

## Prayer Diary – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Specific Requests for Prayer:

All those in our church family (or their relatives) who are working in the NHS, care homes or in COVID-19 research; please pray for their safety at work and for their families (and especially children) not to be anxious but to know God's peace.

All those who: are faced with redundancy, had medical treatment cancelled, are caring full-time for family members, have lost job opportunities, had to postpone their wedding, missed out on a college/university place and many similar situations.

If you have a specific pastoral need or prayer request, please send us an email.

### Please also pray for...

*the sick and the bereaved:*

*mission partners:* Charlotte Kirkham (St Catherine's, Tranmere) and Robert Matati (Anglican minister in Butere, Kenya).

*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.
- That local schools and nurseries which Teresa used to visit would open their doors for her to return in due course.

## Notice Sheet for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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

**10am All Age Service** - Ephesians 6:5-9

**12.30pm Crossover** picnic in the church grounds

**8.15pm Joint After 8s and TFG** meeting via Zoom

### Craft for Sunday's service

This Sunday there will be bags, containing a craft, available in church for children to make during the service. To complete the craft, you will need to bring your own colouring pencils, pen, scissors and glue stick. You may also like to bring something to lean on while you are doing the colouring. For children at home, you can print out the template and you will also need some string or ribbon (in addition to pencils, pen, scissors and glue stick).

### After church 'coffee'

Even though some of us are now meeting together in St John's, we still intend to have the regular after church 'coffee', as we won't be able to chat in church or in the church grounds. A Zoom meeting will start at 11:20, to allow people who've been in the church building time to get home before 'coffee' begins. Once a reasonable number of people have joined, we will be randomly allocated into 'breakout rooms'. These groups will end after 30 minutes and then you can go and make your lunch! Of course, you don't have to stay till the end and can leave your small group at any time.

### Jigsaw

Jigsaw starts again on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. It will be great to start meeting again to encourage each other as we study God's word and pray together. There are 2 options for Jigsaw; face to face and zoom. Both meetings will have a maximum number of 6 per group and the study and prayer time will be 1 hour, 10:30 to 11:30.

Face to face - Everyone will be required to wear a face mask in the building and sanitise hands upon arrival. Each room will have a leader and 5 others maximum. The leader will need to complete details for those present - name, contact number, date and room name for track and trace purposes. Ladies will need to bring their own bibles, notebook and pen and a drink (if required) as the kitchen is closed. We will not put any tables out and chairs will be socially distanced. There will be no crèche provided but children are welcome, as long as they stay with their mum and socially distance from the rest of the group at all times.

Zoom - Sarah Smith will send out the necessary zoom meeting details via WhatsApp or email. We propose to meet for a few minutes before moving into breakout rooms. Each breakout room will have a leader and up to 5 ladies.

Everyone - Please contact Sarah with your preference for Face to Face or Zoom and if you require a study book by 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER. We propose to study 'Soul Songs' which is a book of studies based in The Psalms. We have a further leaders' meeting next Tuesday when we will look at everyone's preferences. Sorry for the lengthy notice! Hope to see you soon.

### Thank you

Alec, Leah, Oscar, Charlie and Beatrice would like to say a huge thank you to everyone at St John's and Christ Church for all the kindness and support you have given us over the last three years, as well as for the generosity you have shown as we leave. We will greatly miss being a part of both church families and do hope that we can stay in touch. If you would like to get in touch, you can obtain our new address from the Church Office.

### Emergency meals' coordinator

Where people could benefit from having some meals delivered, due to having been in hospital or the arrival of a new baby, for instance, we have a system at St John's to facilitate this. Our current coordinator wishes to stand down, so we are looking for a new volunteer to take over. If you would be interested to help in this way or would like more details, please contact the Church Office.

### Sir John Deane's Christian Union

At the moment it is not possible to run the Christian Union at Sir John Deane's as all extra-curricular activities have been suspended, due to Coronavirus. Despite this, the leaders are looking into how the members can support and encourage each other virtually. They would like to make contact with anyone who has recently started at the college (or is moving into year 13) and would be interested in becoming part of the CU. If you would like to know more, please contact the Church Office and we'll put you in touch.

### Ladies' Walks

... will be resuming on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September and then take place every fortnight. Each walk will start at 10am and the walkers should be back in Hartford by 12.30pm. The starting locations will vary so, for more details on where the ladies will be meeting, please contact the Church Office.

### Prayer Fellowship and housegroups

For the new term, housegroups will be looking at Peter's first letter and we will return to the pattern of alternating housegroups with Prayer Fellowships. Here is the timetable up till October half-term (all meetings are virtual):

- 16 September - Housegroups - 1 Peter study number 2
- 23 September - Prayer Fellowship (*Kevin*)
- 30 September - Housegroups - 1 Peter study number 3
- 7 October - Prayer Fellowship (*Charles*)
- 14 October - Housegroups - 1 Peter study number 4
- 21 October - Prayer Fellowship
- 28 October - Prayer Fellowship

### Tots & Tinies online activities

While Tots & Tinies are unable to meet together in the Church Centre, Teresa is still trying to keep in touch with all the families who would normally come on Wednesday mornings. Every week she records a Bible story and produces a video with a related craft activity for the children to try. There is also a Tots & Tinies singing time at 11am each Wednesday, live on Facebook. You can find all these on the Tots & Tinies Facebook page. The weekly Bible stories and craft videos can also be found on Teresa's YouTube channel. If you have any friends or family with young children, why not suggest they take a look.

### Snowdon climb for charity – change of date

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, Wang (Lowansa) Moore is climbing Snowdon to raise money for Northwich in Need. If you would like to donate something, please speak to Wang or search for her page (Lowansa Moore) on the JustGiving website.

### Diary – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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

Mike attending the 'virtual' ReNew Conference (9am-1pm)

- 9.30am-5pm Church Office open for phone calls (normal office number)
- 10am Ladies' Walk - contact Mary Shorter for starting location
- 2pm Memorial Service in St John's - by invitation only (*Mike*)

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

Teresa taking a Year 5 RE lesson at Hartford Primary School (2.30pm)

- 9.30am-5pm Church Office open for phone calls (normal office number)
- 8pm Missionary Strategy Group meet via Zoom

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 12, 2 Corinthians 5, Ezekiel 19, Psalms 64-65*

Mike attending Deanery Chapter meeting (12pm)

- 9am Staff meeting
- 10.30am-5pm Church Office open for phone calls (normal office number)
- 11am Tots & Tinies singing time live on Facebook
- 8pm 'Virtual' housegroups meet to study 1 Peter (chapter 2)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 13, 2 Corinthians 6, Ezekiel 20, Psalms 66-67*

Mike's and Teresa's day off

- 9.30am-5pm Church Office open for phone calls (normal office number)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 14, 2 Corinthians 7, Ezekiel 21, Psalm 68*

- 10.30am-3pm Church Office open for phone calls

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 15, 2 Corinthians 8, Ezekiel 22, Psalm 69*

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September** *Readings: 2 Samuel 16, 2 Corinthians 9, Ezekiel 23, Psalms 70-71*

- 10am All Age service in St John's
- 8pm Crossover 'virtual meeting' - Bible study

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