

## Prayer Diary – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**The Collect for today** - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity:

*Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray and you constantly give more than we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy by forgiving us those things of which our consciences are afraid and by giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

**Please pray for...**

*the sick and the bereaved:*

*our mission partners:* Andrew Pettinger (TWR in UK) and the Persecuted Church worldwide.

*those marrying this month:*

*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 Ofsted to be less aggressive in schools when assessing 'British Values'.

## Notice Sheet for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

All services are in **St John's Church** unless stated otherwise.

**8am Morning Prayer**

**9.30am Prayer Meeting** in the Eddowes Room

**10am Morning Prayer** - John 7:6-19; *"Praying for those you have given to me"*

**6.30pm Evening Prayer** - Micah 6-7

**8pm Crossover** in the Church Centre

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

### Christianity Explored

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. Our next course starts on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 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. Booking is not essential but is appreciated. For more information, please contact the Church Office.

### Changes to Friday Night Live

For the Autumn term, our 11-14s midweek group, Friday Night Live, is moving to combine with Christ Church's group called Mind the Gap. This combined group will meet at Christ Church on Thursdays, 6.30-8pm, but there will be occasional meetings hosted in St John's Church Centre. If you would like to know more about the programme for this term, please contact Alec.

### Food with Friends

... is looking for someone to help with washing up on a rota basis, 12-2pm, and for some general help in the kitchen - maybe once every three weeks or so. Food with Friends runs on a Thursday, during term time. For more details please speak to Mary Shorter or Sandra Tipper.

### Pray Bake Read

This is a scheme we have run in our local schools for the last few years. It's a simple idea to build connections between our church and neighbouring schools, and to show love by serving them practically. We are particularly keen to grow the PBR teams in some of our schools, which cover a range of ages and needs. If you think you might be available for an hour or two every week to help with listening to children read, please contact Teresa to find out more. Thank you.

### Christie Walk of Hope

Fiona Hughes will be taking part in the 10km Christie Walk of Hope, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. If anyone would like to sponsor Fiona, please have a chat with her.

### Uganda Harambee Partnership Visit – 22<sup>nd</sup> September

As many of you know, we have an ongoing partnership with churches and schools in Uganda. On 22<sup>nd</sup> September, during the morning service, Bishop Hamlet, who heads up the Ugandan side of this partnership, will be visiting St John's along with his wife, Kellen, and his colleague, Honest.

### Visit of Mags Southern – 29<sup>th</sup> September

Mags is a mission partner we have been supporting for a number of years, who has been serving in Paraguay. She has now returned to the UK and will be giving a presentation about her ministry at the evening service on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please do come along to hear her presentation and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

### Crossover - Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

The first meeting of the 2019/20 cohort of Crossover is on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September with a variety of 'getting to know you' activities and an introduction to what we hope to do and be as a group.

All those in the age group of school years 10-13 are welcome to attend Crossover, which runs from 8pm to 9.30pm just about every Sunday evening of term-time. We will be meeting in the Church Centre, with study and discussion time in the newly redecorated Henry Room. For those in years 11-13 who have not attended previously, this is a great time to join! *Ruth Port.*

### Jigsaw

... will recommence for the autumn term on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, meeting from 10am in the Cranmer Room. Jigsaw is a group for ladies of all ages that meets each Tuesday morning in term-time for fellowship, Bible study, prayer and, of course, coffee. For the first half of this term, we will be completing a DVD based discussion series called 'Chat around the Bible'. Our first meeting will be a social and we look forward to welcoming back old friends and would also love to welcome any new people along to the group. A crêche is provided for small children. *Fiona Hughes.*

### Northern Women's Convention

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the Northern Women's Convention will take place at Kings House Conference Centre, Manchester. The speaker this year is Karen Soole and the title is 'Secure' - looking into Ephesians to rediscover our identity in Christ. There are also a number of seminar options to choose from. Tickets are £18 (concessions £12) and leaflets with more details can be found in the Welcome Area. If you would like to go, please get in touch with Jackie Barton and let her have your seminar choices, **by Friday 13th September**, so we can make a group booking.

### The next Bishop of Chester

All of us are invited to have our say in the appointment of the new Bishop of Chester. I would encourage you to do at least one of the following:

- attend a public consultation event (being held in St John's: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 7.15-8.45pm)
- write your own letter to either the Archbishops' or Prime Minister's appointments secretaries by 30<sup>th</sup> September

More details about the process and addresses for the appointment secretaries can be found on the Chester Diocese website (or from the Church Office). You may also find it helpful to read a letter (available at the back of church), written by a group of local ministers, about what they are looking for in a new bishop. *Mike.*

### Lift for Andrew & Chris Rodwell

Once Food with Friends restarts in September, would anyone be able to pick up Andrew & Chris Rodwell (from CW8 1HX) on a Thursday and bring them to the Church Centre by around 9.10am? Andrew spends his morning doing valuable work digitising old sermons from cassette tapes before having lunch and going back home. If you could help, please call Chris.

## Church Diary – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 3, 1 Corinthians 14, Ezekiel 12, Psalm 51*

Mike on sabbatical until 17<sup>th</sup> November

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

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

10am Staff meeting

8pm St John's Committee in the Church Centre

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 4-5, 1 Corinthians 15, Ezekiel 13, Psalms 52-54*

Alec's day off

10am Jigsaw in the Church Centre

8pm Christianity Explored course in the Church Centre

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 6, 1 Corinthians 16, Ezekiel 14, Psalm 55*

Teresa leading a story & craft session at Sir Leslie Martin Nursery (2pm)

10am Tots & Tinies in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship in the Church Centre - Amy Field

8pm Prayer Fellowship in the Church Centre (*Christian Locke's housegroup*)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 7, 2 Corinthians 1, Ezekiel 15, Psalms 56-57*

Alec attending Deanery Chapter (12pm)

11.30am Food with Friends in the Church Centre

6.30pm Mind the Gap (combined with Friday Night Live) at Christ Church

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 8-9, 2 Corinthians 2, Ezekiel 16, Psalms 58-59*

Teresa attending a Diocesan Evangelism Training Day

Ministry team taking Hartford Church of England High School Chapel Services (2.35pm)

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

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 10, 2 Corinthians 3, Ezekiel 17, Psalms 60-61*

9.30am St John's Golf Society play at Malkins Bank Golf Club

2pm Marriage Service in St John's (*Alec*)

3pm Koinonia in the Church Centre

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 11, 2 Corinthians 4, Ezekiel 18, Psalms 62-63*

8am Holy Communion in St John's

9.30am Prayer meeting in the Eddowes Room

10am Holy Communion in St John's (John 17:20-26)

6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (2 Timothy 1:1-4)

8pm Crossover in the Church Centre

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.*