



Christian Life

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**All of them were
filled with
the Holy Spirit!**

Acts 2.4

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Midweek Activities

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



Frank writes...

June 2017



Dear friends,

'THE UPSIDE-DOWNERS! The historian Josephus was reporting to Caesar, as requested, on the rapid growth of the new Christian Sect in the eastern part of the Empire which seemed to be causing some unrest. He described them as 'these people who are turning the world upside down.' St Paul might have said, 'No, we are putting it right side up, giving Jesus our allegiance, not Caesar. Love not hate, even enemies treat slaves as brothers. Treat others as you would want them to treat you.'

So we could describe them as the good and beneficial Upside-downers.

Unfortunately there were another huge horde of Upside-downers which were a much more immediate threat to the failing Empire, the Goths and Vandals from Europe, over running it, destroying its civilisation leading to 'the long night of the Dark Ages.'

It was the Christians, and those like them, which kept the light of civilisation burning, as they worked to fulfil Jesus's prayer to His Father, 'Your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven,'

We live in a similar time. Two sets of upside-downers, The Christians still

here because 'Jesus is the only way the truth and the life.' The Goths and vandals are replaced by a much more dangerous variety of those who are hell- bent on getting their own way, at all levels of life, from individuals to whole Nations. Is it an exaggeration to describe it, 'as a situation where men's hearts are failing them for fear of what is coming on earth'?

'Let us lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions.' 'Put not your trust in Princes, nor in any child of man.' These words were written long ago, but has the time come when things have spun out of control, beyond the ability of mere men and women to turn it right side up again? As Christians we say with certainty, YES. - Without the help of Jesus. He is the only Saviour.

On June 4th we celebrate Pentecost, the 'Birthday of the Church'. When the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles with God's power and love, and launched what is so far, 2000 years of proclaiming 'The Way' - Jesus way - which is the only way to succeed. The New Testament book, recording this history is called the 'Acts of The Apostles.'

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Ministry Letter/continued.....

It has been said that it should be called 'The Acts of the Holy Spirit' working through the apostles with his power, not just their own. We must pray for God's blessing and grace and power on a great new chapter of how The Kingdom will grow and prosper in our time, to bring his light and love into every heart and home. This can only happen, not through our human love and strength, but with his love and strength working within us.

This is how the Kingdom has survived so far, and will continue to grow, even in troubled times. Jesus said, 'In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good courage, I have overcome the world.' 'Do not be afraid, little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.' How? Get our priorities right, 'Seek first the Kingdom of heaven and all these things will be added unto you.' Jesus is THE Saviour of the World. No other person ever can be. So let's get on with our 'upside-downing'. Let us continue 'The Acts of the Holy Spirit' in the steps of the first Apostles, and all true followers of Jesus.

With love & blessings,

Frank



Pictured below are just a few members of our happy Church family.



We say Farewell to our outgoing Rose Queen Emma and her



assistant Emily, who have had a very busy, eventful fundraising year for their Charity, Diabetes UK. We also thank their families for the hard work behind and in front of various events and also to everyone who has sup-



ported them in various ways throughout the year. The total raised for the charity will be communicated via the notice sheet etc.

And.....

We say Hello to our Incoming Rose Queen Jess Doano and her attendant Elise Kennerley. Jess will make her promise on Sunday 11 June. Please keep them in your prayers.

More details and photos to follow.

Stepping Stones at St Mary's Church Hall

We have had a busy few months since the start of 2017. Along with enjoying our regular Wednesday morning playtime, singing, biscuits, story and craft time we also had fun again with Becky Daws from 'Little Potters', who came to help us make presents for Mother's Day. We also had some craft stalls and Phoenix cards.

Before Easter Rector Mike came to see us; and he shared a special Easter video with us. He even had books for everybody to take home. To remember this special time we made Easter book marks and everybody received an Easter egg to take home (I wonder how many made it all the way there before being eaten?).



We have got some exciting stories and fun craft activities planned for the summer term. There will be elephants, spiders, sheep, a chance to grow things.....And all will be rounded off with our summer party on 12th July, so come along and join us.

Further information about what we have been up to, the current programme and future events can be found on our Facebook page (Stepping Stones at St Marys The Virgin, Wistaston, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/125750121090578/>). You can also email us on steppingstoneswistaston@gmail.com ; alternatively the Church Office has all the information. Half term will be on 31st May and 7th June.

It would be great to meet you; just come along any Wednesday morning in term time from 9:30 onwards. **Due to various circumstances we will need someone to take over the running of Stepping Stones from September - if you'd like to know more please see Mike the Rector who can chat things through with you.** See you soon, Marcia, Silvia, Sarah, Wendy and Antje

LAY Conference Experience

Just back from the Diocesan Lay Conference at The Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. Approx 250 people attended from all over the Diocese and the most rewarding part was networking with people from other Parishes/Deaneries. From socially deprived areas to those better off - everyone doing wonderful things in God's name.

We have come back with lots of ideas which may/may not be practical but it will be fun seeing what we can do with God's help.

If this is something you would like to participate in (they come round every 3 years), do speak with me and Bob. I have been twice and this was Bob's first time.

With the help of God..... We will!!!

Sue & Bob Squirrel



DIABETES UK
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Summer Garden Party

at Ken & Sheena's (6 Westfield Drive,
Wistaston)

Wednesday, 12th July
7-9pm

£1 including
refreshments



John the Baptist met Zoe the Methodist
and George the Anglo-Catholic



Junior Church News

Our new Rose Queen for 2017/18 will be Jess Doano and her attendant will be Elise Kennerley. Jess will make her promise on Sunday 11 June at the morning service.

Please keep Jess & Elise in your prayers.

Our Confirmation Service is on Sunday 11

June at 6pm and with Bishop Peter. We have

four candidates this year: Poppy Bellingham, Jess Doano, Chelsea Horne & Jana Manfredi.

We will also be joined by a candidate from St Mary's Nantwich & one from St Peter's Crewe.

Following the service we will be having tea & cake and as with previous years we are asking for help making the drinks and for people to supply cakes.



There is a sign up sheet in the porch at St Mary's.

Chester Diocese have a new website! Please take a look at it, especially at the Younger Generations section which is packed full of resources, events, residentials and useful information for young people and those who teach them in our church. <http://www.chester.anglican.org/children-and-youth/>



Christian Aid 2017

Many thanks to all our collectors, counters and of course to those who gave to Christian Aid this year. I am pleased to say that we are up on last year's total and to date together we have raised an amazing **£1,533.93**.

Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



Our Spring lunch this year was held at the Farmers Arms. 23 members attended

and all agreed that it was an excellent meal.

The speaker for May has changed and one of our members has stepped in to give a talk about her father-in-law Dr Charles Hill, who was the radio doctor during the war.

Susan Lester will be our speaker in June talking about 'The 7 Ages of Women'. A trip to Llandudno on July 24th is our Summer Outing, this year together with MU members.

The charity for our coffee afternoon on August 24th will be the Leonard Cheshire Homes, so we hope to have a good attendance.

New members are welcome on the 4th Thursday of the month in the Church Hall. **Marian Carter**

The recent Afternoon Tea raised a marvellous sum

of £345!! A big thank you to all who supported us, the members who made the Scones, for the Raffle Prizes and the



helpers for making it a lovely afternoon. The profits will be used for the work of the Mothers'

Union in Britain and worldwide. **Jenny Hall, Branch Leader.**

We look forward to our annual Bring & Share lunch in the Hall at 12.15pm on 21 June, followed by a service in Church and then back for refreshments.

As reported in the LAG section we also look forward to the annual summer outing, this year to Llandudno on Monday, 24 July.

Our Deanery Quiet Day Service will be at St Mary's Nantwich on 7 September, at 2pm. **Sue**



Willaston WI

In April members had fun modelling the Edinburgh Woollen Mill Spring Collection at our Fashion Show, who knew we had so many gifted ladies!!

We all enjoyed a trip down memory lane at our May meeting when Judith Popley spoke of her "life in Granada Television", the programmes she was involved in making and the much loved characters she worked with including Stan and Hilda Ogden, and Victoria Wood.

We are looking forward to dining out with the Lunch Group, playing Bingo in June and visiting David Austen Roses and Whitwick Manor in July.

Pat Cotton 01270 664030

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 19 May 2017:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

26 March Enya Leanne DAVIES
 23 April Archie HARDING
 30 April Carlton Michael MAY
 Mason Andrew ALCOCK
 Morgan Phillip ALCOCK
 Courtney HARRIS
 Zara Penelope SHARDLOW
 Bobby-Ray JACKSON
 Hayden Allan BRADBURY



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

13 May Gareth TATTON & Eleanor Ruth HOPKINS



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

27 February	Violet Dorothy PROCTOR	88
24 March	Joyce STEELE	83
05 April	Evelyn Mary HOLLAND	101
10 April	Mervyn Robert LIDDLE	76
20 April	George Edward MORRIS	87
02 May	William PARRY	91
16 May	Annette JONES	63



Book Mice -

Please Colour me in





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.**

11 June	Confirmation Service, 6pm at St Mary's, followed by tea and cake in the Church Hall
17 June	Wistaston Village Fête
18 June	Father's Day
24 June	Willaston Worm Charming
12 July	Diabetes UK Garden Party at Ken & Sheena's, 7pm
16 July	Willaston Village Fête
24 July	LAG/MU Summer Outing to Llandudno
19 August	Flower and Produce Show in the Church Hall

Remembering to appreciate our Dads



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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 July 2017

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 - Friday changing to 9.15am in the near future - please see weekly Notice Sheet

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.*

44 years ago!! Car wash Fundraising in the Church Hall car park. Pictured : Kevin Sambrook front left, Helen Sambrook (now Jones and former Rose Queen, front right), Fiona James (now Lucas) and Faith Haughty (now Lucas) and friends



And more recently..... Fundraising for Charlotte Rhodes project, Raleigh International . Charlotte was also a former Rose Queen. She is pictured with her Helpers.....

Some things never change!!

