

**Sunday 8th October** Readings: 1 Kings 11, Philippians 2, Ezekiel 41, Psalms 92-93

8am Morning Prayer in St John's  
10am Harvest All Age Service in St John's (Luke 12:13-21)  
6.30pm Holy Communion in St John's (1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5)  
8pm Crossover meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home

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

### **Prayer Diary – 1st October 2017**

**The Collect for today** – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity:

*Lord, let your continual pity cleanse and defend your church, and because it cannot continue in safety without your aid, protect it by your help and goodness for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Please pray for...**

*the sick and the bereaved:*

*our mission partners:* Johnny & Ann McClean (UFM in Bangkok) and Kip & Rachel Chelashaw (UFM in Nairobi).

*those serving in the Armed Forces:*

*our local schools:*

The Grange Junior and Senior Schools, and other schools which members of the church are involved in.

Hartford Church of England High School: for the pastoral staff who care for the pupils' needs.

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## **Notice Sheet for Sunday 1st October 2017**

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** – Exodus 11:1-12:13, 21-36; *The Passover*

**6.30pm Annual Memorial Service** – John 6:25-40; *Jesus - the Bread of Life*

**8pm Crossover** meet at Nathan & Jo Phillingham's home

**8pm After 8s** meet at Will & Fiona Hughes' home

### **Preachers elsewhere today:**

Michael Field at AOG Gadds Lane, West Bromwich (10.30am & 6.30pm)

### **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 3rd October 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 (don't be put off if you forget to book). For more information, please contact the Church Office or email [ce@stjohnshartford.org](mailto:ce@stjohnshartford.org).

### **Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Prayer Meeting**

Following the closure of the CAP Debt Centre at the end of September there will be a prayer meeting on Tuesday 3rd October particularly to pray for the continuation of the debt help work of CAP in our area. We will also be praying about the work of CAP more widely. The closure of our local centre means that when people phone CAP's head office in Bradford, unless Winsford Debt Centre has any space (which is unlikely as they have plenty of their own clients), sadly there won't be any help available for them. This is why we need to pray urgently for a new Debt Centre Manager. The meeting will be in Christ Church, at 8pm, and lasts for just one hour. All are welcome.

### **Music Practice – Thursday 5th October**

There will be no more Tuesday evening music practices for the time being but we will be having a one-off practice on Thursday 5th October, at 7pm, in church. The objective of this rehearsal is to have a look at any new songs for this term's morning services, so it would be most beneficial if all instrumentalists and singers could please try to attend.

### **St John's Golf Society**

The final golf day in the 2017 Season will be on Saturday 7th October at Hill Valley (Emerald) Golf Course. Tea/coffee and bacon butties will be served from 7.30am, with the first tee at 8.30am. The cost for the day is £27 and the society welcomes both male and female golfers of all abilities to join them. Please contact Ray Bridgewater for more information or to book your place.

### **St John's Golf Society Presentation Dinner**

St John's Golf Society are holding their Annual Presentation Dinner on Saturday 14th October, 7pm (for 7.30 pm), at Eaton Golf Club. There will be a three course meal, after-dinner talk and presentation of prizes, and the evening will cost £22 per person. Please contact Ray Bridgewater ([golf@stjohnshartford.org](mailto:golf@stjohnshartford.org)) for more information or to book your place.

### **CAP Food Bank**

I would like to thank all those who have contributed to the CAP Food Bank over the last 7 years. The food distributed to clients, especially in their early days with CAP, has been invaluable in building up trust and giving practical support to families. As the Debt Centre will have to close until

another Centre Manager can be appointed, please can you stop your donations to the food bank until further notice. The new manager may start this again or instead decide to refer people to the Mid Cheshire Food Bank. Watch this space and please continue to pray for a new Debt Centre Manager so that the help, to people in unmanageable debt, can continue. *Janet Greaves*.

#### **Harvest gifts – Sunday 8th October**

For the past few years, we have collected harvest gifts for our CAP Food Bank. As we will not be able to take any further donations for this, we will be passing the gifts from our Harvest Service on 8th October to Mid Cheshire Food Bank. They have particularly requested the following items (please check your donations are still in date): tins of meat, soup, tomatoes, vegetables & fruit, Cuppa Soup, pasta sauce, dried snacks (e.g. Mugshots), custard, rice pudding, tinned sponge pudding, long life milk & fruit juice, cordial, instant coffee, jam, cakes/biscuits, chocolate/treats, toiletries (soap, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste/brushes, deodorant), toilet paper. They do NOT NEED any cereal, tea, pasta or baked beans - thank you.

#### **The Evangelism Conference 2017**

Thursday 5th October at Holy Trinity Platt, Manchester, from 10am till 4.15pm, will be this year's Evangelism Conference. This event aims to encourage, equip and energise anyone who is involved in the work of gospel outreach in the local church. The theme of this year's conference is thinking afresh about how the old, old story of the good news about Jesus can be presented in new, new ways. Tickets are £20 - please see their website for more details. Alec is planning to attend and, if anyone would like to go with him, please get in touch ([alec@stjohnshartford.org](mailto:alec@stjohnshartford.org) or 783734).

#### **Discipling One Another**

On Saturday 7th October, 9.30am-12.30pm, at St John's, Over, there will a half-day on Biblical counselling. Sally Orwin Lee will be doing to do a very basic introduction to Biblical change and discipling, through the ministry of the Word, in the local church. Everyone is welcome.

#### **Church Weekend 2018**

We have booked Friday 7th September to Sunday 9th September 2018 for our next church weekend away, at Quinta Hall in Oswestry. Please put the date in your diary now.

#### **Christ Church Greenbank 15th Anniversary**

On the evening of Saturday 7th and during the day of Sunday 8th October, we will be celebrating the 15th anniversary of Christ Church. More details will follow, but we would love to invite our brothers and sisters at St John's to join us, so please do put the date in your diaries. *Dimitri*

#### **Can you help the Thursday Café?**

The Thursday Café is in urgent need of more helpers, particularly to work in the kitchen, but also for setting up, working in the cafe and giving lifts to customers that wouldn't otherwise be able to attend. If you can help at all, please contact Sarah Farmer.

#### **Help with reading in schools**

We would love more church members to become involved in supporting our local schools, by joining our Pray Bake Read scheme. We currently have small teams of volunteers praying for four of our schools, going in to listen to children read and/or baking cakes for the children. The schools are very grateful for what we are already doing but there is a real need for more help. If you think this is something you would like to know more about, please speak to Teresa.

#### **Church Diary – 1st October 2017**

**Monday 2nd October** *Readings: 1 Kings 4-5, Ephesians 2, Ezekiel 35, Psalm 85*

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

**Tuesday 3rd October** *Readings: 1 Kings 6, Ephesians 3, Ezekiel 36, Psalm 86*

Teresa leading a story & craft session at Kids Count Nursery (9.15am)

Michael Field leading 'Walk Through the Bible' sessions at Hartford Primary School (10.05am & 11.25am) and Lostock Gralam CE Primary School (1.15pm)

Teresa leading a visit from Winnington Park Primary School (year 6) to St John's (10.15am)

Nathan taking an assembly at Hartford Primary School (2.30pm)

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

8pm Christianity Explored course in the Church Centre

8pm CAP prayer meeting at Christ Church

**Wednesday 4th October** *Readings: 1 Kings 7, Ephesians 4, Ezekiel 37, Psalms 87-88*

Phil at Hartford Church of England High School Christian Union (1-1.45pm)

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

10am Tots and Tinies meet in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Share Time

8pm Housegroups study Psalm 73:17-20 'Clarity restored: What is real suffering?'

**Thursday 5th October** *Readings: 1 Kings 8, Ephesians 5, Ezekiel 38, Psalm 89*

Alec attending The Evangelism Conference in Manchester (all day)

10am-4.15pm The Evangelism Conference at Holy Trinity Platt, Manchester

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

11.45am Thursday Café in the Church Centre

7pm Music Practice in St John's

7.30pm Growing in Christ course at St Peter's, Elworth

7.30pm Men's Curry Night at The Indian in Castle

8pm God's Big Picture course in the Church Centre

**Friday 6th October** *Readings: 1 Kings 9, Ephesians 6, Ezekiel 39, Psalm 90*

Mike's day off

Alec going to Oak Hill College for his graduation (Friday & Saturday)

Teresa leading a visit from Rosebank School to St John's (10am)

Ministry team taking Hartford Church of England High School Chapel Services (2.55pm)

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

7.30pm Pathfinders meet in the Church Centre

**Saturday 7th October** *Readings: 1 Kings 10, Philippians 1, Ezekiel 40, Psalm 91*

Nathan's day off

7.30am St John's Golf Society play at Hill Valley (Emerald) Golf Course