

Sunday 10th March *Readings: Exodus 21, Luke 24, Job 39, 2 Corinthians 9*

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Morning Prayer in St John's (John 9:13-34)
6.30pm	Holy Communion in St John's (1 Timothy 2:1-7)
8pm	Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home

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

Prayer Diary – 3rd March 2019

The Collect for today – Quinquagesima Sunday:

Lord, you have taught us that whatever we do without love is worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and all virtues; for without love whoever lives is reckoned dead by you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

- Hartford Primary School & Kids Count Nursery, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.
- Hartford Church of England High School.
- For Christian pupils to stand with and to support one another around school.

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Notice Sheet for Sunday 3rd March 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 9:1-12; *Jesus heals a man born blind*

6.30pm Evening Prayer - 1 Timothy 1:12-20; *Unlimited patience*

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

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

The Forgotten F Word

In 2003, Detective Constable Stephen Oake was murdered by a terrorist during a raid on a house in Manchester. On Thursday 28th March, at 8pm, in St John's Church Centre, come and hear from Stephen's father, Robin Oake, and his sister, Judi Rigby, as they share the compelling story of experiencing this tragedy and how they found forgiveness was possible. During this informal evening, light refreshments will be served and there will be a short presentation on the theme of forgiveness. Please invite family, friends and colleagues along with you to hear Robin and Judi's story. There will be some work needed for planning and preparing this evangelistic evening. If you would like to help in some way towards this, please speak to Alec this week.

Church Office

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th and Monday 11th March but open as normal for the rest of those weeks.

924 Evening - Wednesday 27th March

Doubts? Questions? Fears about faith? In Mark 9:24, a man said to Jesus, "I believe; help my unbelief!" If that sounds like you, come along to the second 924 Evening: 8-10pm, Wednesday 27th March, at The Vicarage.

Limousine driver needed!

In support of our Grand Wedding package, the Christian owner of a car showroom has offered us the use of a limousine for each of the three weddings this year. We have to provide someone to drive the vehicle so, if you would like to help and are available on 27th April, 8th June and 14th September (or at least some of those dates), please let Jackie know.

'Harambee' Uganda Mission 2019 - meetings

On Sunday 10th and Sunday 24th March, immediately after the 10am services, there will be further opportunities, for those who may be interested or who have already expressed an interest in visiting Uganda later this year, to meet members of the 'Harambee' team who visited Uganda in 2018. The meeting will be in the side chapel, last around 15 minutes, and will be useful to gain further background, insight and encouragement in relation to this year's visit. More specifically, there will be further information about opportunities to contribute to this year's education programme in Nyakabungo Parents Primary School, as well as a potential new opportunity for those who are more practically skilled in terms of building maintenance, classroom decoration and wider DIY. We will be looking to finalise numbers for the trip by mid-April so relevant arrangements can be made. Please take this opportunity to join us in making a real difference to the Nyakabungo School community we are supporting in South West Uganda. For more details please speak to Martin or Helen Barber.

Parents' Forum – 7th March

The first in a series of sessions encouraging and developing parents in the rewarding but difficult task of bringing up our children. We'll create an environment where we can share wisdom,

questions, hopes, and anxieties, and support one another in this often painful privilege. This is for parents with children of any age to learn, pray, support, chat, and encourage one another; we'll publish topics and reading material, and hope to establish wider networks of families supporting families. Topics will include technology and the internet, responding to entertainment and pop culture, how the church can support parenting and families, some strategy work, growing and responding to change, amongst other things; but we can also tailor some of our discussions to specific needs and requests. Each meeting will run twice on the same day - 1.15pm (Appleby Room, Church Centre) for those who would find daytime more convenient, and reprising in the evening - 7.45pm (Whitefield Room). Refreshments will be provided. Though this is an open event, it would be most helpful to know that you are coming and for which session. For more information, please talk to Nathan.

Washing up help needed for Food with Friends

Food with Friends (our Thursday café) would love to hear from anyone who could offer to help with the washing up! You would only be needed for two hours (11.30am-1.30pm) and, as there's a rota, it wouldn't be every week. If you can help, please talk to Sandra Tipper.

New Evening Welcome Team members needed

Thank you to all who have volunteered to join the morning Welcome Team; this has really brought the groups back to full strength. We now have a need for two replacement team members to cover the evening services. If you can help or would like to know more, please contact Debbie Nobes.

Women's Inspire Convention

Christ Church, Wharton are holding a Women's Inspire Convention on Saturday 30th March, 10am-2.30pm. The speaker is Karen Soole and the theme will be, 'Being the best that I can be, for Jesus.' Tickets are £5 (payable on the door). Please bring your own lunch. For more details please see the flyers in the Welcome Area and, if you would like to attend, add your name to the sheet.

Food with Friends

Food with Friends, the new name for our café on Thursdays, will be open again this week. Come along for an excellent lunch and good company!

Ladies' Easter Meal

... will be on Tuesday 2nd April, at 7.15pm, in the Church Centre and it would be lovely to see you there. This is an opportunity to meet together as ladies, enjoy good food, share stories together and hear God's word. Please put the date in your diary and consider prayerfully who you could invite to this evening. *Linda Sharps.*

Hartford Scarecrow Parade

This year Hartford will be holding a scarecrow trail and it would be wonderful for our church to be involved in this community event. We would love groups from the church (e.g. Housegroups) and/or families to work together to build scarecrows which we will be able to put up in the church grounds, so that they can be included in the trail. We would like to suggest that each group/family picks a well-known story or character from the Bible to depict. Scarecrows will be put up from Saturday 22nd June and stay up until the Picnic in the Park on Sunday 7th July. To avoid duplication, please let Teresa know what you plan to do, so we can have lots of variety.

Church Diary – 3rd March 2019

Monday 4th March *Readings: Exodus 15, Luke 18, Job 33, 2 Corinthians 3*

Teresa taking an assembly at Great Budworth CE Primary School (10.15am)

Teresa taking an assembly at Antrobus St Mark's CE School (11.30am)

Nathan and Teresa taking Big Bible Club at Hartford Primary School (12.30-1.15pm)

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

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

1.30pm Funeral Service in St John's (*Dimitri*)

Tuesday 5th March *Readings: Exodus 16, Luke 19, Job 34, 2 Corinthians 4*

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

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

8pm Christianity Explored course in the Church Centre

8pm Music Practice in St John's

Wednesday 6th March *Readings: Exodus 17, Luke 20, Job 35, 2 Corinthians 5*

Alec attending a Curacy Training Day at Church House in Daresbury

Peter & Julie Fraser taking assemblies at Great Budworth Primary, Greenbank, Winnington Park Primary, Hartford Manor Primary and Hartford Primary Schools

10am Tots & Tinies meet in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre - Rev Derek Guest

8pm Prayer Fellowship meets in the Church Centre (*Kevin Eccles' housegroup*)

Thursday 7th March *Readings: Exodus 18, Luke 21, Job 36, 2 Corinthians 6*

Alec attending Deanery Chapter (12pm)

Church Office closed today

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

11.30am Food with Friends in the Church Centre

1.15pm Parents' Forum in the Church Centre (Appleby Room)

7.30pm Men's Curry Night at The Indian, Castle

7.45pm Parents' Forum in the Church Centre (Whitefield Room)

Friday 8th March *Readings: Exodus 19, Luke 22, Job 37, 2 Corinthians 7*

Mike's, Alec's and Teresa's day off

Church Office closed today

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

Saturday 9th March *Readings: Exodus 20, Luke 23, Job 38, 2 Corinthians 8*

Nathan's day off

3pm Koinonia meet in the Church Centre - St Luke's Hospice talk