

Sunday 17th March Readings: Exodus 28, John 7, Proverbs 4, Galatians 3

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Holy Communion in St John's (John 9:35-41)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (1 Timothy 2:8-15)
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 – 10th March 2019

The Collect for today – First Sunday in Lent:

Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights, give us grace so to discipline ourselves that we may always obey your will in righteousness and true holiness to the honour and glory of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

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

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 pupils to attend Christian Union groups, so that they might be encouraged in their faith.

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Notice Sheet for Sunday 10th 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 9:13-34; *Do you want to become his disciples?*

6.30pm Holy Communion - 1 Timothy 2:1-7; *This pleases God*

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

Forgiveness: The Forgotten F Word

In 2003, during a raid on a house in Manchester, Detective Constable Stephen Oake was murdered by a terrorist. 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.

Church Office

The Church Office will be closed on Monday 11th March but open as normal for the rest of the week.

Additional help for our Grand Weddings

There is already a team in place to look after various aspects of our Grand Weddings this year, but we would like to organise a pool of volunteers who could be called upon to provide extra help, if needed. The sort of areas where we might need assistance are; setting up tables & chairs in the Wardle Hall, serving drinks during the reception, clearing up afterwards and probably other things we haven't even thought of! The Grand Wedding dates for this year are 27th April, 8th June and 14th September. If you would be willing to offer your services, please contact Jackie Barton.

Training for leading prayers in church

On Tuesday 19th March, 8pm-9pm, in the Whitefield Room, we are running a brief training evening which will equip people to lead prayers in church. If you are a regular member of church but have never really considered leading prayers, or felt that you wouldn't know where to start, then this is for you. Attending the training won't commit you to a rota but it will equip you and give you confidence in how to go about leading prayers in church. Perhaps you already lead prayers but would like a refresher - you're welcome too. A sign-up sheet will be available at the back of church, or you can contact Alec directly to let him know.

Plastic cup recycling bins

New bins have been provided in the Church Extension and the Church Centre kitchen, specifically for recycling the plastic coffee cups. So once you have finished your drink, please can you put your empty cup into the recycling bin. Thank you.

'No-pub-pub-quiz' - fundraiser for The Children's society

Gill Martin is running the London Marathon this year and is raising money for The Children's Society. There will be a quiz night on Friday 29th March, 7.30-9.15pm, in the Church Centre and she would love you to join her for that evening. Tickets are £2 for adults and all of this money will go to The Children's Society. Children 8 and over may attend (no charge) and there will be an age appropriate film that they can watch in one of the other rooms in the Church Centre, if they want to. Should anyone want to donate directly to Gill's Just Giving page the address is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Gill-Martin-Running-the-london-marathon-2019.

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.

'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.

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.

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.

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.*

Church Diary – 10th March 2019

Monday 11th March *Readings: Exodus 22, John 1, Job 40, 2 Corinthians 10*

Teresa leading a story & craft session at Old School House Nursery (9.15am)
Nathan and Teresa taking Big Bible Club at Hartford Primary School (12.30-1.15pm)
Alec taking assemblies at Hartford CE High School (Monday & Tuesday, 2.50pm)
Teresa taking a KS2 assembly at Hartford Manor Primary School (2.50pm)

Church Office closed today

10am Staff meeting

Tuesday 12th March *Readings: Exodus 23, John 2, Job 41, 2 Corinthians 11*

Teresa taking the Kindergarten Class for Bible Story Time at The Grange Junior School (9.15am)
Nathan taking an assembly at Whitegate CE Primary School (11am)
Teresa taking a KS2 assembly at St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School (11.10am)

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

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

12.30pm The Grange Senior School lunchtime recital in St John's

8pm Housegroup Leaders meet in the Church Centre Conference Room

Wednesday 13th March *Readings: Exodus 24, John 3, Job 42, 2 Corinthians 12*

Mike and Alec speaking at the Christian Controversies Day in Chester Cathedral
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 (1.30pm)
Teresa taking a KS1 assembly at St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School (2.30pm)

10am Tots & Tinies meet in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Dr Chris Barratt

8pm Housegroups meet for Philippians Study 5

Thursday 14th March *Readings: Exodus 25, John 4, Proverbs 1, 2 Corinthians 13*

Nathan's and Teresa's day off

11.30am Food with Friends in the Church Centre

2pm Thanksgiving for Life Service in St John's (*Mike & Alec*)

Friday 15th March *Readings: Exodus 26, John 5, Proverbs 2, Galatians 1*

Mike's day off

Teresa taking Kindergarten Class for Bible Story Time at The Grange Junior School (9.15am & 10.30am)

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 16th March *Readings: Exodus 27, John 6, Proverbs 3, Galatians 2*

Alec's day off

Nathan attending the NWP Youth Leaders' Conference at St John's Knutsford (all day)

8am Men's Breakfast in the Church Centre