

## Prayer Diary – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**The Collect for today** –Sunday before Easter:

*Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards mankind sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature and to suffer death upon the cross so that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility, grant that we may both follow the example of his patience and also have our part in his resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Please pray for...**

*the sick and the bereaved:*

*our mission partners:* Olivia Rigby (UCCF in the Midlands) and Alex Lucas (UCCF in London).

*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 safety in school and during travel to/from schools

## Notice Sheet for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 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 11:1-16; *The death of Lazarus*

**6.30pm Evening Prayer** - 1 Timothy 6:3-10; *Godliness with contentment*

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

**Preachers elsewhere this week:**

Jeremy Hunns at St Chad's, Tushingham (Good Friday at 2pm)

### Easter Services

Our Easter services and special events are listed below. All take place in St John's Church.

- *Maundy Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April*
  - 7.30pm - Maundy Thursday Communion Service
- *Good Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April*
  - 10am - Make, Taste and Sing
  - 6pm - Good Friday Meditation
  - 7.10pm - Reflections at the foot of the cross
- *Easter Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> April*
  - 8am - Holy Communion
  - 10am - Easter Day Family Communion
  - 6.30pm - Easter Praise

### Ladies' Walk - 15<sup>th</sup> April

The next walk, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April, will be along the River Weaver and back through Moulton; around 4-5 miles. Please meet in the Church Centre car park at 9.45am and the walk will start from there. All are welcome to come along and, for more details, please contact Tina Wilby.

### St John's and Christ Church Annual General Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Meeting for Election of Churchwardens will be held in **Christ Church, Greenbank** on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, beginning at 8pm, with coffee served from 7.30pm. Business includes the election of lay representatives to the PCC. Nomination forms are available from the PCC Secretary (Rodney Bessent). Minutes of the 2018 AGM can be viewed on the notice board in the Church Extension porch, where details of the other business can also be found.

The **Annual Report** and **minutes of the 2018 AGM** are now available to download from the Members' Area of the church website. If you would prefer paper versions, there will be a limited number available at the back of church, but please only take one copy per family.

### Tots & Tinies Easter Service

... will take place in church on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 10am. All parents, friends and carers with children aged 0-4 are welcome to join us for our celebration of Easter. This short service will include stories about Jesus, singing songs, making crafts and having refreshments. For more information, please speak to Teresa.

### Good Friday - Make Taste and Sing

On Good Friday morning, we welcome all children, families, grandparents and carers to come together and consider the good news of the Lord Jesus in a child friendly way. We will serve refreshments from 10am and there will be craft, quizzes and activities for all. At approximately 10.15am, we will gather to sing and pray, read the Bible and appreciate Jesus as He dies on the cross in our

place. This will last for about half an hour. All are welcome, and this interactive but also contemplative service is particularly aimed at children. For more details, please contact Nathan.

### Reflections at the foot of the cross

This year, following the Good Friday meditation service at St John's (6pm-7pm), there will be a collaborative art event run by Dee Rollinson and Ann Lawes, beginning around 7.10pm and lasting for 30 minutes. As we contemplate the cross of Christ, and the love of God, we will seek to be led by art, music, Word and Spirit. To guide our reflections, selected artwork by Dee will be shown on the big screen and a new piece entitled "No Greater Love" will be on show. Selected readings from scripture will accompany the artwork, and Ann will respond to the images and words as she seeks to be led by the Spirit in musical improvisation. Many of you know Dee and the arts ministry she heads up. Ann, a relative newcomer to St John's, is a professional and accomplished violinist who is keen to introduce, and develop, the violin ministry she began at her previous church. While Dee's focus is on the visual arts, Ann's is to communicate through music. They both passionately believe that music and the visual arts are deeply powerful and that God can use them to speak to us. We do hope that you will come to this event and that it will be the first of many such collaborative events. *Dee & Ann.*

### 'Harambee' Uganda Mission - August 2019

This year's trip is currently scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> August, and we will be looking to finalise numbers for those who would like to take part during April. If you are interested in taking this opportunity to join us in making a real difference to the school at Nyakabungo and the wider community, please get in touch with Helen and Martin Barber by **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April**, please, so that we can make the necessary arrangements. *Martin & Helen.*

### Living Christianity - a Christian Institute meeting

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 8pm, at St John's Church in Knutsford, 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.

### Northern Men's Convention

This year's convention is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-4.45pm, at Holy Trinity, Platt. The day is entitled: 'The Gospel: Jesus' Plan To Pass It On' and will focus on Matthew 9:36 to 10:15. The speaker is Graham Daniels, General Director of Christians in Sport. His three main headings(!) are: Jesus' motive for the Gospel, Jesus' confidence in his plan to pass on the Gospel and Jesus' strategy for partnership in the Gospel. Tickets must be purchased in advance and cost £10 each. If you would like to come along, please contact Will Hughes or Kevin Eccles.

### 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. ***We specifically need help with clearing up in the Wardle Hall after the reception***, please. The Grand Wedding dates for this year are 27<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> September. If you would be willing to offer your services, please contact Jackie Barton.

### 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.

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

## Church Diary – 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** *Readings: Leviticus 19, Psalms 23-24, Ecclesiastes 2, 1 Timothy 4*

9.30am-5pm	Church Office open in the Church Centre (Monday to Thursday)
9.45am	Ladies' Walk – meet in the Church Centre car park
10am	Tots & Tinies Easter Service for Pre-schools in St John's ( <i>Alec and Teresa</i> )
10am	Staff meeting
8.30pm	Sunday Services Committee meet at The Vicarage

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** *Readings: Leviticus 20, Psalm 25, Ecclesiastes 3, 1 Timothy 5*

Teresa leading a story & craft session for Hartford Manor Primary Reception Class (12.50pm)

10am	Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre
8pm	Easter Choir practice in St John's
8pm	St John's Strategy Group meet at The Vicarage

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** *Readings: Leviticus 21, Psalms 26-27, Ecclesiastes 4, 1 Timothy 6*

Mike, Nathan and Alec taking part in Hartford CE High School Citizenship Day  
Teresa leading a story & craft session for Hartford Manor Primary Reception Class (12.50pm)  
Phil at Hartford Church of England High School Christian Union (1.05-1.35pm)

10am	Tots & Tinies Easter Service in St John's ( <i>Teresa</i> )
8pm	Housegroup Socials

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April** *Readings: Leviticus 22, Psalms 28-29, Ecclesiastes 5, 2 Timothy 1*

Teresa's day off

10am	Men's Walk - contact David King for meeting point
7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service in St John's

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April** *Readings: Leviticus 23, Psalm 30, Ecclesiastes 6, 2 Timothy 2*

### Church Office closed today

10am	Good Friday - Make, Taste and Sing in St John's ( <i>Nathan</i> )
6pm	Good Friday Meditation in St John's
7.10pm	Reflections at the Foot of the Cross in St John's

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** *Readings: Leviticus 24, Psalm 31, Ecclesiastes 7, 2 Timothy 3*

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

8am	Men's Breakfast in the Church Centre
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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** *Readings: Leviticus 25, Psalm 32, Ecclesiastes 8, 2 Timothy 4*

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Easter Family Communion in St John's (John 11:17-27)
6.30pm	Easter Praise in St John's (John 20:24-31)
8.30pm	TFG meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home