

Sunday 21st October Readings: 2 Kings 2, 2 Thessalonians 2, Daniel 6, Psalms 112-113

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Holy Communion in St John's (John 6:41-59)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (Isaiah 27)
8pm	Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home
8.15pm	TFG meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home

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

Prayer Diary – 14th October 2018

The Collect for today – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty and merciful God, keep us by your bountiful goodness from everything that may hurt us so that we may be ready both in body and soul cheerfully to accomplish whatever you want us to do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

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

our local schools:

- The Grange Junior & Senior Schools, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.
- Hartford Church of England High School.
- For Ofsted to be less aggressive in schools when assessing 'British Values'.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 14th October 2018

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

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Eddowes Room

10am Harvest All Age Service - John 6:25-40;

12.15pm Harvest Bring & Share Lunch in the Church Centre

6.30pm Evening Prayer - Isaiah 25-26; *"This is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us"*

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

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

Preachers elsewhere today:

Phil at St Stephen's, Moulton (10.45am)

Church Office

The Church Office will be closed on Monday 15th October but open as normal for the rest of the week.

Campfire Party

St John's Campfire Party is on Friday 26th October from 4.30pm to 7pm. It's for all children in primary school. Meet at the Church Centre and pick up from Hartford Scout Hut. There will be glow sticks, sparklers, hot food, games and stories. The event is free but booking is required - please collect a form from Nathan, and return as soon as possible.

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 cost £10 and are available from Mary Parkes.

Government Consultation on Gender Recognition

The Government is consulting on making it easier to change legal sex. It is asking about removing any need for a medical diagnosis or two years living as the opposite sex, in a move towards 'self-declaration', and about giving legal recognition to those who claim to identify as neither male nor female ('non-binary'). The deadline for responding to the consultation is **11pm on 19th October**. You can respond online (www.bit.ly/grarespond18) and The Christian Institute has produced a briefing paper, which you may find helpful – some copies are available at the back of church.

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 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.

Church Office phone number 01606 872255

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 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

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.

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).

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.

Church Diary – 14th October 2018

Monday 15th October *Readings: 1 Kings 18, 1 Thessalonians 1, Ezekiel 48, Psalm 104*

Church Office closed today

Mike taking a KS2 assembly at Hartford Manor Primary School (2.45pm)

9.30am Staff meeting

10.45am Funeral Service at Vale Royal Crematorium (*Alec*)

8pm Discipleship & Pastoral Care Committee meet at The Vicarage

Tuesday 16th October *Readings: 1 Kings 19, 1 Thessalonians 2, Daniel 1, Psalm 105*

Mike attending the Church Society Council Residential (Tuesday-Wednesday)

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

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

1.45pm Funeral Service at Vale Royal Crematorium (*George*)

8pm Christianity Explored course in the Church Centre

Wednesday 17th October *Readings: 1 Kings 20, 1 Thessalonians 3, Daniel 2, Psalm 106*

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 – Helen Rixon

8pm Housegroups meet for Christianity Explored Study 4

Thursday 18th October *Readings: 1 Kings 21, 1 Thessalonians 4, Daniel 3, Psalm 107*

11.45am Thursday Café in the Church Centre

2pm Funeral Service in St John's (*Mike*)

7.30pm Ladies' Meal at The Bulls Head, Davenham

Friday 19th October *Readings: 1 Kings 22, 1 Thessalonians 5, Daniel 4, Psalms 108-109*

Mike'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 20th October *Readings: 2 Kings 1, 2 Thessalonians 1, Daniel 5, Psalms 110-111*

Nathan's and Alec's day off

8am Men's Breakfast in the Church Centre

7pm St John's Golf Society Annual Presentation Dinner at Eaton Golf Club