

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June** Readings: Deuteronomy 21, Psalms 108-109, Isaiah 48, Revelation 18

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Holy Communion in St John's (John 13:1-17)
6.30pm	Confirmation Service in St John's ( <i>Bishop Keith</i> )
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 – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**The Collect for today** – Whitsunday:

*Almighty God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Spirit we may judge everything rightly and always rejoice in his holy protection through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Please pray for...**

*the sick the bereaved:*

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

*those taking A level and GCSE exams:*

*our local schools:*

- St Nicholas Catholic High School & St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.
- Hartford Church of England High School.
- For Christian assemblies to be bold proclamations of the gospel; give thanks that we have opportunities to do this in many local schools.

### Notice Sheet for Sunday 9<sup>th</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 12:37-50; *"They still would not believe in him"*

**6.30pm Evening Prayer** - Judges 7-8; *Gideon II*

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

**8.15pm After 8s** meet at Nic Turner-Smith's home

### Tots & Tinies meeting

There will be a meeting for everyone who helps with Tots & Tinies, or who would be interested in doing so and would like to find out more, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, at 1pm, in the Church Centre Conference Room. Please talk to Teresa for more details.

### Confirmation refreshments

For our Confirmation Service on 16<sup>th</sup> June, at 6.30pm, we would love to serve refreshments afterwards. If you are able to bring some cake (homemade or bought), that would be wonderful. We would also like some volunteers to make and serve tea/coffee. If you can help with either of these things, please let the office know.

### Notice sheet deadline for 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June

Due to holidays, the notice sheets for 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June will be produced this week, although you won't receive them until the appropriate date. If you have anything you would like to appear in these editions, please let Jackie Barton (872255) know by **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. This deadline also applies to items for 16<sup>th</sup> June sheet. Thank you.

### 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.

### Thy Kingdom Come: 30<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> 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 three ways: **Pray for Five** - 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. **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 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.

### 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.

### 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 the Church Office. 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.

### Churchyard grass cutting

Many people have commented on the state of St John's churchyard, in particular the very long grass. We are acutely aware of this problem: it has an impact on the appearance of our village and causes distress to families visiting graves. However, the churchyard is the responsibility of Cheshire West and Cheshire Council (CWAC), not the church. If you (or a friend) are unhappy with the current condition of the churchyard, please contact *both* Clare Barlow (01244 977376) and Neil Bowdler (0151 356 6581) at CWAC. The more people who get in touch, the better.

### 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.

### 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 – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 15, Psalm 102, Isaiah 42, Revelation 12*

Mike away Monday to Wednesday

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

Teresa and 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)

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

10am Staff prayer meeting

7.30pm Uganda team meeting in the Church Centre

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 16, Psalm 103, Isaiah 43, Revelation 13*

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

Alec attending Deanery Synod (7.30pm)

10am Jigsaw in the Church Centre

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 17, Psalm 104, Isaiah 44, Revelation 14*

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 in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship in the Church Centre – Rev Michael Field

8pm Prayer Fellowship in the Church Centre (*Charles Hayward's housegroup*)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 18, Psalm 105, Isaiah 45, Revelation 15*

Teresa's day off

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

11.30am Food with Friends in the Church Centre

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 19, Psalm 106, Isaiah 46, Revelation 16*

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

1pm Tots & Tinies team meet in Church Centre Conference Room

7.30pm Friday Night Live in the Church Centre

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** *Readings: Deuteronomy 20, Psalm 107, Isaiah 47, Revelation 17*

Alec's day off

Mike attending Aled Seago's Ordination Service at Chester Cathedral (5pm)

8am Men's breakfast in the Church Centre

10.30am Hartford Golf Society play at Aldersey Green Golf Club