

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January** Readings: Genesis 21, Matthew 20, Nehemiah 10, Acts 20

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Holy Communion in St John's (John 7:53-8:11)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (Isaiah 30:1-33)
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 – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**The Collect for today** – Sunday after Epiphany:

*Merciful Lord, receive the prayers of your people who call upon you and grant that we may know those things we ought to do and also have the grace and power faithfully to perform them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Please pray for...**

*the sick and the bereaved:*

*our mission partners:* Jemma Fitzsimmons (OM) and Joseph Mayan (Barnabas Ministries in Uganda).

*our local schools:*

- Sir Leslie Martin & Old School House Nurseries, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.
- Hartford Church of England High School.
- For parliament to reject proposals for new legislation that will make many elements of sex education compulsory for all pupils. Many of the topics to be covered are contrary to the word of God.

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### **Notice Sheet for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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 7:45-52; *Unbelieving leaders*

**6.30pm Evening Prayer** - Isaiah 29:1-24; *Understanding God's perspective*

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

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

**Preachers elsewhere today:**

Michael Field at Chester Road Methodist Church, Winsford (10.30am)

Mike at Christ Church Greenbank (4.30pm)

### **Christianity Explored**

Christianity Explored is an informal 7-week course for anyone who would like to investigate Christianity, see what the Bible really says or ask any questions that they have. Our next one starts on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in St John's Church Centre. Looking at Mark's gospel, the course explores who Jesus is, why he came, and what it means to follow him. For more information, please contact the Church Office.

### **Café volunteers get-together**

If you're already a café volunteer or you might be interested in becoming one, please come along to an informal get-together to discuss how things are progressing with the café reopening - on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, at 10am, in the Church Centre.

### **Ladies' Meal at The Indian in Castle**

The next ladies' meal will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm, at The Indian in Castle. This is a great way to meet together informally and bring some friends along. Please contact Sarah Farmer (ladies@stjohnshartford.org) by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January to book a place.

### **Bring & Share lunches – future dates**

We will be having Bring & Share lunches on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 5<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> June. Please put these dates in your diary.

### **Living Christianity - a Christian Institute meeting**

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm, at Borrass Park Evangelical Church in Wrexham, The Christian Institute will be holding a meeting. The event will help Christians think about how to apply their faith to the whole of life. Some of the topics that will be covered are the state undermining parental authority in family life, Gospel freedom and Gender Ideology. For more details, please see the flyers in the Welcome Area.

### **The Christian Institute - job opportunity**

The Christian Institute is seeking to employ an Assistant to the In-house Solicitor to work at its headquarters in Newcastle upon Tyne. The deadline for applications is Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. For more details, please contact Judi Coulson (judi.coulson@christian.org.uk or 0191 281 5664).

### **Walk Through the Bible - information meeting**

As many of you know, Michael Field has been leading WTTB sessions in many of our local primary schools. Due to increasing demand from schools, coupled with Michael cutting back on his commitments following his recent illness, we are keen to find some new volunteers who might be interested in training to become WTTB presenters. We will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, at 1.30pm, in the Church Centre (upstairs Conference Room), for anyone who might like

to find out more. You will not be committing to anything just by coming along! If you know you would like to come, please speak to Michael or Teresa.

#### **New Welcome Team members needed**

We have lost some of our morning Welcome Team, due to family situations or ill health, and are looking to recruit five new members. You would be on a rota to serve about once every four to five weeks. If you can help or would like to find out more, please contact Debbie Nobes.

#### **Read the Bible in 2019**

Have you always wanted to read through the whole Bible but never got round to it? Or are you resolved to find time to study a Bible passage and spend time praying every day? Please do check the 'Reading the Bible' section of our website. We have compiled a list of links to many resources, including free audio daily Bible readings apps for iPhones and iPads, Android smartphones and tablets along with other devices; including the Daily Audio Bible podcast and Bible in One Year (from HTB) which both take you through the whole Bible in a year. The notice sheet also has daily readings alongside each day on the diary page to enable you to do the same. The readings are linked to a daily Bible Reading Plan that is available in various formats from the 'Reading the Bible' page. Finally, if you don't own a Bible to read, please ask a member of staff and we will make sure you get one.

#### **'Harambee' Uganda Mission 2019**

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January, at 8pm in the Church Centre, there will be an Information Evening where we will provide further background, insight and encouragement for those who may be interested or who have already expressed an interest in visiting Uganda next year. The aim of the 2019 visit will be to further develop our links with, and support for, the schools and churches over there, as a fundamental part of our 'Harambee' partnership growth. There will be more information early in the New Year, ahead of the meeting, but in the interim please treat this as a 'Save the Date'. If you would like to know more, please speak to Martin or Helen Barber.

#### **North West Partnership Conference**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January, NWP is holding its annual conference at St Andrew's, Leyland. The speakers are Tim Lane and Mark Pickles. Tim will talk on 'Words that Matter: saying things that really help'. His talks will have a focus on how the Gospel is sufficient for this issue. Each day costs £18: please see [www.northwestpartnership.com/events](http://www.northwestpartnership.com/events) for more details.

#### **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 – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January** *Readings: Genesis 15, Matthew 14, Nehemiah 4, Acts 14*

Mike attending the Mission Minded Conference (Monday to Wednesday)

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

Teresa taking a KS1 assembly at Hartford Manor Primary School (2.50pm)

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

9.30am Staff meeting

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** *Readings: Genesis 16, Matthew 15, Nehemiah 5, Acts 15*

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

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

1.30pm Walk Through the Bible information meeting in the Church Centre

8pm Christianity Explored course in the Church Centre

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** *Readings: Genesis 17, Matthew 16, Nehemiah 6, Acts 16*

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

10am Tots & Tinies meet in the Church Centre

12pm Chester Association meets in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre - PC Gillett (PCSO)

8pm Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre (*Ian Barton's housegroup*)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January** *Readings: Genesis 18, Matthew 17, Nehemiah 7, Acts 17*

Teresa's day off

7.30pm Ladies' Meal at The Indian in Castle

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** *Readings: Genesis 19, Matthew 18, Nehemiah 8, Acts 18*

Mike's and Alec's day off

Michael Field leading 'Walk Through the Bible' sessions at Barnton Primary School (1.15 & 2.15pm)

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) meets in the Church Centre

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January** *Readings: Genesis 20, Matthew 19, Nehemiah 9, Acts 19*

Nathan's day off

Mike attending Hartford CE High School Governors' Away Day