

Sunday 18th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 11-12, Hebrews 13, Amos 7, Luke 2*

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Holy Communion in St John's (John 7:14-24)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (Psalm 7)
8pm	Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home
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

Prayer Diary – 11th November 2018

The Collect for today – Twenty fourth Sunday after Trinity:

Lord, we pray, absolve your people from their offences so that through your bountiful goodness we may be set free from the chains of those sins which in our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick the bereaved:

our mission partners: Charlotte Kirkham (St Catherine's, Tranmere) and Robert Matati (Anglican minister in Butere, Kenya).

our local schools:

- St Nicholas Catholic High School & St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.
- Hartford Church of England High School.
- For those who visit schools regularly from St John's: Mike, Phil, Nathan, Alec, Teresa and Michael Field.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 11th 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 All Age Remembrance Service - Psalm 46

5.50pm Evening Remembrance Sunday Service - John 8:12; *The Light of the World*

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

Preachers elsewhere today:

Jeremy Hunns at St Mary's, Whitewell (10.45am)

Hartford Victorian Christmas – volunteers needed

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

- looking after stallholders in the church or Church Centre on Saturday (8am-3pm)
- setting up and decorating the church and Church Centre on Friday 30th November (1-6pm)
- stewards to assist with unloading on Saturday (8-9.30am)
- welcomers, preferably in Victorian costume, for both buildings (9.30am-2.30pm)
- people to help clear up afterwards (2.30-4.30pm)
- making cakes/traybakes for the café – drop off in Church Centre on Friday after 1pm

If you are able to support this event hosted by the church, please contact Sarah Farmer or ring the Church Office (872255).

This year we also have the Eden Bus coming - this is a new specific opportunity for volunteers to get alongside young people, to support them in the activities and begin conversations towards the gospel. The activities include: rock climbing wall, tube slide, nail bar, various video games and karaoke. We would need approximately 5 people throughout the day on a rotation system. If you would like to get involved in this aspect of the Victorian Christmas, please contact Nathan.

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 15th November, Thursday 22nd November, Tuesday 27th November, Tuesday 4th December, Thursday 13th December and Thursday 20th December. If you cannot make all of the practices but could manage some, please do still come along! For more details, please see Mike Jones or contact the Church Office.

Tickets for Northern Women's Convention

Two ladies who were going to the NWC in Preston on 17th November are no longer able to attend. They would like to pass their tickets on to other women who could make use of them, if possible. They don't want any money for them but, if someone could use a ticket and wanted (and was able) to make a small donation to the church, they would both be very happy with that. If you would like one of these tickets, please get in touch with the Church Office and we should also be able to arrange a lift to Preston for you, if required.

Items wanted for Hartford Victorian Christmas

Do you have any new unwanted toiletries, maybe unwanted gifts you could donate for us to sell on the CAP stall at the Victorian Christmas on 1st December. A group of us have been sewing and

knitting for the stall, but nice 'smellies' always sell well. Please leave any donations in the box in the Church Extension. Thank you. *Jackie Williams & Gill Woolley*

Mary Parkes is also running a stall at the Victorian Christmas to raise money for CAP and the Ulcerated Legs charity. If you have any Bric a brac you would like to donate, please give it to Mary.

New helpers needed for PBR

Pray Bake Read is a scheme we have running in some of our local schools, with volunteers from our church family committing to serve a particular school through praying for them, going into school to listen to children read, and occasionally providing cakes for the staff. We are currently short of volunteers for the teams that support Hartford Primary School and Hartford Church of England High School. The schools are hugely grateful for any help we can offer them and will always fit around your availability. If you would like to find out more about what is involved, please speak to Teresa. Thank you.

Toy Sunday

On Sunday 2nd December we will be having our Toy Sunday, where we collect *new toys* which will go to the NSPCC at Rainbow House in Crewe. Please can you make sure all toys are wrapped and clearly labelled with the gender and age they are intended for. Thank you.

Harvest Thank You from Mid Cheshire Foodbank

Mid Cheshire Foodbank would like to thank St John's for our harvest gifts, amounting to 229.6kg of food. Our donations are much appreciated to help maintain their ongoing commitment to serve the local community and enable their volunteers to restore hope within our area.

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 15th 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 12th November to book a place.

Ladies' Christmas Meal – advance notice

The Ladies' Christmas Meal will be on Tuesday 11th 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 23rd 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).

Church Diary – 11th November 2018

Monday 12th November *Readings: 2 Kings 25, Hebrews 7, Amos 1, Psalm 144*

Mike taking a Hartford Manor Primary School Remembrance Assembly at the War Memorial (11am)

Phil taking an assembly at Davenham Church of England Primary School (2.45pm)

Nathan taking assemblies at Hartford Church of England High School (Monday-Thursday, 2.45pm)

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

Tuesday 13th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 1-2, Hebrews 8, Amos 2, Psalm 145*

Jacqueline away today

Teresa taking a KS2 assembly at St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School (11.10am)

Teresa leading a story & craft session at The Grange School Kindergarten (1pm)

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

8pm Christianity Explored course in the Church Centre

Wednesday 14th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 3-4, Hebrews 9, Amos 3, Psalms 146-147*

Peter & Julie Fraser taking assemblies at Great Budworth CE Primary, Greenbank, St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary and Hartford Primary Schools (9.15am-2.30pm)

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 - Gillian (Demonstration)

7pm Pastoral Care Group meet in the Church Centre

8pm Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre (*Keith Wilby's housegroup*)

Thursday 15th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 5-6, Hebrews 10, Amos 4, Psalms 148-150*

Mike taking part in a Remembrance Service at the Memorial Orchard (10.45am)

Alec attending Deanery Chapter (12pm)

11.45am Thursday Café in the Church Centre

7.30pm Christmas choir practice in St John's

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

Friday 16th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 7-8, Hebrews 11, Amos 5, Luke 1:1-38*

Mike's and Alec's day off

Teresa leading story & craft sessions at The Grange School Kindergarten (10.45am & 1pm)

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 17th November *Readings: 1 Chronicles 9-10, Hebrews 12, Amos 6, Luke 1:39-80*

Nathan's day off

8am Men's Breakfast in the [Church Extension](#)

10am-4.30pm Northern Women's Convention at All Saints, Preston