



Christian Life

The parish magazine of St Mary's & St Luke's
Serving the communities of Rope, Willaston & Wistaston.



LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, 6th March. It's not too early to start thinking about this important period in the Church calendar and how you will be preparing for it. There will be services at St Mary's on Ash Wednesday at 10.00am and 7.30pm.

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Mothers' Union	Jenny Hall
Stepping Stones	Via Church Office
Ladies Afternoon Group	Marian Carter



Malcolm writes...

February 2019



Friends in Christ

May I take this opportunity to say that I hope that you all have had a good Christ filled Christmas, that all your wishes came true and at the same time that you were able to meet with Christ at some time during the festivities. Many people will have gone through the whole of Christmas without giving a thought to the true meaning of Christmas, of the God/Child who came to reconcile us to His Father and make it possible for us to come to know God.

Emanuel, God with us.

That for me is a real sadness, they rush about working hard getting everything ready, they spend hard earned money as if it is going out of fashion, many will get into debt which will take all year to pay off. Then miss out on the real joy of Christmas, this is the sadness of Christmas.

Enough of sadness, let me now look forward to our next great festival, to the triumphant defeat of sin, evil and death. To Christ's glorious resurrection on Easter morning, when light defeated the darkness and gave to all that follow him the promise of eternal life. For me this is a much more joyful time than even Christmas, I know that some will think I'm being a bit of a killjoy, but for me Easter is the successful accomplishment of that which Christmas started. Job done, so now we can really celebrate.

But let us not forget the pain and

sacrifice that Christ had to go through so that we might gain from His sacrifice. There is a danger that if we are not careful we could find that Easter for many, will go the same way as Christmas, all about chocolate eggs and Christ not getting a mention.

There is one way to ensure that for us, Christ remains at the very centre of Easter, and that is to observe Lent in a true and proper way. Devoted to learning more about Christ, about where he came from, the person of Christ and what he had to say.

Within the parish we have two active groups that help us to do this, one is the Bible Course which meets fortnightly at 10.00 and the Home Group which meets monthly on Thursday evenings. Both of these will help you to get closer to Christ in a nonthreatening, friendly atmosphere (see the church notice sheets for further information) .

Then during lent in recent years we have held regular lent courses, again a good way of preparing for the good news of Easter and the joy that comes with it. Think about it, Easter cost Christ a great price which won for us the way back to God and the promise of eternal life, it doesn't cost us anything.

But what are we prepared to do for Him in return, isn't it a small price to pay to try to understand Him better and why He did what he did?

Yours in Christ Malcolm

Some Pics from the recent Christmas Fayre at St Luke's



Frances with her Granddaughter Alice



Suzy Simpson on the successful Craft Stall

The next meeting of **The Bible Course** will be at 10.15am on Tuesday, 5th February. We meet at 56 Bowness Rd, Wistaston.

All are welcome.

For further information contact Jenny Varty on 01270 567618.

Home Group on the third Thursday each month at 7.30pm. In January we have started to study the book of Romans in which Paul lays out his theology in great detail, explaining the good news that he proclaimed and the consequences that he believed this should have in the lives of the Christian community. You are very welcome to join us as we explore this important book/letter. Location alternates each month; on 'odd' months we meet at the Barker's house [12 Blears Avenue, Nantwich CW5 6GG] and on 'even' months at the Phenton's house [17 Arley Place, Wistaston CW2 6QW].

Any questions please talk to the Barkers or the Phentons.



We will be starting a midweek Prayer & Worship evening in April which will run monthly. It will be an opportunity for prayer, worship & fellowship together in an informal atmosphere. Date and day still to be decided so please watch the Weekly Sheet for updates.

Plenty of opportunities to explore God's Word and meet with others from the Church family with these groups.





Hello & welcome to my magazine article.
Happy new year to you all.

I have beat meetings set up for the coming weeks at St Marys in Wistaston & at St Lukes in Willaston, keep an eye on the church newsletter, or look on the board outside St Marys Church Hall & outside St Lukes for dates & times. These meetings are an opportunity for you to speak to your local officer (me) on a 1 to 1 basis about any issues that are affecting you in the local area. Would any local residents would like to volunteer a couple of hours a month to take part in the community speed watch scheme, if so please contact me on the details below, all training etc will be provided, or if anyone would like to nominate an area for speed watch to operate from, please let me know again using the details below.

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enquiries or to speak to a local officer.
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The Nativity

Well done to all our Junior Church for a fantastic presentation of the Nativity on Christmas Eve at the Crib Service. A big thanks to all those who acted, sang, narrated, prompted, played musical instruments and assisted. We're all very proud of you. DVD sales are going well and all profits will be given to Water Aid Uk.

Junior Church Dates until the Summer

03 February, 03 March, 17 March, 19 May, 16 June,
07 July & 21 July

Christian Aid Sponsored Swim 2019

We are delighted to be back for another year of Crewe Sponsored Swim at the Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, Crewe, CW1 2BB on the 9 March, 6pm to 8pm. We hope you will join us on this fun, family friendly evening. At St Mary's & St Luke's we will have one sponsorship form for the team which you are welcome to be a part of. Please see Sarah Turnbull for more details and sponsorship. (Also on back page)

Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



We started 2019 with our AGM followed by a quiz and bring and share tea.

On February 28th we are looking forward to a talk by Mrs Suzanne Austin a Pharmacist, who will talk about 'Community Pharmacy'.

On March 28th we will have our Lent Service in Church followed by tea & biscuits in the Church Hall.

Our Spring lunch this year will be on April 25th, venue to be confirmed.

We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Church Hall, so do come along and join us.

Marian

We have just all enjoyed our New Year/Christmas

lunch at The Elephant in Shavington. A good opportunity to chat and catch up with each other!

We now look forward to our AGM on February 20th, followed by our meeting on March 20th which will be 'Mothering Sunday' by Revd Mike.

After that, we will have the annual Lady Day Service, date & venue tbc. Then on April 17th, Mrs Penny Allen, MU Speaker will talk and demonstrate 'Simnel Cake'. Of course everyone is welcome to come along to any of our meetings to see what Mothers' Union is about. Usually held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2.15pm in the Howe Room.

Sue



Willaston WI

We are 70 this year and plan to celebrate our birthday, eating, drinking, learning new skills, visiting new places and enjoying the fun and friendship of being part of this special institute.

The book club will read and debate "Not a Penny More Not a Penny Less" by Jeffery Archer and "Into the Water" by Paula Hawkins and the lunch group will sample the culinary delights of a different local hostelry each month.

In February Miss Pitchy Patchy's talk is about "Women's Role during The War" and March is the members meeting.

Pat Cotton 01270 664030

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 21 January 2019:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

None for this period



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

None for this period



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

07 January Audrey MORAN 86

09 January Kenneth Raymond FLORY 89

18 January Margaret WORTHINGTON 87

21 January Jean BUCKLEY 72



Confirmation 2019



We have a Confirmation Service this year on
14 July at 6pm

conducted by Bishop Peter. Please let Mike (Rector) know if you are of high school age or above and haven't previously been confirmed and would like to be Confirmed this year.



Dates for your Diary

**Please note that our diary is in two parts.
The regular services are detailed on page 11. Other
items and variations are shown below.**

2 February 9:30am	Marriage Preparation at St Luke's
11 February 7pm	Deanery Synod at St Andrew, Crewe
10 February 2:30pm	Wistaston Parish Council Civic Service at St Mary's
6 March	Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
	Holy Communion at 10am & 7:30pm at St Mary's

W/C 11 March

Lent Groups Begin (details to follow)

18 March 7:30pm	PCC Meeting at St Luke's
07 April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
19 April	Good Friday
21 April	Easter Sunday
14 May 7:30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation at St Mary, Acton
14 July 6pm	Confirmation Service with Bishop Peter

**Notice of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 7
April - 12 noon in St Mary's Church followed by a
Bring and Share Lunch in the Church Hall**



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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 sue.squirrell@thedrey.co.uk or via the Church Office by:- 15-20 March 2019

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

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: Mon, Tues & Thursday 9.15am 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.*



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Brand New Electoral Roll this year!!

This year a new Electoral Roll will be prepared and new forms will be available from church/office/website from 2 February to be returned by 16 March.

You will be able to hand your new forms to Sue and Bob, the Electoral Roll Officers, or via St Mary's/St Luke's, the Wardens and the Church Office.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.