

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November** *Readings: 2 Kings 24, Hebrews 6, Joel 3, Psalm 143*

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	All Age Remembrance Sunday Service in St John's
<b>6pm</b>	Remembrance Sunday Service in St John's (John 8:12)
7.05pm	Bell ringing to mark centenary of the end of First World War
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 – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**The Collect for today** – Twenty third Sunday after Trinity:

*Lord God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of your church and grant that what we ask for in faith we may surely obtain, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Please pray for...**

*the sick and the bereaved:*

*our mission partners:* The Gideons and Peter & Julie Fraser (Bible Encounter Trust).

*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 4<sup>th</sup> November 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** - John 7:1-13; *Scepticism and uncertainty*

**6.30pm Holy Communion** - Psalm 6; *How long, O Lord?*

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

**Preachers elsewhere today:**

Michael Walters at Sandiway Gospel Church (6pm)

### **Cornerstone Church Thanksgiving**

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm, at Christ Church, Wharton, there will be a thanksgiving evening for the Crewe church plant (now officially named Cornerstone Church Crewe). The service is a chance to hear from members of the core team, find out how the last year of preparation has gone, and see what to expect from Cornerstone when it's launched in January. But, most importantly, it will be an opportunity to give thanks to God for his provision and blessings over the last year. All are welcome.

### **Hartford Victorian Christmas – help required**

This annual community event takes place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. In order to make it a success, we could do with some volunteers to help with the following activities, please:

- setting up and decorating the church and Church Centre on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November (1-6pm)
- stewards to assist with unloading on Saturday (8-9.30am)
- welcomers, preferably in Victorian costume, for both buildings (10am-2.30pm)
- people to help clear up afterwards (2.30-4.30pm)

There will be other ways you can volunteer, such as cake baking and running activities. Please let us know what you could help with (and times, if appropriate). If you are able to support this event hosted by the church, please contact Sarah Farmer or ring the Church Office (872255).

### **Drivers for Thursday Café**

The Thursday Café is short of drivers to pick-up/drop-off people who would be unable to get to the café by themselves. If you could help with this, please talk to Sarah Farmer.

### **Ladies' Meal at The Riverside Inn**

The next ladies' meal will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 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 12<sup>th</sup> November to book a place.

### **'Deeper' Bible Convention**

... will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at St Andrew's, Cheadle Hulme. James Robson will be speaking on 'Violence in the Bible!' Both evenings are 7.30-9.30pm and everyone is welcome to these informal events for praise, Bible reading, prayer and refreshments.

### **Quiz Night at Hartford CE High School**

... is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30pm, in the West Building. Tickets are £5 each, and you should bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Teams of up to 6 people must register **before 6<sup>th</sup> November** by contacting Sara Morris (786000, 9am-3pm).

### **Christmas Choir Practices**

If you would like to join a choir to sing in the Christmas services, rehearsals are mainly on Thursdays, from 7.30pm until 8.30pm, in the church. The dates are: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November,

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December. If you cannot make all of the practices but can manage some, please do still come along! For more details, please see Mike Jones or contact the Church Office.

### Ladies' Christmas Meal – advance notice

The Ladies' Christmas Meal will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in the Church Centre - please put the date in your diary now. Rosemary Charlton will be the speaker for the evening, so please come along to support her, enjoy a relaxed Christmas meal and share the Christmas message with your friends. Invitations will be issued in November but please pray over the next few weeks about who you could invite. *Linda Sharps.*

### “I will not abandon them!”

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, at 8pm (7.30pm for refreshments), Archbishop Ben Kwashi will be speaking at St Mary's, Cheadle. Archbishop Kwashi is a passionate servant of the gospel of Christ and, in Nigeria, has witnessed the cost of serving that gospel many times. He and his wife have suffered personal attacks and serve in an area where many Christians have been brutally assaulted or killed. Come and hear an inspiring testimony of faith in the face of persecution. For more information, please contact Kenneth (07375 516408).

### FNL is now recruiting

FNL (formerly Pathfinders) is now in real need of regular staff and this presents a wonderful opportunity for someone who wants to invest themselves in young people's lives through conversation, entertainment, discussion, games and sacrifice. FNL runs on a Friday, 7.30-9pm, during term time, and has recently increased to regularly having over 20 young people. We need at least one more regular leader as well as a couple more who may only be able to serve irregularly. Candidates should have a desire to love and serve young people by getting alongside them for Christ, be willing to give energetically and enthusiastically to a lively and noisy club, listen and lead in a variety of activities, and develop the Friday evening programme. You will be working alongside the existing team and will have many opportunities to grow your own talents and abilities in discipling young people. If you would like to know more, please contact Nathan.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:dee@stjohnshartford.org)). We also have direct access to Chester Diocese's Counselling Service; contact Jane Knight (01270 652034 or 07918 732806).

## Church Diary – 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November** *Readings: 2 Kings 18, Philemon, Hosea 11, Psalms 132-134*

Alec's day off

Teresa leading a story & craft session at Old School House Nursery (9.15am)

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

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

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** *Readings: 2 Kings 19, Hebrews 1, Hosea 12, Psalms 135-136*

Teresa leading a story & craft session at Kids Count Nursery (9.30am)

Nathan taking an assembly at Whitegate CE Primary School (10.25am)

9am Staff meeting

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

6.30pm Youth & Children's Committee meet in the Church Centre Conference Room

8pm Christianity Explored course in the Church Centre

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November** *Readings: 2 Kings 20, Hebrews 2, Hosea 13, Psalms 137-138*

Phil at Hartford Church of England High School Christian Union (1.05-1.35pm)

Teresa leading a story & craft session at Sir Leslie Martin Nursery (2pm)

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 - Shelagh Cutts (retired midwife)

8pm Housegroups meet for Christianity Explored Study 5

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** *Readings: 2 Kings 21, Hebrews 3, Hosea 14, Psalm 139*

Alec attending a Uganda review meeting (7.30pm)

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

11.45am Thursday Café in the Church Centre

8pm Operations' Committee meet in the Church Centre Conference Room

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November** *Readings: 2 Kings 22, Hebrews 4, Joel 1, Psalms 140-141*

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 10<sup>th</sup> November** *Readings: 2 Kings 23, Hebrews 5, Joel 2, Psalm 142*

Nathan's day off

Mike attending Diocesan Synod at St John's Knutsford (9am-1pm)

Mike and Alec attending Cornerstone Church Thanksgiving Evening (7-8.30pm)