

Christian Life

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



On Sunday 22 April we celebrated Mike's 10th anniversary as Rector. Along with his wife Sarah they were presented with gifts and there was a cake for all to share! We thank God for their Ministry in our Parish (and beyond) and all they have done and continue to do. How time flies!!!!

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Guides	Helen Pegg

Midweek Activities

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



Dear Friends,

Among my recent Christmas presents were three History books, long ones, the longest was 'Jerusalem, The Biography' 720 pages. A best seller at that, but it does cover over 3000 years and the photos are lovely. It is certainly a turbulent action book. Jerusalem - The City of Peace - is constantly involved in war and trouble, as it still is today. The other books tell much the same story worldwide, so we could say that "Horrible Histories" isn't a joke, it's a fitting title for the story of humanity right through until now. Why? What's the basic problem. Is it division and fear?

"Who's that over there? He's a stranger, chuck a brick at him!" (An old Potteries saying). The answer then is to find the one way that will bring us all together in a worldwide peaceful family. The answer was sent to us two thousand years ago by God, in the person of Jesus. ATONEMENT. AT ONE MENT. Every year from Christmas to Pentecost, we celebrate the wonderful story of how it was all set up for us. That Jesus is our one true Lord in that he and his kingdom are the opposite of all. They all used

force and fear, his way is divine love and unity.

Another one of the big books, published this year, and already a best seller is entitled, 'Paul: A Biography'. Written 2000 years after his death! The author, Tom Wright, says that Paul teaches that ***Christianity is not so much about going to heaven when we die, but living it here and now, working with Jesus and the Holy Spirit to build it here and now.*** In Jesus's prayer - "Our Father", we pray daily - "Your kingdom come on earth". He also said, "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you". "I am the vine, you are the branches". "I am the shepherd, you are the sheep". "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I with you". Here and now, just where we need him. He also said, "I am with you to the end of time". Where Jesus is, there is heaven and that's where we are, living to fulfil his prayer and purpose, which is to bring the whole world and people into his Kingdom, built on the one true foundation, powered with the ultimate ever renewable fuel - God the Father's indestructible love.

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Nothing and no one can ever stop it. Our destiny is to be totally part of it. There are more citizens of it, here on earth now than ever in all history. "Your Kingdom stands, and grows for ever, till all thy creatures own your sway".

By chance when visiting Ripon Cathedral, Joan and I found ourselves at a funeral! There was a choir of about 100 people from all over the world, as was the congregation that filled the Nave. But they were all one, united in love and grief at a sudden parting from their brother and friend who was a world famous leading member of the Royal Society of Church Music. 71 years old, he had devoted his life to serving God in his work and teaching in church music. Cancer had been diagnosed only a few days earlier. He died on Easter Sunday, playing the organ at his village Church Holy Communion.

The atmosphere was both moving and uplifting. A glimpse of a small part of the Kingdom, united in the love of Jesus, and in the comfort of their faith that Gordon had moved on to the next phase of the life we have in Jesus.

Frank



Message from our Outgoing Rose Queen, Jessica:

Just wanted to start off by saying thank you to everybody for supporting me and being amazing throughout my year as rose queen. Especially Elise my attendant and Mum who has been by my side at every event.

Over this year we have done village fayre's, bingo nights, school fayre's, beetle drives, quizzes, cake stalls and a drinks tombola with the emphasis on bottles of water. All of which I have greatly enjoyed and hope that you have enjoyed them just as much as I have.

This year I have been given the opportunity to fundraise for Water Aid, a charity dedicated to providing hygiene and clean water for all. These events so far have helped raise over a 1000 pounds, a massive thank you to all who helped achieve this. With that money a toilet block for a school of children can be built in an area of the world without a constant supply of clean water, it gives the children the right of hygiene.

This year has also been an amazing learning experience for me as well, I have learnt how to plan better, and one of the most vital skills in our day and age, how to communicate with people from different generations. I know these skills are going to help me so much in later life. I wish I could properly express through paper and words alone how grateful I am to have been gifted this opportunity, and to any aspiring rose queens, I say "go for it"!



Hello & welcome to my magazine article.

Just to let you all know that I am BACK in sunny Wistaston & I'm here to stay (I hope). Not much has changed since I was last here, however I am the big 50 this year & my daughter is 21; we will both be doing a parachute jump in aid of charity, it will be August time & we have chosen the Douglas MacMillan charity to help with the running costs of this amazing place.



I have beat meetings set up for the coming weeks, keep an eye on the church newsletter for dates & times.

Since being back the usual complaints seem to be reappearing which are speeding & parking on pavements, as per the Highway code rule 244 which states -

"You must not park partially or wholly on the pavement in London, and should not do so elsewhere unless signs permit it. Parking on the pavement can obstruct and seriously inconvenience pedestrians, people in wheelchairs or with visual impairments and people with prams or pushchairs"

Wistaston will be classed as "elsewhere" for the offence, there are several ways this offence can be dealt with but ultimately it could result in your vehicle being removed for causing an obstruction.

Contact Cheshire Police

**101 is the police
non-emergency number
WHEN SHOULD I CALL 101?**

To report less urgent crime or disorder,
to contact the police with general
enquiries or to speak to a local officer.
For example:

- If your car has been stolen
- if your property has been damaged
- reporting a minor traffic incident
- where you suspect drug use or dealing
- giving police information about crime in your area.



or by e mailing myself using the details below.

If you see anything suspicious please let us know by using either on the non emergency number 101 or by calling 999 in an emergency.

Please feel free to sign up to the Cheshire alert, follow us on facebook & twitter as I now have dedicated accounts for Wistaston by using the following links & details. www.cheshirepolicealert.co.uk

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Dear Friends



For near on 20 years my dear late wife Sheena and I hosted the Diabetes Local Group Charity Garden Party at our home in Westfield Drive and I thank you all for your kind support and contributions which we

received over those years.

This year, 2018, the Local Voluntary Group decided to relieve me of the pressures of hosting the event at home and instead we are continuing our vital fundraising efforts in support of the Charity by holding a SUMMER CELEBRATION. This will be very much in the format of the Garden Party but **take place at St Mary's Church Hall and Front Lawn** with both indoor and outdoor stalls and entertainments and of course refreshments. So please do join us.

Ken Sambrook on behalf of C&SC Local Group DUK

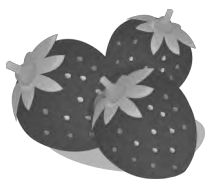
Summer Celebration

7pm to 9pm
Wednesday, 11th July 2018

£1 only tickets for draw or pay at the door, includes refreshments

In presence of the Mayor and the Wistaston Rose Queen

All are most welcome and your support greatly appreciated.



Strawberries & cream, Cakes,
Jams & Chutneys etc
Home made breads and Grand
Raffle



Jess Art - done by Jess at Junior Church from her Bible Society Bible Book.



We had a fantastic Pentecost service on 20 May. Many thanks to our young people and their leaders for sharing their flames & stones with us.



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Once signed up emails, messages & information will be sent out to all recipients and followers regarding issues affecting residents in the Wistaston area. www.facebook.com/wistastonpolice; twitter @wistastonpol (this is currently in the process of being set up, follow it & keep an eye out for tweets). Please feel free to e mail myself on nigel.hobbs@cheshire.pnn.police.uk regarding any issues that are affecting you & your community, you can also tell us what matters to you by going to www.Cheshire.police.co.uk/priorities & fill the online form in.

Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



In April members enjoyed our Spring Lunch at the Farmers Arms.

On May 24th our speaker will be Sylvia Baguette who will be 'Moving on for Better or Worse', a talk with slides and on June 28th we will be entertained by The Wells Green Singers.

Non members are invited to come along as this is a really entertaining programme.

We are looking forward to our outing to Trentham Gardens on Monday, July 23rd together with Mothers' Union. The coach leaves the Church Hall at 9.30am.

We meet every 4th Thursday at 2pm in the Church Hall and non members are most welcome.

Marian

Many thanks to all the members, helpers and people

who came to the recent Afternoon Cream Tea fundraising event. This support helped us to raise the



wonderful sum of £435.00. All this money will be used for the work of the Mothers' Union. Thank you again.

Jenny

We now look forward to our

next meeting on June 20th; Gillian Edwards (MU Speaker) on 'Things are not always what they seem'. After that the joint trip with LAG to Trentham Gardens on July 23rd. Lots to look forward to. Please talk to any of the members if you want to know more about the work of Mothers' Union and wish to become a member. Jenny, Daphne or myself.

Sue



Willaston WI

We had a busy Spring, enjoying a tour of Wybunbury Moss, climbing the well worn steps of Wybunbury Tower and enjoying refreshments in The Swan.

Sue Miller used her spinning wheel to demonstrate the ancient craft of transforming a fleece to the wool we use today.

In May we were all taken back to our childhood when Kath Reynolds spoke of a time when you rubbed "Vick" on your chest if you had a cold; never took your liberty bodice off until the May blossom was out and the taste of cod liver oil and malt and "orange" juice.

Pat Cotton 01270 664030

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 21 May 2018:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

25 March Zara Skye Connie TAYLOR
Harper Storm Avril TAYLOR
Robyn Amelia EDGE
29 April Wayne WILLIAMS
Elyse Charlotte HANRATTY
Ralph David LUGG



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together



13 April Matthew David KNOWLES & Susan Caireen MELLOR
05 May Mark John DAVIES & Kimberley JONES

FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

Funerals

21 March	Herbert Haslam CORDEN	96
23 March	Judith Ann Elizabeth DEAN	75
26 March	Raymond KNOTT	92
27 March	Marjorie EASTWOOD	86
03 April	Florence June DAVIES	93
04 April	Lilian HERRIMAN	99
05 April	Michael Edward COTTON	83
06 April	Shelia ASTBURY	85
11 April	John Anthony David DUNN	80
12 April	May DONE	88
30 April	Christine Lilian HOPE	78



Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Many thanks to all who came to take part in the APCM on Sunday 22 April 2018 - elected to the PCC were: Diana Carter, Joy Chaplow, Daphne Gregory, Jayne Manfredi & Margaret Shephard.

Simon Bartholomew was elected as Warden.



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.**

Dates

16 June Wistaston Village Fete

23 June Willaston Worm Charming

24 June *The planned Confirmation Service is cancelled*



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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 2018

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.*

Christian Aid

Many thanks to all those who gave to the St Mary's Collectors this Christian Aid Week. We raised the fantastic amount of **£1,659.58** which is £125 more than last year! **A huge thank you to all our Collectors & Counters**



You're Invited!

We invite you to join us at St Mary's for a special Invitation Service. It may be that you haven't been to church for a while, it may be that you've never been at all, either way, we invite you to join us on Sunday 17 June at 10:40 am for a special service. Please, "Be our Guest!" For more information please see our website (www.stmaryswistaston.org.uk) or call the office on 01270 567119.

