

St Paul's Pantry - Up and running



St Paul's Pantry (aka Crewe FoodBank) has been up and running now since March 2013.

St Paul's Pantry seeks to support individuals and families in crisis by providing emergency food in partnership with the local churches in and around Crewe. 25 local churches are collecting packets and tins each Sunday and then sending them down to St Paul's.

St Paul's is working with local organisations to support families through challenging times. We are working with organisations like Wulvern Housing, NSPCC and Christians Against Poverty to provide short term support for families while they get back on their feet. These organisations get in touch with us and we then put together a food parcel to fit their family size.

Many families in our community are experiencing hard times and the recent changes to benefits have thrown some families into crisis. The food parcels are given out from different churches around Crewe to suit the client. That way, those in need get to pick up a food parcel and receive a warm welcome and even sometimes something to eat there and then.

If you would like to chat to us about St Paul's Pantry please give us a ring on 01270 586186 – there are opportunities for volunteering and other ways that you or your church or organisation can get involved.

Crewe Christian Concern does many other things - take a look at their website for further info:
www.christianconcern.org.uk

Our churches support St Paul's Pantry and donations of food can always be made via the collecting boxes in the Church Hall & at St Luke's Willaston.

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Sundays at our Churches		
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 With Signing for the Deaf
	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
	6.30 p.m.	Life Issues at St Luke'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 SL 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, Tues, 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)
	Mondays	7.45 p.m. Bell Ringing (Tower)
	Tuesdays	6-7 p.m. Rainbows (Church Hall/Howe Rm)
		5.45-7 p.m. Brownies (Church Hall/Howe Rm)
		7-9 p.m. Guides (Church Hall)
	Wednesdays	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
*During term time only. Young people start in church and move down to the Church Hall during the 1 st hymn.		

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.

17 September	2.15pm MU Quiet Afternoon at St Mary's Wistaston
21 September	7pm Audley Male Voice Choir Concert at St Mary's Wistaston
06 October	Harvest Sunday

August is for unwinding....recharging ourselves...

My soul, smoothed itself out – a long-cramped scroll
Freshening and fluttering in the wind.

By Robert Browning – from The Last Ride Together 1842



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churches check out our Online Diary at
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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
revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk or via the
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St Mary's Wistaston

From the Rector August 2013



St Luke's Willaston

The picture on the front of this month's
magazine depicts the Transfiguration
of Jesus which we celebrate as a
church on the 6th August. The
Transfiguration (Luke 9.28-36) is an
event which shows the glory of Jesus
in this world. It links him to the past,
Moses and Elijah, and perhaps more
importantly for us, associates him with
the present and the future.

The Transfiguration is not an easy
concept for us to understand – it is
one of those occurrences that is out of
the normal register of our mind. It is
something that we struggle with
because we have no experience to
liken it with – or do we? Most
Christians have a point in their lives
when they may have sensed the
presence of Jesus with them in a real
and tangible way – a time of trouble, a
time of joy, a time when you could
actually feel that Jesus was their with
you in your situation, helping, guiding,
being. This type of experience is
probably the closest we will get, this
side of heaven, to a transfiguration
experience – a point when Jesus'
glory shines into our lives and makes
a difference. The Transfiguration of
Jesus makes a difference in the world,
then and today.

The Transfiguration is hallmarked by
the change of Jesus' appearance –
Luke tells us, "As Jesus was praying,

the appearance of his face changed,
and his clothes became as bright as a
flash of lightening." – a visible sign of
Jesus' glory and power in this world.
Although, as we know, it did not
guarantee an easy life for Jesus whilst
in this world, and for the world, whilst
giving hope, it did not bring an end to
strife.

Another "*bright light*" happened on an
August 6th which bears testament to
this. This particular "*bright light*" killed
an estimated 140,000 people with
hundreds of thousands more
casualties – it was, of course the
dropping of the Atom Bomb on
Hiroshima, which, along with the
bombing of Nagasaki, brought to an
end the 2nd World War. This "*bright
light*" came after 6 years of war and
the loss of countless lives. The A
Bombs (*rightly or wrongly used?*)
brought to an end a chapter of
humankind's inhumanity towards each
other. Sadly, as we know, many more
chapters have been written since.

This is the world we live in; with this
tremendous juxtaposition of God's
glory through his Son Jesus and the
inability for humankind to live in peace
with each other. Perhaps this August
6th you may wish to offer a prayer for
peace in this world.

Mike

Women Bishops Legislation restarted

Taken from "In Focus" the C of E Newsletter. You can Follow the Church of England on Twitter @c_of_e

General Synod has reaffirmed its commitment to women bishops and called, less than a year after the previous proposals were rejected, for new draft legislation to be introduced. It will be considered by the Synod in November 2013, with the aim of reaching the stage of Final Approval in July or November 2015.

This was the first time Synod members had met since November 2012, when the previous draft legislation narrowly failed to secure the requisite majority in the House of Laity, despite enjoying the support of 73% of the Synod's members overall.

The Synod reached its decision at the end of a day's debate, after its members had devoted much of an early day at Synod to facilitated discussions on the options available.

Introducing the debate, the Rt Revd Nigel Stock, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, who chaired the Working Group set up by the House of Bishops to advise on new legislative

proposals, said, "I believe that option one, together with a mandatory mediation process and including as it does a declaration or, possibly, Act of Synod deserves to be taken very seriously as a means to provide the basis for securing the necessary majorities in the lifetime of this Synod." The House of Bishops had recommended that draft legislation be prepared on that basis described as 'option one' in the report of the Working Group. That involved:

- a measure and amending canon that made it lawful for women to become bishops;
- the repeal of the statutory rights to pass Resolutions A and B under the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993, plus the rescinding of the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993; and
- arrangements for those who, as a matter of theological conviction, are unable to receive the ministry of women bishops or priests, set out either in a declaration from the House of Bishops or in a new Act of Synod.

Accepting the proposal made by the House, the General Synod passed the motion, by 319 votes to 84.

From the Parish Registers

Entries up to 22 July 2013

BAPTISMS: *Welcome to our church family*

26 May	Harry Benjamin WILD
	Lucas Jay WILCOX
23 June	Joshua John TOWNSEND
	Alfie James CARTWRIGHT
30 June	Myah Bow POOLE
	Sophie Elizabeth ROBERTS
	Amy Victoria ROBERTS
	Emilia-Rose Paige SIVORI



WEDDINGS:

May God bless these couples who were recently married:

28 June	Mary Anne RICHARDSON & Christopher Adam ROBINSON
19 July	Clare LANCASHIRE & Steven David POINTON



FUNERALS:

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

May they rest in peace and joy

23 May	Edwin Hugh BOWLER	83
09 July	Joan DAVENPORT	89
17 July	Jean Marjorie Baillie WARD	79
15 July	Maurice Charles MORRIS	101
15 July	Jack MELLOR	87



Audley Male Voice Choir

in concert

at St Mary's Wistaston

Saturday 21st September 2013 at 7pm

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of August via the church office (01270 665742) and of a Sunday over coffee. Or email office@stmaryswistaston.org.uk .

To discover more about the choir please visit their website: www.admvc.co.uk

Ladies Evening Group



At this time members are looking forward to our visit to Chatsworth, together with the Mothers' Union. Fingers crossed that the weather stays fine. On August 28th we have our charity coffee evening and this year the charity is the Neo Natal Unit at Leighton, so do come along and support us. There will be a raffle, tombola and cake stall and admission is 50p. September 25th, Mrs Barbara Smith will give a video presentation about St John's Ambulance. Anyone interested in joining the L.E.G do come along on the 4th Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. You will be most welcome.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

A few members visited our Prayer Partners at Christ Church, Wheelock in June and received a very warm welcome to their social event. After another enjoyable summer outing – this year to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire, August will be a quiet month; celebrating Mary Sumner Day on 9th August (date she died) with a quiet day of prayer for individuals to spend as they wish. We also look forward to our Deanery event in September which will be the Quiet Afternoon Service on 17th; this year at our very own St Mary's, starting at 2pm and including refreshments. As this service is taking place, there will be no monthly meeting in September. The next meeting will be on 16th October in the Hall – speaker and topic to be decided, so watch out for notices on this, nearer the time. There are usually a few spare prayer diaries and Diocesan magazines available if you want to look through these. Just ask Sue or Jenny Hall for a copy (in the office).

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Willaston WI

In June we heard about the privileged but serious lifestyle and opulent palace home of the children of The Sultan of Brunei and how their British Governess introduced them to having fun, playing games, sleepovers, birthday parties and having friends. We took a Canal trip on a Narrowboat and thanks to Jennifer's skilful steering and despite the wind and rain, (yes it was June), came home with boat and passengers intact!!

On 14th August our speaker will be Sandie Laughin from The Nantwich Players. On 11th September Idris Evans will speak about Cattle Drovers Routes. Meeting details from Judy Jones on; 01270 567015 if you would like to visit or join.

Naomi is Crowned as our Rose Queen

After making her Rose Queen promise in church on 9 June, Naomi Barker was crowned at the Wistaston Fete on the 15 June. Well done to Daisy Wybrow, the outgoing Rose Queen, who raised £1,147.60 for Save the Children during her year as Rose Queen.



Confirmation with Bishop Geoff

It was a great occasion on the 9 June when Bishop Geoff joined us for our Confirmation Service. Those confirmed on the day were: (L-R) Cheryl White, Hannah White, Ben Barker, Julie Brown & Lucy Brown. Yes, we had two mother & daughter groups and they were Confirmed together. It was a lovely service and was rounded off by tea and homemade cakes in the Church Hall.



Y:Church Visit to St Paul's Cathedral

On the 20th July 9 of our young people visited London and were treated to a magnificent tour of St Paul's Cathedral. They had the opportunity to climb the 528 steps to the Golden Gallery. This is the highest, and the smallest, of the galleries and runs around the highest point of the outer dome, 280ft (85.4 metres) high. Saying that, you do get some brilliant views of the London skyline. Following the tour we had our packed lunch in the Dean's garden then split into two groups to visit Covent Garden & the London Dungeons.



A "Thank You" from Dorothy Hall

It was great to have Dorothy Hall join us for worship a few weeks back. It had been a while since she had attended St Mary's and she thoroughly enjoyed it! She wanted to pass on her thanks that people spoke to her and made her feel very welcome.

Joan & Frank's Diamond Wedding Celebrations



A sincere thanks to everyone, and to the makers of the lovely cakes for the celebration of our Diamond Wedding at the after church coffee on Sunday July 7th. It was a wonderful occasion.



Thank you too for all the good wishes and splendid cards. Joan & Frank.

The Car Park Steps

It was great to have Bishop Geoff officially open the rebuilt car park steps when he came to conduct the Confirmation Service on Sunday 9th June.



Many thanks to Maurice & Mark Williamson (ably assisted by Will Brown & Ben Barker) for all their hard work in completely rebuilding the steps.

Junior Church Information - *something for all ages*

Splash! XSTREAM y: church

When, Where and What!

The Junior Church meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month during school term times in the Church Hall & Choir Vestry at St Mary's. We begin all together in church at 10.40 am and then the leaders and the young people make their way during the first hymn to their various groups.

We follow a Scripture Union syllabus which is interesting and stimulating for the young people and we have activities that are appropriate for each age group.

- Creche - for pre schoolers
- Splash! - for Foundation 2 (Reception) through to year 3
- Xstream - Year 4 through to year 6
- y:church - Year 7 through to year 9
- y:church+ - Year 10 through to year 13

This said, we are flexible over ages and would rather the young people are with other people they know and are happy.

The dates for the 2013 Autumn term are:

15 Sep, 06 Oct, 03 Nov

17 Nov } These

01 Dec } will

08 Dec } be

15 Dec } Nativity Rehearsals

Praise & Play

After many years Praise & Play has come to a natural end. It seems that it has run its course in its current format - perhaps a different approach is needed with our preschoolers. We will be trying something called Messy Church on a seasonal basis beginning with a Messy Christingle later in the year. In the meantime, a big thank you to all that have contributed to Praise & Play over the years. Stepping Stones is still running as usual.