

## Prayer Diary – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

**The Collect for today** – Sunday after Ascension Day:

*O God, the King of glory, who exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven, do not leave us desolate, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever. Amen.*

**Please pray for...**

*the sick the bereaved:*

*our mission partners:* for there to be a local CAP Centre in Northwich and Stephen & Catriona Bennett (CMS in Rwanda).

*those marrying this month:*

*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.

*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.

## Notice Sheet for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 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 12:20-36; *"The hour has come"*

**6.30pm Holy Communion** - Judges 6; *Gideon I*

**8pm Crossover** meet at Morag Sutton's home

### Thy Kingdom Come: 30th May – 9th June

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer initiative which has evangelism, and the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing new life, as its focus. We are praying that the Spirit would inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. We also pray that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, respond and follow Him.

St John's is going to be involved in four ways: **Pray for Five** - On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June each person at St John's will be given a bookmark with space to write the names of five people they will commit to praying for to come to know the Lord Jesus. **Prayer Meetings** - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June (8.15pm – Church Extension), Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June (in housegroups), Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June (11am – Church Extension).

**Sunday services** - On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June. **Daily Prayer Diary** - We will be giving out a daily prayer diary at our services on 26<sup>th</sup> May which will cover the period from 30<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June. These prayer points will also be released as daily updates on our church Facebook page, as prompts to pray. If you would like to know more, please speak to Alec or Mike.

### Evening 'Shifters' still needed for Grand Wedding

We are still short of evening 'shifters' for our next Grand Wedding, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. You would only be needed for about an hour, from 7.30pm, to help put furniture away and sweep up in the Wardle Hall, after the reception. If you can help, please get in touch with the Church Office.

### Reading the Bible with friends

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 8-9.45pm, at St John's, Knutsford, there will be a training session on using The Word One to One Bible studies; these are a great resource for sharing the good news in John's gospel with friends. For more information, please call their Church Office (01565 755160).

### Partnering with Parents

Partnering with Parents is an evening session, with Mel Lacy, that should be really beneficial and stimulating - helping you to speak Jesus into your child's culture. It will take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30-9pm, in Cheadle St Mary's Upper Room. Mel Lacy is an experienced Youth and Children's Worker, and educator, and this will be a very helpful evening for parents. If you would like any more information, or to arrange transport/tickets, please speak to Nathan.

### Pray Bake Read – get together

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June, at 1.30pm, in the Church Centre Conference Room, there will be a meeting for all our current members of the PBR teams. If you are considering joining PBR and would like to find out more about what is involved, this would be a great opportunity to come along and hear some of what has been happening in our local schools. We will share any encouragements (and challenges!) and pray together for this work. Please contact Teresa to find out more details.

### Straw for scarecrow making

The Locke family have a huge, unwanted bag of straw that they would be very happy to give away for scarecrow making. If you would be interested in having some, please speak to Jan or Christian.

### July Ladies' Meal

The Ladies' Meal for July will not take place in the Church Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> July but, instead, there will be a meal at the Holly Bush Inn, Little Leigh on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. More details will be available nearer the time.

### Creation Celebration

To mark World Environment Day, the Diocese of Chester is inviting you to Chester Zoo on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June (10am-5pm) for a day of prayer, song and celebration of the natural world. Entrance to the zoo will be paid for by the Diocese. If you are interested, places are limited, so early booking is advised. For more details, please contact Hannah Jones (01928 718834).

### Chester Bible Focus

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June in All Saints', Hoole at 7.30pm, Paul Mallard will be speaking on 'Invest in your Suffering and Invest in your Disappointments'. This provides an invaluable opportunity to consider this often overlooked topic. The evening is free and refreshments are provided. For more details, please visit Chester Bible Focus website.

### Books for sale

We have a number of books for sale (at good discounts), which will be available at the back of church. If you would like to buy one, please give the money to Nathan. The books are: The Reluctant Evangelist (Richard Coekin): £6, Explore - Calvin, Luther etc (Lee Gatiss): £6, 5 Things to Pray for Your Church (Rachel Jones): £2.50, 5 Things to Pray for Your Heart (Rachel Jones): £2.50, The Enemy Within (Kris Lundgard): £6, The Atheist who Didn't Exist (Andy Bannister): £6, The Wonder of Easter (Ed Drew): £5, Praying through the Bible for your Kids (Nancy Guthrie): £8, Respectable Sins (Jerry Bridges): £8, Respectable Sins - Student Edition (Jerry Bridges): £8.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> June and stay up until the Picnic in the Park on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Please let Teresa know if you plan to make a scarecrow. Thank you.

### 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.

### Church Diary – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 7, Psalm 90, Isaiah 35, Revelation 5*

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

- 9.30am-5pm Church Office open in the Church Centre (Monday to Thursday)
- 10am Staff meeting
- 8pm St John's Committee in the Church Centre

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 8, Psalm 91, Isaiah 36, Revelation 6*

- 10am Jigsaw in the Church Centre
- 8.15-9pm Thy Kingdom Come prayer meeting in the Church Extension

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 9, Psalms 92-93, Isaiah 37, Revelation 7*

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

- 10am Tots & Tinies in the Church Centre
- 2pm Ladies' Fellowship in the Church Centre - Peter Ashburner (Auctioneer)
- 8pm Housegroups meet for Elijah Study 3

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 10, Psalm 94, Isaiah 38, Revelation 8*

- 11-11.45am Thy Kingdom Come prayer meeting in the Church Extension
- 11.30am Food with Friends in the Church Centre
- 7.30pm Men's Curry Night at The Indian, Castle

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 11, Psalms 95-96, Isaiah 39, Revelation 9*

Mike'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 8<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 12, Psalms 97-98, Isaiah 40, Revelation 10*

- 3pm Marriage Service in St John's (Mike)
- 3pm Koinonia meet for a Strawberry Tea at Irene Hughes' home

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 13-14, Psalms 99-101, Isaiah 41, Revelation 11*

- 8am Holy Communion in St John's
- 9.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
- 10am Morning Prayer in St John's (John 12:37-50)
- 6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (Judges 7-8)
- 8pm Crossover meet at Morag Sutton's home
- 8.15pm After 8s meet at Nic Turner-Smith's home

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