

Sunday 12th May *Readings: Numbers 21, Psalms 60-61, Isaiah 10:5-34, James 4*

Nathan's day off

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Morning Prayer in St John's (John 11:45-57)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (Judges 2:6-3:6)
8pm	Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home
8.15pm	After 8s meet at Rob & Kathryn Payne's home

Prayer Diary – 5th May 2019

The Collect for today – second Sunday after Easter:

Almighty God, who gave your only Son for us to be both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly life, give us grace so that we may always receive with thankfulness the immeasurable benefit of his sacrifice, and try day by day to follow in the steps of his most holy life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

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

those taking A level and GCSE exams: please also pray for all our university students who will be taking exams, especially those in their final year, and for those taking SATS.

our local schools:

- Cloughwood Academy & Greenbank School, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.
- Hartford Church of England High School.
- For ourselves, that we would be ever conscious of the increasingly hostile anti-Christian culture in which we now live, and in which our children are being educated.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 5th May 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 11:28-44;

12.15pm Bring & Share Lunch in the Church Centre

6.30pm Holy Communion - Judges 1:1-2:5;

8pm Crossover meeting (venue to be confirmed)

Preachers elsewhere today:

Jeremy Hunns at Old St Chad's, Tushingham (6.30pm)

Christianity Explored course

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. A new course started last week but it's not too late to join; Tuesdays 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.

Lifts to church

There is a team of people who give lifts to church on Sundays, for those without transport, who may not otherwise be able to attend. We would like to expand the team, and would be particularly interested in those coming to church from the Weaverham direction. If this is something you could help with, please contact the Church Office.

Hartford Scarecrow Trail

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 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 from the Old Testament to depict. Scarecrows will be put up from Saturday 22nd June and stay up until the Picnic in the Park on Sunday 7th July. Please let Teresa know if you plan to make a scarecrow. Thank you.

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! Lunch is served at noon.

Ladies' Meal at The Indian, Castle

The next ladies' meal will be on Thursday 16th May, 7.30pm, at The Indian, Castle. This is a great way to meet together informally and bring some friends along. Please let Tina Wilby know, by Monday 13th May, if you would like to come.

Pray Bake Read - new volunteers needed

We currently have small Pray Bake Read teams supporting four of our local schools through prayer, listening to children read and supplying cakes to staff. Due to changes in volunteer availability, we would love to have some new people to join these teams. If you would like to find out more about what this involves, please contact Teresa. Thank you. *Teresa.*

Sue Johnson – Chester Triathlon

Sue Johnson has signed up to do the Chester Triathlon in July to raise funds for Nyakabungo Primary School, Uganda. She feels way out of her comfort zone but training is well under way! If anyone would like to make a donation, please speak to Sue.

Northern Men's Convention

This year's convention is on Saturday 18th 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.

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.

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.

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). We also have direct access to Chester Diocese's Counselling Service; contact Jane Knight (01270 652034 or 07918 732806).

Church Diary – 5th May 2019

Monday 6th May *Readings: Numbers 14, Psalm 50, Isaiah 3-4, Hebrews 11*

Church Office & Church Centre closed

7pm Uganda Planning Meeting at Martin & Helen Barber's home

Tuesday 7th May *Readings: Numbers 15, Psalm 51, Isaiah 5, Hebrews 12*

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

Mike taking assemblies at Hartford CE High School (Tuesday-Thursday, 2.50pm)

9am Staff meeting

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

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

10.30am Funeral Service in St John's (Alec)

8pm Christianity Explored Course in the Church Centre

Wednesday 8th May *Readings: Numbers 16, Psalms 52-54, Isaiah 6, Hebrews 13*

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)

10am Tots & Tinies in the Church Centre

10.30am Funeral Service in St John's (Mike)

2pm Ladies' Fellowship in the Church Centre – David Frith

8pm Housegroups meet for Elijah Study 1

Thursday 9th May *Readings: Numbers 17-18, Psalm 55, Isaiah 7, James 1*

Nathan's and Teresa's day off

11.30am Food with Friends in the Church Centre

Friday 10th May *Readings: Numbers 19, Psalms 56-57, Isaiah 8:1-9:7, James 2*

Alec's day off

Ministry team taking Hartford Church of England High School Chapel Services (2.45pm)

10.30am-3pm Church Office open in the Church Centre

7.30pm Friday Night Live in the Church Centre

Saturday 11th May *Readings: Numbers 20, Psalms 58-59, Isaiah 9:8-10:4, James 3*

Mike's day off

10am-4pm First Aid Course in the Church Centre

3pm Koinonia in the Church Centre - Cheshire Blood Bikes' Talk

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