

Christian Life

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



Violet (deep purple): Violet is the liturgical colour of the season and symbolizes its repentant character, as well as Christ as the King of the world. (Deep purple was a colour reserved for royalty in Jesus' time.)

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, **Lent** is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of **Lent**, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. (source: www.biblestudytools)

Details of **LENT Study Groups** coming soon.....

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Junior Church	Sarah Turnbull
Rainbows	Teresa Hoper
Brownies	Julie Croft
Guides	Helen Pegg

Midweek Activities

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



Mike writes...
February 2020



Well here we are in 2020, how are your New Year resolutions going? Still keeping them up? My resolution this year is to print less and use less paper when and where I can. Any resolution makes you think and, I guess, challenges us to change, how long we keep them up can vary depending on how committed we are and how feasible it is to continue with.

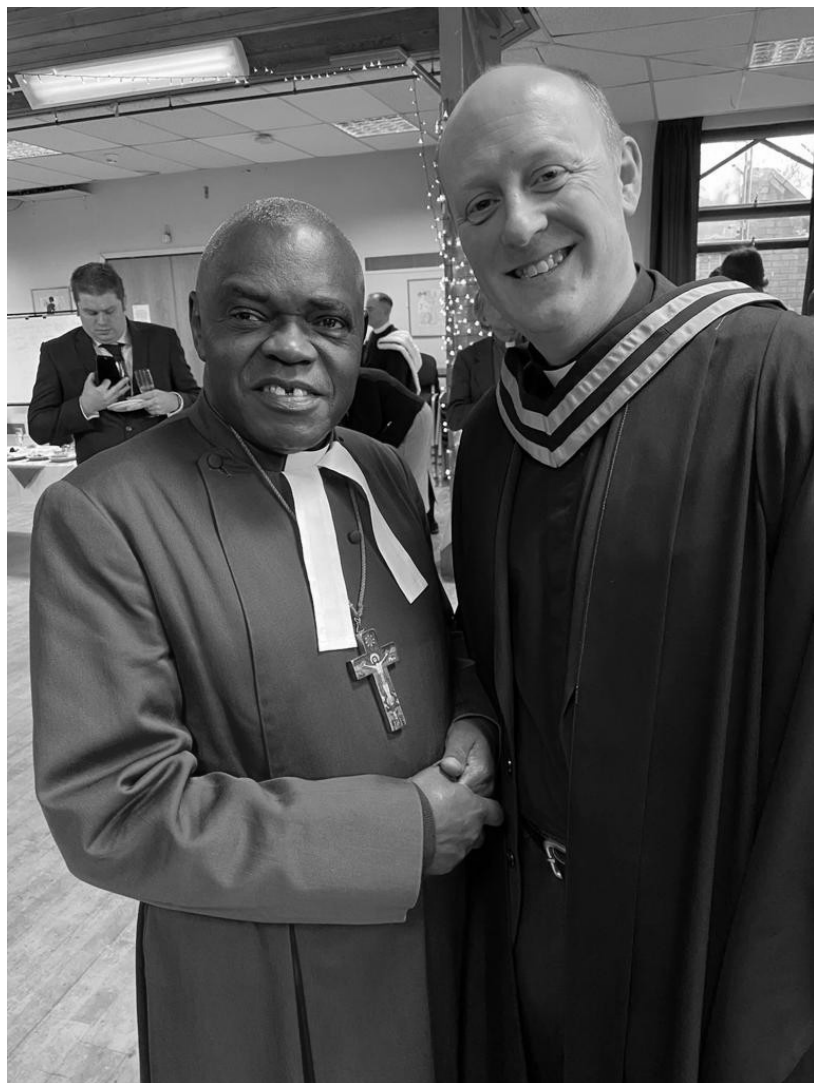
A lot of people take on fitness resolutions to begin a new year and this is very biblical. St Paul, in 1 Corinthians 9, likened the Christian life to a race, he writes, *"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."*

Perhaps your spiritual life is a bit lethargic and flabby at the moment, perhaps you've never exercised your spiritual muscles; perhaps it needs a bit of exercise! Well, look no further, because over the next month or so we've got plenty of

things that can help you get into shape spiritually! **The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 26 February** and it is a great **time to refocus your spiritual life, to reenergise your relationship with God**, to get into some serious training – phew I'm getting tired already – ahead of the great celebration of Easter on 12 April 2020. We will be offering Lent Groups for you to attend, Bible Study Groups for seasoned readers and those new to the Bible (see in this mag for details of these), plus opportunities to worship and learn together to help you to use Lent as a time of getting spiritually fit in a way that fits into your lifestyle. Are you up for the challenge? Good! Then watch out during February for what will be happening and available.

Now where did I put my running shoes...

Kind regards,



Picture of Paul meeting the Archbishop of York when Paul graduated at Durham Cathedral in January.

Well done Paul!

Rev. Paul will be Priested this summer at Chester Cathedral on **Saturday 20 June 2020 at 5pm**. Look out for further details as we get closer to the event.....

Bible Study/Home Groups.....

The Tuesday Bible group has recommenced this week, the next one will be Tuesday 4th February at 10.15am - Thank you Jenny Varty 01270 567618

The Bible Course has also recommenced - we will next meet on the 14th February Please contact Jenny for further information- 01270 567618

The Home Group will next meet on 20 February, 7.30pm at the Phenton's, Any further information, please talk to the Barkers or the Phentons.

Bible Study

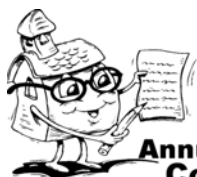


Our Prayer and Worship evenings return on the 12 February, 7:30pm at St Mary's for an hour.



Lent begins on 26 February this year as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. We have two communions that day, 10am & 7:30pm, both at St Mary's.

(Watch out for details of Lent Groups coming soon)



**Annual
Congregational
Meeting**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting this year will be on **Sunday 17 May, 12 noon at St Mary's** followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Church Hall - please put the date in your diary.

Sunday 9th February - Girlguiding in support of the disaster in Australia - will be having a cake/craft sales after the Service - please support them to make a difference to those who have lost so much - Thank you Teresa Hopper, for Wistaston Rainbows/Brownies



Junior Church

The Nativity

Well done to all our Junior Church for a fantastic presentation of the Nativity on Christmas Eve at the Crib Service which was written & directed by Rev Paul. 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:

02 February, 01 & 15 March, 17 May, 07 & 21 June, 05 & 19 July.

For up to date info please see our Facebook Page - [Facebook.com/stmaryandstluke](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryandstluke)



Confirmation 2020: this year, due to the shortages of Bishops in the Diocese, we will be joining in a Deanery Confirmation Service at St Mary's Nantwich on Sunday 28 June at 6pm. Please see Mike if you'd like to be Confirmed this year.

Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



We start the year with our A.G.M followed by Bring & Share Tea.

February 28th: Linda Webb will be telling us about 'The History of Handbags' and March 26th we will have our Lent Service in church at 2pm, followed by tea & biscuits in the church hall. Our Spring lunch will be at The Elephant on April 30th. Pictured are some of the ladies enjoying the Christmas lunch in December. Everyone is



welcome to our meetings in the hall, 4th Thursday of each month, 2pm. **Marian**

Members and guests recently enjoyed our New

Year lunch meal at the Rising Sun. We look forward to our A.G.M on February 19th, followed by members afternoon.

The Diocesan Festival Service will be on Saturday, 29th February at 11am in Chester Cathedral. After that, there will be the Lady Day Service to be held at St Mary's, Nantwich at 2.15pm followed by a bring & share tea. (*Note: No meeting in March*). Everyone is welcome to come along and see what Mothers' Union is about at any of our meetings, usually held 2.15pm in the Howe Room on the third Wednesday of each month. Corporate Communion is 1st Weds each month at 10.00am, St Mary's. **Sue**



Willaston WI

Willaston WI began 2020 with a talk by Mark Jeffries of Rodney Densem Wines from Nantwich. Entitled 'Gin Tasting' it proved a most enjoyable evening the gin being complemented with cheese and biscuits. We have a varied programme of speakers arranged for this year and along with monthly lunches, cinema outings and a book club there is plenty to look forward to. Cheshire Federation of Women's Institutes are celebrating their 100th anniversary and events will be organized throughout 2020. Visitors are very welcome at our monthly meetings at the Masonic Hall on each 2nd Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Brenda Taylor 01270 623191

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 20th January 2020:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

24 November

Toby Adam CUNLIFFE

Vera Alice BERRY



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)

25 November 2019 Jane Ann Lingard SINCLAIR 74

2 December 2019 Jacqueline DENNY 72

3 December 2019 Dennis PREECE 82

4 December 2019 Margaret Alexandra FLORY 89

17 December 2019 Audrey RICHMOND 90

19 December 2019 Margaret Alison MOULTON 68

6 January 2020 Karis GEORGE 87

10 January 2020 Joyce Patricia BEBBINGTON 70

14 January 2020 James Peter KENNERLEY 88

17 January 2020 Margaret JOHNSON 75

20 January 2020 Eric PALMER 93





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.**

03 February	Deanery Synod - St Michael, Coppenhall
09 February	Girlguiding cake/craft stall after the service in support of the disaster in Australia
09 February	2:30pm Wistaston Parish Council Civic Service at St Mary's
26 February	Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins Holy Communion at 10am & 7:30pm at St Mary's
W/C 02 March	Lent Groups Begin (details to follow)
23 March	7:30pm PCC Meeting at St Luke's
09 April	Maundy Thursday
10 April	Good Friday
12 April	Easter Sunday
10-16 May	Christian Aid Week
17 May	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
09 June	7:30pm Archdeacon's Visitation at Christ Church Alsager
28 June	6pm Confirmation Service with Bishop Keith at St Mary's NANTWICH

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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 2020**

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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Crewe Lifestyle Centre, Moss Square, CW1 2BB

Time: 6-8pm

Saturday 7 March 2020

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Tel: 01270 662077 or **Text:** 07531 016 723



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