

## Bibles in World War One. Do you have a Story to Share?

An article from the Bible Society Website:  
[biblesociety.org.uk](http://biblesociety.org.uk)



2014 marks 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War. This will doubtless be a time of much reflection and remembrance nationally so we are hoping that the Bible will have a place in these considerations too.

Delving back over Bible Society's history we have found many records listing how we supported our soldiers on the front line. We have been heartened to read how much gratitude was shown for the gift of a Bible by the sick and wounded soldiers, by refugees, those held as prisoners of war and for the troops marching to the front. Over nine million Bibles were distributed through the war years – some pocket new Testaments, Gospels and Psalms.

Bearing these vast numbers in mind, we are thinking there must be thousands of stories of Biblical significance in existence. Within your own family and homes there may be stories or heirlooms that you can unveil - particularly from those who served in or lived during the First World War.

Perhaps you have a copy of the New Testament & Psalms from these times which has been left to your family? May be you have an account of the Bible's words bringing comfort or peace to a soldier in the trenches? Perhaps you can recall countless tales told by your ancestors of their 'war years'?

We would love to hear your stories; stories about the Scriptures within the context of World War 1 and would love you to share them with us!

If you feel you are able please let us know by email [contactus@biblesociety.org.uk](mailto:contactus@biblesociety.org.uk) or

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**9.00 am at St. Luke's & 10.40 am at St. Mary's**

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Queen trusts  
in the Lord,  
and through the  
steadfast love of  
the Most High  
she shall  
not be moved.'*

*Psalms 21:7*



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### Children's and Young People's Activities

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Jnr Church Co-ordinator | Sarah Turnbull |
| Youth Work              | Dane Chaplow   |
| Rainbows                | Teresa Hoper   |
| Brownies                | Julie Croft    |
| Guides                  | Helen Pegg     |

### Midweek Programme

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Mothers' Union       | Sue Squirrell     |
| Stepping Stones      | Via Church Office |
| Praise & Play        | Via Church Office |
| Ladies Evening Group | Marian Carter     |

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## From the Rector...

June 2013



Dear Friends,

I write this on Pentecost Sunday 2013.

As many of you will know, Pentecost is the day we celebrate the birthday of the Church - you can read about it in Acts 2. 1-21. It's an amazing story of timid, frightened people (the disciples), being empowered by God with the Holy Spirit to do amazing things. To me Pentecost is all about three P's (or four if you include Pentecost!): Power, Passion and Purpose.

Power: the power of the Holy Spirit to change the disciples lives, transform them and empower them.

Passion: there is no doubt the disciples were passionate about what they believed in - if they were not the church would not have survived.

Purpose: with all that power and passion there had to be a purpose and that was simple (on one level), to be messengers of the Gospel, to let other people know about Jesus, his love, his grace and his forgiveness.

Pentecost can perhaps then act as a check-up for our own journey with God, as we move on from Easter, an opportunity to access whether we have the 3 P's in our lives. We may not get called upon as the first disciples did, but it's just as well to be prepared - and there's another P!

Best wishes

*Mike*

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A big thank you to all those who gave, collected and counted for Christian Aid Week 2013. With your help we were able to raise a massive £1400.00 at St Mary's & St Luke's that will go to help some of the world's poorest people and help to bite back at hunger!!

## THE WAY I SEE IT: The Coronation: I was There!

Editor: Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC, continues his series presenting a point of view...

It is, as you may have noticed, the sixtieth anniversary of the Queen's coronation this month. If you are under 55 it is probably simply a matter of history. That piece of history, however, will be relived this month in many grainy pictures on our television screens - even, perhaps, some in colour, from the cinema newsreels of the time. For those of us over that age, however, it is probably one of those memories - images, really - that you can never quite forget. In truth, it is part of our history.

Millions, like me, sat in a crowded room and gazed at a tiny television screen on which black and white images appeared of the distant scene in and around Westminster Abbey. Up till then, TV had been largely a rich person's toy, but no one was going to miss the event of a lifetime. Aided by the entrepreneurial genius of Radio Rentals and other newly formed competitors, we watched on rented sets, our own or a neighbour's. Television suddenly became available to almost everybody. Indeed, I can't think of anyone in our very ordinary circle of friends in a London suburb who didn't watch the coronation as it happened.

And that made a difference. Previous coronations had been great affairs of State, attended by the nobility, the great and the good - just a few hundred of them. True, the crowds could line the route to and from the abbey and cheer and wave flags, but once the real business began they were definitely outside. But now - miraculously, it seemed - we were inside: indeed, we had a better view of proceedings than most of those distinguished folk who had got tickets for the abbey.

This, like no other, was the People's Coronation, and the young Queen and her fair-haired sailor husband were the People's Monarchy, in a way none of their predecessors could possibly have imagined. When the archbishop placed the crown on her head, we were just feet away (or so it seemed). When he anointed her with oil, we could see it glisten. We could join in the prayers and the hymns, hear the glorious music and fanfares, share with the congregation in the abbey an occasion that was, after all, a vital part of the life of our nation and the Commonwealth.

Time and again over those few days we sang 'Long live our gracious Queen', and she has done it. 'Long to reign over us, happy and glorious'. Exactly.

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

At our Annual Meeting on 21 April: Mike Carter & Simon Bartholomew were appointed Churchwardens for the coming year. Ian Bellingham, Howard Barker & Richard Barr were elected to the PCC for the next three years. Sid Carter, Kath Jones & Peter Brookfield joined our group of Sidespeople. Thank you to these and all who attended the meeting.

Following the meeting we shared together in a Bring and SHare lunch. Thanks to the Special Events Committee for all their hard work in setting up.

Mike (Rector)

### Kath Jones retires as Warden

After many years of dedicated service Kath Jones retired as our Church Warden at the APCM.

The Rector commented on the fact that Kath has been the Warden since he arrived in the parish. He also paid tribute to her dedication, reliability and great service over the years and that he would miss her as Warden.

Kath thanked everyone and assured them that they will see her around as she plans to continue to do some of the roles she does at the moment including Wednesday Communion Sacristan and her new role as a Sidesperson. Kath was presented with a basket of flowers by the Rector as "thank you" from all the congregation.



# Jayne joins us on a Placement

Hello! My name is Jayne Coxall and I shall be with you at St. Mary's and St. Luke's for the next 12 weeks on placement from my own church in Crewe in order to experience how another church works and different forms of worship. I am coming to the end of the Foundations for Ministry course and am now exploring a call to ordination, not an easy decision to make but when that small whisper becomes a deafening shout you cannot ignore it any longer! I know God has a plan for me and this time of discernment will help me to see the path I need to take. I live in Crewe with my daughter Ellie after being widowed ten years ago and have spent the last few years working with children and adults with special needs. I am looking forward to my time with you and have already been made very welcome!

## 'About Father's Day' – Sunday, June 16th

It all started because a lady in the US wanted to honour her father for all he had done for her and her family. The first Father's Day was celebrated on 19 June 1910 and was held because Mrs John B Dodd suggested it as a particular thank you to her father, William Smart, who was a Civil War Veteran and had looked after all six of his children after his wife died. More than half a century later, in 1966, Father's Day became a national holiday in the USA. Fathers are often mentioned in the Bible. You can read about Abraham, who was considered to be the 'Father of all Nations' (Genesis 17:4). Some other verses ask us to listen to our father's instruction and by doing this you will learn to have discipline and understanding. Our dads won't be perfect all the time; we all make mistakes. So we should forgive our dads when they make mistakes because God asks us to. Don't forget that we also have a heavenly father that cares and loves us no matter what. So if you don't have a father around all the time (or even if you do) God is the father of all fathers. He is there when your father can't be!

*Taken from **children's section** in families first, MU magazine May/June edition*



## Youth Events and News

***Bishop Robert said this of our young people after a recent visit:  
What a credit to the church those young people are and what a  
beacon of life and hope. Such an inspiration."***

### *Junior Church dates for the term*

16 Jun, 07 Jul & 21 Jul All at 10:40am beginning in church

### *The Big Bible Event at Chester Cathedral*

On Saturday 20 April 2013 some of our young people went to Chester Cathedral for the Big Bible Event which was for 5-11 year olds. They enjoyed eight interactive zones to help them explore the Gospel of Luke: storytelling, drama, costumed characters, games, puppets, music and much, much more. There was even the opportunity to try a Deep Fried Cricket!



### *Food Bank Visit*

Following on from the very successful Furniture Famine when our teenagers



went for 40 Hours without using furniture and raised loads of donated food for the Crewe and Nantwich Food Banks, they had the opportunity to visit the Crewe Food Bank. They were shown behind the scenes of the Food Bank and helped to pack Food Parcels.

This was followed by a trip to the Bowling Alley. Thanks to Howard Barker for organising this.

### *Blestival*

Eight of our young people and three leaders joined with many other from around the Diocese for the Diocesan Youth Event at the Quinta called Blestival (10/12 May 2013). They had a great time and did many activities including Messy Games (ever popular!), Football in the Dark and a Treasure Hunt. They also had a chance to learn more about the journey with God through Workshops, Quiet Times, the Melanesian Brothers and Sisters and times of Worship. Our own Daisy Wybrow was the drummer in the Worship Band this year - well done Daisy!!

## Ladies Evening Group



24 members enjoyed our annual Spring lunch at The Waverley Hotel in Crewe. This year we have

32 members but we would like to welcome any new members who feel they would like to join us. Our Speaker in May was Andrew Lamberton, giving a talk about 'The Lost Houses of Nantwich'. He is a great authority on the history of Nantwich. Our annual outing is to Chatsworth House, this year on 29<sup>th</sup> July, together with the Mothers' Union, leaving at 9.30am.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped to raise £250 at the Lent lunches. The Rector will decide what he would like to use the money for. Our meetings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. *Marian Carter*

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

A total of £272.00 was raised at our recent fundraising event at St Luke's. This money will go towards the Mothers' Union Projects and there will be more details about this in future editions. A big thank you to everyone involved in making the day a success. At our branch meeting on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, one of our members, Mrs Muriel Platt gave a very interesting talk about her time at Shallowford House, Norton Bridge. We look forward to our annual Members Social on 19<sup>th</sup> June with a Bring & Share lunch and a theme of Special Memories, for members to share with us! The combined summer outing with L.E.G on Mond, 29 July is to Chatsworth House and is already nearly full! If interested in joining the Mothers' Union or you just want to find out more information, do have a chat with me (Sue). Everyone is welcome to come along to our meetings, usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Weds of the month in the Church Hall at 2.15pm.

*Sue Squirrell*



Deana Swift spoke in April of her experiences as an Air Stewardess recalling passenger safety; strict dress codes (she displayed her original uniforms); celebrities with attitude; losing an engine mid-flight (everyone survived) and happy travelling passengers.

In summer Willaston will be awash with a colourful display of flowers as a result of Ann Harrison's enthusiastic and informative demonstration showing how to line, fill, feed and, plant a hanging basket.

We raised £100 playing dominoes and enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, raising £200 for Denman College funds.

The resolution "The Decline of Our High Street Shops" will be taken forward to the A.G.M. in Cardiff. Meeting details from Judy Jones tel.01270 567015

*Pat Cotton*

## From the Parish Registers

### Entries up to 20 May 2013

#### BAPTISMS: *Welcome to our church family*

28 April Matthew Charles ORGILL  
28 April Chloe Abigail WILD



#### WEDDINGS: May God bless these couples who were recently married:

30 March Lisa Jane PENHALL & Benjamin James GIBSON  
06 April Lucille Marilyn Siddons CAMPBELL & John Kenneth SUMNALL



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

##### *May they rest in peace and joy*

|          |                               |      |
|----------|-------------------------------|------|
| 17 March | Tom STOKES (Memorial Service) |      |
| 28 March | Michael Linden GLOVER         | 70   |
| 27 March | Noah ANDERSON-BURT            | Baby |
| 09 April | Rosina Lillian Joan BIRD      | 90   |
| 10 April | Jill Mary KNOX                | 62   |
| 22 April | Harry HILDITCH                | 83   |
| 26 April | Joseph HALSALL                | 97   |
| 03 May   | Jean HOWELL                   | 88   |
| 29 April | David John SEALE              | 59   |
| 07 May   | Ethel HENSHAW                 | 96   |
| 08 May   | Jean GUILDFORD                | 73   |
| 10 May   | Olive CORNES                  | 94   |
| 14 May   | Margery KING                  | 70   |
| 20 May   | Dennis WILLIAMS               | 85   |
| 20 May   | Marjorie May FOSTER           | 93   |



## Dates For Your Diary



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

|                 |                                                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 23 May 7pm      | Deanery Synod                                   |
| 10 June 7:30pm  | Child Protection Training at St Mary's Nantwich |
| 09 June 10:40am | Confirmation Service at St Mary's               |
| 15 June         | Wistaston Village Fete                          |
| 22 June         | Willaston Worm Charming                         |
| 24/27 June      | Clergy Conference at Swanwick                   |
| 13 July         | Willaston Rose Queen Fete - All Day             |

For all the latest information on what's happening at our churches check out our Online Diary at  
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[revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk](mailto:revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk) or via the Church Office by:-  
17 July 2013

## Sundays at our Churches



|                                |                  |                                                           |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1st Sunday</b> of the month | 9.00 a.m.        | Morning Prayer at St. Luke's                              |
|                                | 10.40 a.m.       | Holy Communion at St. Mary's<br>With Signing for the Deaf |
|                                | <b>6.00 p.m.</b> | <b>Evening Prayer at St Mary's</b>                        |
| <b>2nd Sunday</b> of the month | 9.00 a.m.        | Holy Communion at St. Luke's                              |
|                                | 10.40 a.m.       | All Age Worship at St. Mary's                             |
| <b>3rd Sunday</b> of the month | 9.00 a.m.        | Morning Prayer at St. Luke's                              |
|                                | 10.40 a.m.       | Holy Communion at St. Mary's                              |
|                                | <b>6.30 p.m.</b> | <b>Life Issues at St Luke's</b>                           |
| <b>4th Sunday</b> 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               |
| <b>5th Sunday</b> 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, Tue, Thurs and Fri 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.

|                     |             |                                                                   |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sundays (1st & 3rd) | 10.40 a.m.  | Junior Church* (from Reception through to the end of High School) |
|                     |             | Bell Ringing (Tower)                                              |
| Monday              | 7.45 p.m.   | Rainbows (Church Hall/Howe Rm)                                    |
| Tuesdays            | 6-7 p.m.    | Brownies (Church Hall/Howe Rm)                                    |
|                     | 5.45-7 p.m. | Guides (Church Hall)                                              |
|                     | 7-9 p.m.    | Holy Communion                                                    |
| Wednesdays          | 10.00 a.m.  |                                                                   |

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