

Sunday 19th May *Readings: Numbers 28, Psalm 72, Isaiah 19-20, 2 Peter 1*

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Holy Communion in St John's (John 12:1-11)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (Judges 3:7-31)
8pm	Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home
8.30pm	TFG meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home

Prayer Diary – 12th May 2019

The Collect for today – third Sunday after Easter:

Almighty God, you show the light of your truth to those who are in error so that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion that they may reject everything that is contrary to their profession and follow whatever is in agreement with it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick and the bereaved:

our mission partners: Johnny & Erica Greaves (The Oakes, Sheffield) and Cornerstone Church, Crewe.

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:

- The Grange Junior & Senior Schools, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.
- Hartford Church of England High School.
- For head teachers in our congregation.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 12th 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 11:45-57;

6.30pm Evening Prayer - 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

Preachers elsewhere today:

Michael Field at Lostock Green Methodist Church (10.30am)

Michael Field at Sandiway Gospel Church (6pm)

Pray for Schools fortnight 12th-26th May

Please join us in praying for our local schools as part of this national initiative to get churches regularly praying for schools. There will be a focus on schools' work at the Prayer Fellowship on Wednesday 15th May, and there will be a prayer diary for the fortnight available in church on Sunday morning. If you would like to know more about this, please speak to Teresa.

Holiday Club meeting

There will be a Holiday Club Team Meeting on Monday 20th May, for everyone who would like to help out at this year's Holiday Club. We'll begin at 7.30pm with refreshments available. We'll go through the material and work sheets, the structure and theme, sing some songs and begin to pray towards getting the gospel out to these wonderful Children in August. There are loads of jobs that can be done and ways to serve, so please let Nathan know if you'd like to sign up to help and that you're coming to the meeting.

Driver & 'Shifters' needed for Grand Wedding

For our next Grand Wedding on Saturday 8th June, we have quite a short time to set-up the Wardle Hall, ready for the reception. We have volunteers to set and decorate tables, but we particularly need 'shifters' at 2pm, to clear away chairs from the previous event and then put up some tables. We would also like to recruit an extra car and driver to pick up the bride's mother and the bridesmaids from Delamere Park at around 2.30pm. If you can help with either of these requests, please get in touch with Jane Ward or the Church Office.

Living Christianity - a Christian Institute meeting

On Thursday 6th June, 7.30pm, at Bethel Evangelical Free Church in Hanley, 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.

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 – 12th May 2019

Monday 13th May *Readings: Numbers 22, Psalms 62-63, Isaiah 11-12, James 5*

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

Alec taking a funeral service at Vale Royal Crematorium (12.15pm)

Nathan and Teresa taking Big Bible Club at Hartford Primary School (12.30-1pm)

Mike attending Bishops' Council (2.15pm)

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

9.30am Staff prayer meeting

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

Tuesday 14th May *Readings: Numbers 23, Psalms 64-65, Isaiah 13, 1 Peter 1*

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

10am Jigsaw in the Church Centre

Wednesday 15th May *Readings: Numbers 24, Psalms 66-67, Isaiah 14, 1 Peter 2*

Nathan & Teresa attending Ministry for 0-4s - Youth Workers' Lunch (10.30am-2.30pm)

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

Alec attending Curacy Book Group (7.30pm)

10am Tots & Tinies in the Church Centre

12-3pm Chester Association in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship in the Church Centre – Rev Dimitri Alldridge

8pm Prayer Fellowship in the Church Centre - [refreshments at 7.45pm](#)

Thursday 16th May *Readings: Numbers 25, Psalm 68, Isaiah 15, 1 Peter 3*

Nathan's and Teresa's day off

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

11.30am Food with Friends in the Church Centre

2.30pm Thanksgiving for Life Service in St John's (*George*)

7.30pm Ladies' Meal at The Indian, Castle

Friday 17th May *Readings: Numbers 26, Psalm 69, Isaiah 16, 1 Peter 4*

Church Office closed

Jacqueline away

Mike's and Alec's day off

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

7.30pm Friday Night Live in the Church Centre

Saturday 18th May *Readings: Numbers 27, Psalms 70-71, Isaiah 17-18, 1 Peter 5*

8am St John's Golf Society play at Hill Valley (Sapphire) Golf Course

10am-4pm TNT Training Day in the Church Centre

10am-4.45pm Northern Men's Convention at Holy Trinity, Platt

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