

Saturday 9th February Readings: *Genesis 42, Mark 12, Job 8, Romans 12*

Nathan's day off

3-5pm Koinonia meet in the Church Centre - 'Hancock's Half Hour' talk

Sunday 10th February Readings: *Genesis 43, Mark 13, Job 9, Romans 13*

8am Holy Communion in St John's

9.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

10am All Age Service in St John's (Luke 4:1-13)

6.30pm Evening Prayer in St John's (Isaiah 36:1-37:38)

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

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

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

Prayer Diary – 3rd February 2019

The Collect for today – fourth Sunday after Epiphany:

Lord God, you know that we are in the midst of such dangers and that we cannot always stand upright because of the frailty of our nature: grant us strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations, 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).

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 those who visit schools regularly from St John's: Mike, Phil, Nathan, Alec, Teresa and Michael Field.

Notice Sheet for Sunday 3rd February 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 8:21-30; *I am from above*

12.15pm Bring & Share Lunch in the Church Centre (and table top sale to raise funds for Nyakabungo Primary School)

6.30pm Evening Prayer - Isaiah 34:1-35:10; *Which way?*

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

Table Top Sale in aid of Nyakabungo Primary School

Sue Johnson is holding a table top sale to raise funds for Nyakabungo Primary School today, during the Bring & Share Lunch in the Church Centre.

Make, Taste & See dates

Make, Taste & See will take place in the church on Mondays during school holidays. The dates for this year are: Monday 18th February, Monday 1st April, Monday 8th April, Monday 27th May, Monday 29th July, Monday 5th August, Monday 12th August, Monday 19th August and Monday 28th October. Feel free to come along and drop in anytime from 10am until 12pm. This is for people of all ages, with or without children, and there is no charge. Join us for coffee, cake, craft & chat, and watch some film clips too. If you are able to help on any of these dates, or can bake cakes for us, please let Teresa know. Thank you.

Giving Letters

Giving Letters have been sent out by email but paper copies, for everyone on the Electoral Roll, will be available in church next Sunday.

Hartford Scarecrow Parade

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 be able to 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 or character from the Bible to depict. Scarecrows will be put up from Saturday 22nd June and stay up until the Picnic in the Park on Sunday 7th July. To avoid duplication, please let Teresa know what you plan to do, so we can have lots of variety.

Thank you from Mid Cheshire Foodbank

"On behalf of Mid Cheshire Foodbank may I take this opportunity to thank the congregation of St John's for your kind donations of 17.2 kg of food. Your support is appreciated as it maintains our ongoing commitment to serve the local community. The year 2018/2019 was busier than ever for us, so the demand for food has increased greatly. Your donation helps us to keep meeting the needs of individuals and families in crisis."

Chester Bible Focus

On Thursday 28th February in St Michael's, Plas Newton, at 7.30pm, Nick Tucker will be speaking on 1 Timothy, about how we conduct ourselves in church, and how the gospel tames our idols. Tickets (£3) can be bought on the door and refreshments are included. For more details visit www.chesterbiblefocus.org.uk.

Church Office phone number 01606 872255

Café (Food with Friends)

Food with Friends, the new name for our café on Thursdays, will be open again this week. Come along for an excellent lunch and good company!

Grand Wedding - dresses

To help keep costs down for our Grand Wedding couples, we wondered if anyone who was (or knows someone else who was) married in the last five years or so, and still has their dress, would consider offering or lending it to one of the brides. We would also be interested in accessories, such as veils. If you are able to help, please contact Jackie in the Church Office.

Women's Inspire Convention

Christ Church, Wharton are holding a Women's Inspire Convention on Saturday 30th March, 10am-2.30pm. The speaker is Karen Soole and the theme will be, 'Being the best that I can be, for Jesus.' Tickets are £5 (payable on the door). Please bring your own lunch. For more details please see the flyers in the Welcome Area and, if you would like to attend, add your name to the sheet.

New Welcome Team members needed

We have lost some of our morning Welcome Team, due to family situations or ill health, and are looking to recruit five new members. You would be on a rota to serve about once every four to five weeks. If you can help or would like to find out more, please contact Debbie Nobes.

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 – 3rd February 2019

Monday 4th February *Readings: Genesis 37, Mark 7, Job 3, Romans 7*

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

Teresa taking a KS2 assembly at Hartford Manor Primary School (2.50pm)

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

9.30am Staff meeting

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

8pm PCC meet in the Church Centre

Tuesday 5th February *Readings: Genesis 38, Mark 8, Job 4, Romans 8*

Mike attending the Pastoral Refreshment Conference (Tuesday to Thursday)

Teresa taking a KS2 assembly at St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School (11.10am)

Michael Field leading 'Walk Through the Bible' sessions at Hartford Primary School (1.15 & 2.15pm)

Teresa taking a year 3 RE session at Winnington Park Primary School (1.30pm)

Nathan taking a KS2 assembly at Hartford Primary School (2.45pm)

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

10am Funeral Service at Vale Royal Crematorium (*Dimitri*)

8pm Christianity Explored course in the Church Centre

Wednesday 6th February *Readings: Genesis 39, Mark 9, Job 5, Romans 9*

Michael Field leading 'Walk Through the Bible' sessions at Sandiway Primary School (9.30 & 10.45am)

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

Teresa taking a KS1 assembly at St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School (2.30pm)

10am Tots & Tinies meet in the Church Centre

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Roberta Bonner

8pm Housegroups meet for Philippians Study 3

Thursday 7th February *Readings: Genesis 40, Mark 10, Job 6, Romans 10*

Teresa's day off

Michael Field taking an assembly at Great Budworth CE Primary School (10.15am)

Michael Field taking an assembly at Antrobus St Mark's CE Primary School (11.30am)

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

11.30am Food with Friends in the Church Centre

Friday 8th February *Readings: Genesis 41, Mark 11, Job 7, Romans 11*

Mike away until Saturday 23rd February

Alec's day off

Michael Field leading 'Walk Through the Bible' sessions at Barnton Primary School (1.15 & 2.15pm)

Ministry team taking Hartford Church of England High School Chapel Services (2.45pm)

6.30am Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room

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

7.30pm Friday Night Live (Pathfinders) meets in the Church Centre