

Sunday 17th February Readings: *Genesis 50, Luke 3, Job 16-17, 1 Corinthians 4*

8am	Holy Communion in St John's
9.30am	Time to Pray in the Eddowes Room
10am	Holy Communion in St John's (John 8:31-47)
6.30pm	Evening Prayer in St John's (Isaiah 38:1-39:8)
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 – 10th February 2019

The Collect for today – fifth Sunday after Epiphany:

Heavenly Father, keep your household the church continually in your true religion so that we may lean only on the hope of your heavenly grace and always be defended by your mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for...

the sick the bereaved:

our mission partners: a local CAP Centre in Northwich and Stephen & Catriona Bennett (CMS in Rwanda).

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 ourselves, that we would be ever conscious of the increasingly hostile anti-Christian culture in which we now live, and in which our children are being educated.

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Notice Sheet for Sunday 10th 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 All Age Service - Luke 4:1-13; *Confession – getting ready for Easter*

6.30pm Evening Prayer - Isaiah 36:1-37:38; *Where is your confidence?*

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

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

Preachers elsewhere today:

Michael Field at Pickmere Methodist Church, Winsford (10.30am)

Notice sheet for 24th February

Due to holidays, the notice sheet for 24th February will be produced this week, although you won't receive it until the appropriate date. If you have anything you would like to appear in this edition, please let Jackie know by **Tuesday 12th February**. This deadline also applies to 17th February sheet.

Parents' Forum – 7th March

The first in a series of sessions encouraging and developing parents in the rewarding but difficult task of bringing up our children. We'll create an environment where we can share wisdom, questions, hopes, and anxieties, and support one another in this often painful privilege. This is for parents with children of any age to learn, pray, support, chat, and encourage one another; we'll publish topics and reading material, and hope to establish wider networks of families supporting families. Topics will include technology and the internet, responding to entertainment and pop culture, how the church can support parenting and families, some strategy work, growing and responding to change, amongst other things; but we can also tailor some of our discussions to specific needs and requests. Each meeting will run twice on the same day - 1.15pm (Appleby Room, Church Centre) for those who would find daytime more convenient, and reprising in the evening - 7.45pm (Whitefield Room). Refreshments will be provided. Though this is an open event, it would be most helpful to know that you are coming and for which session. For more information, please talk to Nathan.

Thank you from George and Hilary

Hilary and I are so grateful that last Sunday's Bring & Share lunch was a celebration of my ministry with you at St John's. We were both greatly touched by the number of friends who came to join with us in thanking God for the 20 years we have been privileged to serve in Hartford. Thank you too for the many kind words, cards, emails, good wishes and for the generous gift included in the card from Mike and the church. However, we are not leaving and hope to be with you once a month, and I will be on the 8am rota twice a term! With our love in Christ, *George and Hilary*.

Table Top Sale at Bring & Share Lunch

Sue Johnson and Joyce Halliday would like to say a big thank you to everyone for all the support and donations received at last Sunday's Table Top Sale. The event was a great success and they managed to raise £181.11! It was very much appreciated and will buy so many essential resources for the pupils of Nyakabungo Primary School.

Lunchtime Recital

On Wednesday 13th February, starting at 12.30pm, pupils from The Grange Senior School will be performing in a lunchtime recital in St John's. They would love to have many from the church family and local community coming to support them.

Giving Letters

Giving Letters have been sent out by email but paper copies, for everyone on the Electoral Roll, are available today in the Church Extension.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Church Diary – 10th February 2019

Monday 11th February *Readings: Genesis 44, Mark 14, Job 10, Romans 14*

Mike away until Saturday 23rd February

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

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

Teresa taking a year 1 RE session at Hartford Primary School (1.30pm)

Nathan taking assemblies at Hartford CE High School (Monday to Thursday, 2.45pm)

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

9.30am Staff meeting

Tuesday 12th February *Readings: Genesis 45, Mark 15, Job 11, Romans 15*

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

Nathan taking an assembly at Whitegate CE Primary School (11am)

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

Teresa taking a year 1 RE session at Hartford Primary School (1.30pm)

10am Jigsaw meet in the Church Centre

8pm Christianity Explored course in the Church Centre

Wednesday 13th February *Readings: Genesis 46, Mark 16, Job 12, Romans 16*

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

Alec attending Curacy Book Group (7.30pm)

10am Tots & Tinies meet in the Church Centre

12.30pm The Grange Senior School lunchtime recital in St John's

2pm Ladies' Fellowship meet in the Church Centre – Rev Derek Guest

8pm Home Group Central - 'Equipping Families through Prayer' in the Church Centre

Thursday 14th February *Readings: Genesis 47, Luke 1:1-38, Job 13, 1 Corinthians 1*

Teresa's day off

11.30am Food with Friends in the Church Centre

Friday 15th February *Readings: Genesis 48, Luke 1:39-80, Job 14, 1 Corinthians 2*

Alec's day off

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

11.30am Funeral Service at Vale Royal Crematorium (*Dimitri*)

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

Saturday 16th February *Readings: Genesis 49, Luke 2, Job 15, 1 Corinthians 3*

Nathan's day off

8am Men's Breakfast in the Church Centre