

Your cut out and keep Prayer Calendar for 2016

Prayer Calendar

St Mary with St Luke, Wistaston & Willaston

Our vision is to be a welcoming, Christ-centred church, where everyone is valued and nurtured, actively sharing the joy of Christ in our communities.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	The Clergy Mike Ken Frank & Malcolm	Licensed Lay Workers Ann, David & Lin	The Church Office Teresa, Polly & all who help	The Junior Church & Leaders	The Uniformed Organisations	Those who do the sound and vision within our churches
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
The local community of Willaston	The Church Hall and those who use it	Our Church Wardens	Those who decorate our churches with flowers	For local government including Parish Councils	The Bell Ringers	The local community of Wistaston
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
The Mothers' Union	GAP Please pray for this year's goals	For local Community Councils & Groups	The PCC and it's Officers	Outreach in the Parish	Our finances	For those who look after the church gardens and churchyard

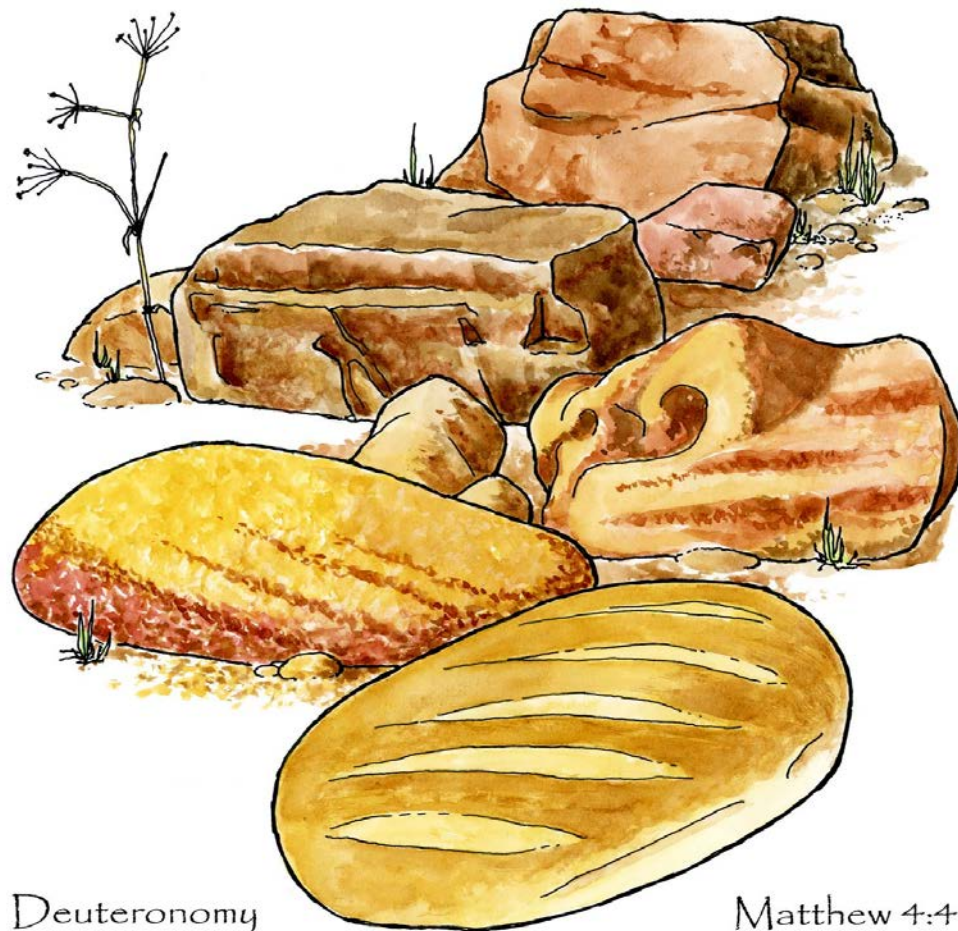
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3. Developing Discipleship - praying together, worshipping together, learning together



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Serving the communities of Rope, Willaston & Wistaston.



Deuteronomy
8:3

Matthew 4:4

Bread is not enough to keep us alive;
we need to feed on every word of God

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Diocese of Chester

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Clergy		
Rector	Revd Mike Turnbull	T
	Email: mfturnb	
Associate Priest	Revd Ken Sambrook	6
Assistant Clergy	Rev Preb Frank Powell	3
	Revd Malcolm Shaw	8
Church Officers		
Reader	David Illing	4
Pastoral Worker	Ann Stubbs	1
Parish Evangelist	Lin Parker	5
Church Wardens	Mike Carter	4
	Simon Bartholomew	1
Marriage Enrichment	Sheena Sambrook	6
PCC Secretary	Joy Chaplow	3
PCC Treasurer	Daphne Gregory	3
Planned Giving	Andrea Bartholomew	1
Electoral Roll Officers	Sue & Bob Squirrell	3
Magazine Editor	Revd Mike Turnbull	T
Webmaster	Bob Squirrell	3
Bible Reading Notes	Jenny Forbes	7
	Linda Cooke	6
Church Hall Bookings	Church Office	
Tower Captain	Frank Morton	1
Foodbank Co-ordinator	Peter Hopkins	8
Young Peoples' Activities		
Junior Church	Sarah Turnbull	T
Rainbows	Teresa Hoper	2
Brownies	Julie Croft	1
Guides	Helen Pegg	9
Midweek Activities		
Mothers' Union	Jenny Hall	1
Stepping Stones	Via Church Office	C
Ladies Afternoon Group	Marian Carter	4



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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Ladies Afternoon Group	Local Schools within the Parish	We give thanks for Music within our churches	The local community of Rope	Baptism, Wedding and Funeral contacts	Stepping Stones	Sidespeople and those who do the admin from a Sunday
28	29	30	31	Our vision is to be a welcoming, Christ-centred church, where everyone is valued and nurtured, actively sharing the joy of Christ in our communities.		
Our Worship! May it please the Lord!	Archdeacon Ian	Our Bishops, Peter, Libby & Keith	Churches Together in Crewe			

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Notes:

Services at a Glance

1st Sunday of the month

9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Luke's
10.40 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
6.00 p.m.	BCP Evening Prayer at St Mary's

2nd Sunday of the month

9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. Luke's
10.40 a.m.	All Age Worship at St. Mary's

3rd Sunday of the month

9.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer at St. Luke's
10.40 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. Mary's
6.30 p.m.	Life Issues at St Luke's

(usually runs from May to Sept - please see the Notice Sheet for up to date details)

4th Sunday of the month

9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion at St. Luke's
10.40 a.m.	All Age Worship with Baptisms at St. Mary's

5th Sunday of the month

10.40 a.m.	All Age Communion at St. Mary's
12.30 p.m.	Baptisms at St. Mary's

Notes: *The 9.00 a.m. service at St. Luke's is a quieter service. Holy Communion will alternate fortnightly with St. Mary's. The 10.40 a.m. service at St. Mary's is a service for all ages. On the 4th Sunday it may include baptism. Holy Communion will alternate fortnightly with St Luke's. The Fifth Sunday Service is a united service for the whole parish enabling everyone from both our churches to worship and meet together.*

Morning Prayer (10 mins) - 9.00 a.m. Mon, Tues and Thurs at St. Mary's

The following events take place most weeks if in doubt the leader's telephone number will be found inside the front cover of this magazine. Sunday (1st & 3rd) 10.40 a.m. Junior Church* (from Creche through to the end of High School)

Monday	7.45 p.m.	Bell Ringing (Tower)
Tuesday	5.45-7 p.m.	Brownies (Church Hall/Howe Rm)
	7-9 p.m.	Guides (Church Hall)
Wednesday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Thursday	5.30 - 6.30 p.m.	Rainbows (Church Hall)

*During term time only. Young people start in church and move down to the Church Hall during the 1st hymn.



Malcolm writes... February 2016



I was sat thinking recently that it seems to be ages ago since we were celebrating Christmas with all its excitement. Christmas of course was followed by New Year, I wonder how many New Year resolutions have already fallen by the way side, the temptations of life soon over ride our good intentions to improve our style of living.

I do think that the custom of making the New Year resolutions is a very good idea, as we set off with a real zeal and purpose to progress and renew our physical life each year, which can only be good.

But what about our spiritual lives, our commitment to and fellowship with Christ? Do we ever make New Year resolutions to improve these?

We are given the opportunity every year to do just this, it's called Lent, yet so few Christians today fully understand Lent or take up the chance to make a new commitment during Lent, in fact many know very little about Lent.

I have heard many arguments about how the 40 days of Lent are reckoned. So it seems

good to say something about the matter here just in case.

Lent is the Christian preparation for Easter and follows Christ' example when he spent 40 days in the wilderness fasting, praying, meditating and trying to get closer to God.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent is 40 days long, these days do not include the Sundays in Lent.

In ancient times candidates for baptism or confirmation were received into the membership of the Church at the main Celebration of the Resurrection on Sunday morning.

Lent evolved as a time of prayer and study and preparation for those being initiated into the church on Easter Sunday. The candidates prepared themselves to become a part of the Body of Christ by repentance, self-giving, and turning and walking with Jesus in the way of the cross. It was also used as a time for those who had been excluded from the church because they were not living a Christian life, to come back into communion with Christ and the church. /cont on Page 4



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It has become a regular practise during Lent in most churches to hold some form of course to help us make our newer stronger commitment to and to get closer to Christ and is certainly the practise here at St Mary's and St Luke's. This year we will be doing a Bible Society course, Making Good Sense of the Bible Together. It will be held on Sunday

evenings, Thursday evenings and Friday mornings so all should have the opportunity to attend. Please make for yourself this year a spiritual New Year's resolution and look at coming to one of these to help you get closer to God, ready for Easter.

Malcolm

PS. There will also be a young persons' Lent Group for high school age - more details to follow.

Easter Services

Easter Sunday is early this year and is on 27 March - here are our planned services with more detail to follow via the Notice Sheet: (all at St Mary's unless stated)

24 March 7:30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at St Luke's

25 March Good Friday: 11am All Age Worship
2pm An Hour at the Cross

27 March Easter Sunday: 9am Holy Communion at St Luke's
10:40am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Wednesday Morning Fellowship

Each Wednesday at St Mary's, following on from the Midweek Communion at 10am, there is tea, coffee, biscuits (sometimes cakes) and fellowship in the Choir Vestry.

Each week Pat Hudman arranges for the refreshments to happen, either doing them herself, or arranging for someone else to do them.



The Wednesday before Christmas Pat set the table with a Christmas table cloth, Christmas serviettes and seasonal refreshments that were enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Pat from all who attended.

Feel free to come along and join in, antlers are optional!!



Dates for your Diary

Please note that our diary is in two parts.

The regular services are detailed on page 10. Other items and variations are shown below.

18 January	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
25 February	2:15pm Ladies Evening Group Lent Service at St Mary's
25 February	7:30pm Deanery Synod at St Barnabas Crewe
28 February	2:30pm Wistaston Parish Council Civic Service at St Mary's
10 February	Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins Holy Communion at 10am & 7:30pm at St Mary's
W/C 14 February	Lent Groups Begin
21 March	7:30pm PCC Meeting at St Luke's
24 March	7:30pm Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at St Luke's
25 March	Good Friday
27 March	Easter Sunday
24 April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
TBC	Archdeacon's Visitation
12 June	Confirmation Service with Bp Libby - 6pm at St Mary's

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Do you have something for this magazine?

Your contributions to Christian Life are always welcome. Please pass your items for the next edition direct to the editor on revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk or via the Church Office by:- 15 March 2016

From the Parish Registers

Entries up to 20 January 2016

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

22 November Theodore Walter TAYLOR
 29 November JessicaMay DOANO
 29 November Oliver Henry BROWN
 29 November Reuben Alexander TASKER



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

There has not been any weddings during this period



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

(at church, or taken by minister of this parish at the crematorium)

07 December	Gladys PENLINGTON	89	
09 December	Joyce WOODWARD	89	
10 December	Richard Thomas JONES	85	
14 December	Joan Mary HOUGH	85	
16 December	Charles Henry VICKERS	77	
21 December	Grace BUTT		
21 December	Doris NEWBROOK		
05 January	Baby Joel TAYLOR	0	
07 January	Sylvia DAVEY	72	
11 January	Gwendoline Barbara CHADWICK		81
11 January	George John FLETCHER	92	
12 January	John (Jack) Edgar OWEN	94	
13 January	Elizabeth KRUMM	91	



From St Paul's Pantry

The month of December saw us give out 63 food parcels, feeding 114 people. Current shortages include cartons or powdered milk and sandwich fillings such as tinned meats, fish and paste. Please check the dates on your donations to lessen the amount of food we have to dispose of and remember in prayer the volunteers who give freely of their time for this work. Thank you!

Staff & Volunteer Changes

2016 brings with it a few changes...

Magazine Distribution

After many years of sorting and distributing the Parish Magazine, Jennifer Jones will no longer be providing this service. Could you please pick up the magazine from these locations: St Mary's, St Luke's, Church Hall and the Church Office. Please put any monies due in the boxes at the Churches or pass to the Church Office. Thank you and thanks to Jennifer for her help over the years.

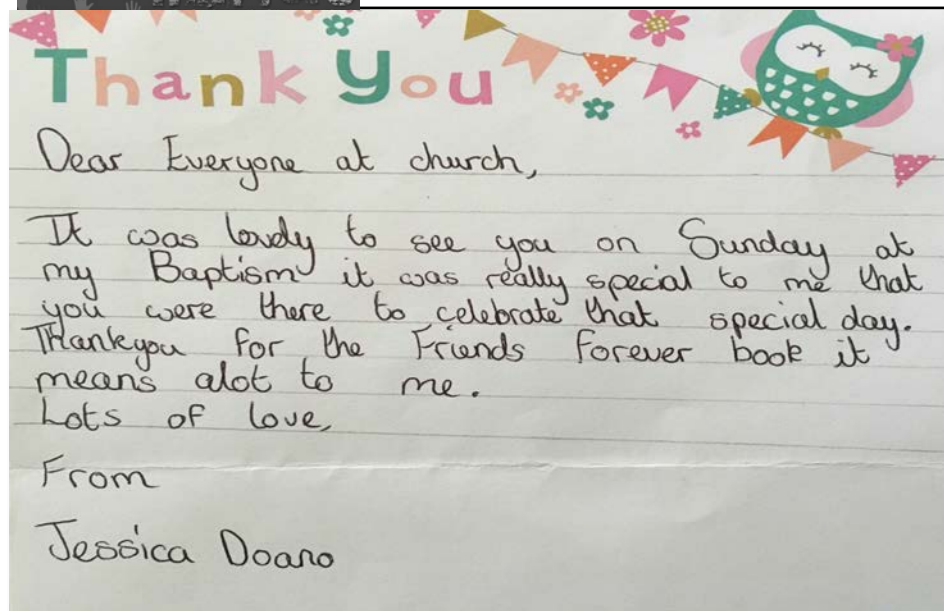
Editor: yes a big thank you to Jenny. If you are housebound or would struggle to pick up the Magazine please let Teresa or Polly in the office know and we'll see what we can arrange for you. We don't want anyone to miss out on receiving the Magazine. Please remember that the Magazine is available online too: bit.ly/clmag

Parish Administrator

After 10 years of working as the Parish Administrator, Sue retired at the end of January. We wish her well and are grateful for all that she has done for the church during her time with us, she'll be greatly missed. We have appointed a new Parish Administrator, to share the job as Sue did previously with Teresa (Friday mornings), her name is Polly and she began on the 18 January. During Polly's settling in there will be a lot to learn so we ask for your patience and support during this time, perhaps not bothering her with non essential things.

And something new...

The PCC are exploring how we can better manage both churches and the Church Hall in the area of maintenance and upkeep. We would like to have a volunteer who could spare a few hours on an ad hoc basis to assist in the general running of all three. This may be in setting/adjusting the heating, arranging repairs and meeting contractors to let them in and, were appropriate, carrying out minor repairs (although this is optional). If this is something you could help us with and would like to know more please speak to or email the Mike the Rector.



Christian Aid Sponsored Swim

Take the Plunge to end Poverty

Saturday 5 March 2016

Time: Between 6pm & 8pm

At Crewe Swimming Pool, Flag Lane.

Once again we are encouraging folk to take part in this sponsored swim, please see Sarah Turnbull to register your interest and she will have a Team Sponsor Form for completion by those who would like to be a sponsor.



Young Persons' Lent Group

Once again this year we will be running a Lent Group for our young people of High School age and above - more details will be on the Notice Sheet nearer the time.

Confirmation 2016: our Confirmation Service this year is on Sunday 12 June at St Mary's at 6pm with Bishop Libby. If you are at least of High School age now, and would like to be Confirmed this year, then please see Mike as soon as possible. Preparation will begin after Easter.

Ladies Afternoon Group



The start of another year, having had a good 2015 with an increase in members and 2 good lunches and a Summer outing enjoyed by all members. Our AGM is on January 28th and I am pleased to announce that we have a new chairman. Audrey Astbury, who was filling in, has announced that she will continue for 2016. That is good news.

On February 25th we have our LENT Service at St Mary's at 2.15pm, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. On March 24th we have a return visit of The Wells Green Singers who are excellent.

LENT lunches start on February 17th followed by March 2nd and March 16th. With a good programme for 2016, anyone wishing to join us would be made most welcome. Meetings are on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Church Hall.

Sadly, we have recently lost 2 long serving members of our Branch: Mrs Rhoda Rock and Mrs Joyce Woodward. We will really miss them, especially at our meetings. As we move into 2016 we will be celebrating 140 years of the Mothers' Union. In May we plan to hold a fund raising event with this theme and further details will be published in the next edition. We are currently looking forward to our Post Christmas lunch at The Swan in Wybunbury. This will make a nice change from previous venues. February 17th will be our AGM with some light-hearted fun after the business and prayers. Come along on the day to find out more. Our meeting on March 16th will be with Father Michael Burgess, entitled 7 Deadly Sins!! Sounds interesting. Meetings are usually the third Wednesday of each month at 2.15pm in the Church Hall.

Willaston WI

Our January meeting was popular despite the dreadful weather and members heard David Ketley speak about his fascinating life in music. He told of his first memories of the musical rhythm of trains running along the lines near to his home; being influenced by "silly" songs during seaside holidays; traditional hymns at school assemblies; folk songs; classical pieces, musicals and jazz. We sang along when he played and enjoyed a very social evening. Congratulations to our County advisor Chris Bailey on receiving a richly deserved MBE. We meet again on February 10th Details from Marjorie tel: 01270 623062