).

Evangelism Conference – Thursday 11th October

This year's Evangelism Conference is on Thursday 11th October, 10am-4.15pm, at Holy Trinity Platt. Rico Tice (from Christianity Explored Ministries) will be the main speaker and the theme of the day is 'Persuasive Evangelism'. There will also be a choice of seminars to attend, including 'Persuasive Apologetics', 'Telling your story persuasively', 'Reaching women with the gospel today' and 'Persuasion door to door'. More details, including booking information, can be found on the Evangelism Conference website. There are several people already going and lifts are available. Please contact Alec, as soon as possible, if you would like to come.

Church Holiday Books for Sale

We have a number of books available for sale at tremendous discounts, which are left over from the Church Holiday. These will be available at the back of church and, if you would like to buy one, please give the money to Nathan. These books have been specially selected to be helpful to us in growing in Godliness and Christian service. Please do have a browse.

The Reluctant Evangelist: £6	Explore Genesis: £6
5 Things to Pray for Your Church: £2.50	5 Things to Pray for Your Heart: £2.50
What Every Child Should Know... : £4	Foundations of Faith: £9.50

St John's Golf Society Presentation Dinner

This year's Golf Presentation Dinner will again be held at Eaton Golf Club on Saturday 20th October. The evening starts at 7pm (for 7.30pm) with a three-course meal, followed by tea or coffee. There will be a short address and the presentation of trophies to the winners of each golf day and the overall winners. The food is excellent and it promises to be a good night out. Tickets are £24 (friends & family welcome). Please contact Ray Bridgewater to book your place.

Church Library – missing books

Andrew Rodwell is doing a stock check of the Church Library and it appears there may be a few books missing. If you have one at home, please can you bring it back and let Andrew know.

Barn Dance

On Saturday 10th November, at 7pm, the Social Committee are hosting a Barn Dance in the Church Centre. The evening will feature a full calling band and include supper (vegetarian option available). Tickets will be on sale shortly but please put the date in your diaries now!

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 – 7th October 2018

Monday 8th October *Readings: 1 Kings 11, Philippians 2, Ezekiel 41, Psalms 92-93*

Mike, Nathan, Alec, Phil, Teresa, Michael Field, Debbie Nobes, Judi Rigby and Sandra Tipper leading A Taste of Harvest in St John's (all week)

9.30am-5pm	Church Office open in the Church Centre (Monday to Wednesday)
9.45am	Ladies' Walk - meet in the Church Centre car park
8pm	Standing Committee Budget Meeting in the Church Centre Conference Room

Tuesday 9th October *Readings: 1 Kings 12, Philippians 3, Ezekiel 42, Psalm 94*

Michael Field leading 'Walk Through the Bible' sessions at Hartford Primary School (am & pm)
Mike attending Deanery Synod (7.30pm)

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

Wednesday 10th October *Readings: 1 Kings 13, Philippians 4, Ezekiel 43, Psalms 95-96*

Michael Field leading 'Walk Through the Bible' sessions at Sandiway Primary School (am)
Phil at Hartford Church of England High School Christian Union (1.05-1.35pm)
Nathan & Jo leading Big Bible Club at Hartford Manor Primary School (3.30pm)

10am	Tots and Tinies meet in the Church Centre
2pm	Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Rev Michael Walters
8pm	Housegroups meet for CE Study 3/visit A Taste of Harvest in St John's

Thursday 11th October *Readings: 1 Kings 14, Colossians 1, Ezekiel 44, Psalms 97-98*

Church Office closed today

Alec attending the Evangelism Conference in Manchester (all day)

10am	Men's Walk - contact David King for meeting point
11.45am	Thursday Café in the Church Centre

Friday 12th October *Readings: 1 Kings 15, Colossians 2, Ezekiel 45, Psalms 99-101*

Alec's day off

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
7.30pm	Friday Night Live (Pathfinders) in the Church Centre

Saturday 13th October *Readings: 1 Kings 16, Colossians 3, Ezekiel 46, Psalm 102*

Mike's and Nathan's day off

8am	St John's Golf Society play at Hill Valley (Emerald) Golf Course
3pm	Koinonia meet in the Church Centre