

Christian Life

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



Welcome to our new Rose Queen Jessica Doano and her assistant Elise Kennerley. Jess was duly crowned at this year's Wistaston Fête. Pictured L-R: Jess, Mike, Elise and farewell to Emily and Emma who have had a very successful year.

Good Luck to Jess & Elise and please support them throughout the year for their chosen Charity, **Water Aid**.

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Midweek Activities

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



Mike writes...

August 2017



On 6 August the church celebrates the Transfiguration (Luke 9.28-36) - this year it happens to be a Sunday. It's an event which shows the glory of Jesus in this world. It links Jesus 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 sorrow, a time of joy, a time when you could actually feel that Jesus was there with you in your situation, helping, guiding, being. A point when Jesus' glory shines into our lives and makes a difference.

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. Following the terrorist events of this year in our own country we are reminded of this.

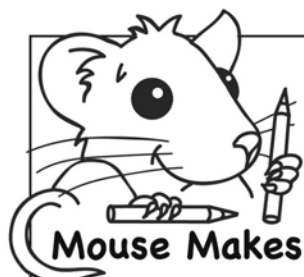
Another "bright light" happened on an August 6th which bears testament to this. This particular "bright light" killed an estimated 140,000 people with hundreds of thousands more casualties – it was, of course the dropping of the Atom Bomb on Hiroshima, which, along with the bombing of Nagasaki, brought 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.

Best wishes,

Mike

Something to do during the Summer Holidays!!



Where did God ask Jonah to go?

Read Jonah 1-4

What did Jesus tell his disciples *not* to take with them on their journey?

Read Matthew 10:9-10

Who spoke to Saul on his journey to Damascus?

Read Acts 9:3-8

What animal took Balaam to Moab?

Read Numbers 22:22

How did God guide the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness?

Read Exodus 13:21

Who did Abram take with him on his journey to Canaan?

and
Read Genesis 12:4-5



Have you ever been on a long journey?

Where did you go?

How long did it take you to get there?

The Bible reminds us that wherever we travel and wherever we go, God is with us!



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Psalms 139: 9-10

Can you decipher the verse on the suitcase?

Good luck to Charlotte - volunteering in Nepal

As many of you know I am volunteering with Raleigh International on a community project in rural Nepal for 10 weeks [from June 22nd to August 30th](#). I want to say another big thank you to everyone for your support during April and early May when I was raising some money to go towards Raleigh's work. We organised a charity car wash, cake sales and a garden party at my home, as well as events at my University. A huge thank you also to St Mary's PCC for contributing towards the target as well as many other donations on my Just-giving page. Some of these were anonymous so I was not always able to say thank you personally to those that contributed- if you were one of them it did not go unnoticed and I appreciate it so much!

I have had what feels like hundreds of vaccinations (including Rabies and cholera!), my visa has arrived from the Nepal embassy and I am now all ready to go. It is nearly time for me to haul on my enormous backpack and say goodbye to Wistaston for a few months. When I get back I hope to have some photos to show you all and tales to tell you all about Raleigh's work!



LAG Charity Coffee Afternoon



Thursday, August 24th in the Church Hall at 2pm

Cake stall, bric-a-brac, tombola, book stall

Raffle

Please come along and support this charity and enjoy the afternoon. Everyone is welcome.



Mothers' Union Deanery Quiet
Service, followed by a



Celebratory Afternoon tea on
Thursday, 7th September at 2pm

St Mary's, Nantwich

Celebrating 125 years of the founding of their branch

Do please come and join us for this afternoon of
thanksgiving and fellowship.

Lifts will be available



Junior Church News

At the final Junior Church (until September) on 16 July each family was given a unique gift, a duck (plastic type)! They were asked to look after them for the summer and take photos of any journeys they may make, days out, holidays etc. It will be interesting to see where they all get to! We pray that all our young people will have a fun and safe summer.



ALSO.....

On Sunday 16 July we thanked Antje for helping and then running Stepping Stones over the past 9 years. Antje was pleased to receive a card with photos taken at Stepping Stones, chocolates & flowers. She is enjoying the return to work project that she is part of and hopes to pop into Stepping Stones next term if she can.



Antje is pictured with Mike and her boys, Matthias and Lucas
(with Malcolm in the background)

Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



Our speaker in June, Susan Lester was one of the best we have had. Never heard so much laughter. Fingers crossed for good weather next Monday for our trip to Llandudno.

August 24th is our annual coffee afternoon for charity, which this year is the Leonard Cheshire Homes. Please come along and support us - cake stall, bric-a-brac, tombola, book stall and even a raffle.

The speaker for September 28th will be Tony Bostock, 'Cheshire Villages'.

Members were very sad to hear of the death of Sheena. She did so much for our group and will be very sadly missed.

We meet every 4th Thursday at 2pm in the Church Hall, so do come along. You will be very welcome.

Marian Carter

Just got back from a lovely, sunny day outing at Llandudno, which was organized by Audrey, Marian and Josie of the LAG Group. A big thanks to them. Previously, we enjoyed our annual Social lunch with a few members of our Prayer Partners from Weaverham. This was followed by a service conducted by Mike in the Church. Although our numbers were down this year, those of us who were there enjoyed the time spent together.

We are currently looking forward to the Deanery Quiet Service at St Mary's, Nantwich on 7 September and our branch meeting on 20 September will be our church family member, Mrs Christine Horne on Fostering. Everyone is welcome (you don't need to be a member, just come along).

We also say a fond farewell to Sheena who was a member for over 20 years and fully active, attending and contributing at meetings and events. She will be sorely missed by us all. **Sue**



Willaston WI

We enjoyed the lovely summer weather when we visited David Austin Roses and saw an abundance of pretty flowers and delicate fragrances before travelling to Whitwick Manor, the home of the Manders paint family. What a delightful National Trust property.

Maureen Williams of Godfrey Williams & Son in Sandbach gave a fascinating talk about the Life of a Grocer, competing with supermarkets, winning awards for their cheeses always trying new ventures and being part of Sandbach town. We enjoyed the cheese samples too!!

In August we are dancing The Flamenco!!

Pat Cotton 01270 664030

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 21 July 2017:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

25 June William Arthur THREADGOLD



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

Saturday 08 July 2017 Joshua Matthew STUBBS

& Beatrice Kay INSTONE



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

30 May Kathleen Mildred WHITE 98

22 June Jean CAPPER 83

27 June Joan KING 95

28 June Florence Marion FLEET 79

04 July Lorna WATKINSON 84

17 July Barbara Ann SANDLAND 70



Why not do a **R A O K** this holiday season

Random Act Of Kindness

"Spread love everywhere you go.

Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

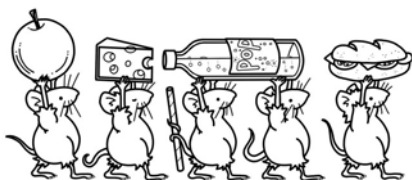
Mother Teresa



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.**

5 August	Churchyard Tidy up, 9.30am
19 August	Flower and Produce Show in the Church Hall
24 August	LAG Charity Coffee Afternoon in the Hall, 2pm Chosen charity this year: Leonard Cheshire Homes
9 Sept	Wistaston Village Duck Race
13 Sept	Stepping Stones in the Church Hall, 9.30am
18 Sept	PCC Meeting at St Luke's, 7.30pm



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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.*

Farewell to our friend Sheena



***Ken & Sheena pictured at the recent Willaston Worm Charming Event.
Picture courtesy of Jonathan White.***

The whole church family was shocked with the news that Sheena Sambrook had passed away on Friday 14 July following a short illness. Her funeral was held on Wednesday 26th July at 11.30am at St Mary's, attended by over 300 friends and family. Bishop Peter also assisted with the service. Ken has asked me to pass on his thanks for all the prayers, messages, cards, flowers and practical support he and the family have received following their loss. *Mike (Rector).*

I would like to add that I (and I'm sure all of us) have always been struck by the phenomenal amount of commitment to fundraising and active involvement to various groups and events - by Sheena, together with support from Ken. Here's to name a few that I know about and I'm sure there are others that we don't know about: Mothers' Union, Ladies Afternoon Group, Lent Lunches, hosting Bible Study and Lent groups; Craft group, Synod, PCC, Special Events Committee and of course Diabetes UK, which latterly Sheena and Ken supported Rose Queen Emma Horne and her assistant and families with their fundraising.

St Mary's, St Luke's, the community of Wistaston, Willaston, Rope & Shavington and the wider community have been blessed with God's Servant Sheena and she will be greatly missed. As was said in recent prayers, she has now been 'promoted to Glory'. *Sue*