

Christian Life

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



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CONGRATULATIONS! To Joan and Frank who recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They make a lovely couple.

ALSO..... See the back cover for pictures of our new Rose Queen Poppy and her assistant Lyla

AND..... Article inside by Jayne Manfredi on *Jayne's Faith Journey*

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Dear Friends,

How are you all coping with the unusually hot weather we are blessed with (or not so blessed) at the moment? I'm one that finds this prolonged hot weather uncomfortable, during cold weather you can at least add more warm clothes but in hot weather there is a limit to what you can take off.

However, there is of course a good reason for the changes in the weather, I'm not going down the global warming path just simply thinking of the seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Each season has its ups and downs, its very own reason for being, its meaning and its beauty, each is vital to the wellbeing of God's creation.

The creation depends upon the seasons for its balance and its health and being part of the creation so do we. We all rely upon the differing seasons and what they each bring for our health and our life.

Thinking of this just this week caused me to think of the church year, of its seasons, why we have them and what they each mean.

The Christian Church year focuses on the life and ministry of Jesus. The sequence of festivals from Advent to Resurrection Sunday becomes an annual spiritual journey for worshippers as they kneel at the manger, listen on a hillside, walk the streets of Jerusalem, hear the roar of

the mob, stand beneath the cross, and witness the resurrection!

The rest of the church year provides opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the coming of Jesus and his commission to his people to be a light to the world.

As a congregation moves through the church calendar, they are presented in an organized way with the opportunity to talk about, reflect upon, and respond to the entire range of truths that lie at the heart of the Christian Faith.

The Christian calendar is organized around **Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter**, concluding at **Pentecost**.

The rest of the year following Pentecost is known as **Ordinary Time** or Trinity.

Ordinary Time is used to focus on various aspects of the Faith, especially the mission of the church in the world. It is the longest of our seasons it is often regarded as the boring time and as it coincides with the summer season it's when everyone takes their holidays. But as I said earlier all seasons are just as important as any other, this season of Ordinary time or Trinity is just as important to our faith and worship as Christmas or Easter.

I pray that you all have a good holiday season while still thinking of your spiritual wellbeing and return safe and sound.

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The Phenton/Barker Home Group which meets on the **third Thursday of each month** is currently half-way through this course. We are a group of about 10 but anyone is welcome to come and join us to see what it's all about. We have varying levels of knowledge of the Bible. For myself, that's not very much!!

There is a video each session and discussions and readings. For me, it has been really useful, putting the books into context and linking the old and new testament. I can certainly recommend it and it's not all serious - we have fun too! So..... If you're tempted, do come along and see what you're missing. You can also talk to Howard, Francis, Roger or Helen.

The sessions take place alternately at 7.30pm at either Roger's or Howard's. **The next one on Thursday, August 16th** will be at Roger & Helen's: 17, Arley Place, Wistaston, Crewe, CW2 6QW. Sue

www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/

Did You Know?

Genesis never says Adam and Eve ate an apple, only that they ate fruit.

You know the term "apple of his eye" (i.e. [Deut 32:10](#), [Ps 17:8](#), [Prov 7:2](#)), right? The Hebrew word for "apple" is *iyshown*, and it means "pupil."

Noah's Ark was 450' long, 75' wide, and 45' high, and had 3 stories ([Gen 6:15](#)).

God shut the door of the Ark ([Gen 7:16](#)).

Sarah is the most mentioned woman (59 times), Rachel is 2nd (47 times).

Inspirational Crewe teenager receives award after raising over £5,000 for Diabetes UK

A teenager from Crewe has received an award from Diabetes UK after raising funds to support diabetes research.

Emma Horne, 16, received the 'Young Person's Outstanding Contribution Award' during a service at St Mary's Wistaston on Wednesday 11 July 2018.

The Malbank High School and Sixth Form College pupil raised £5,100 for Diabetes UK during her year as Wistaston's Rose Queen, and chose to support the charity because she has friends and family with Type 1 diabetes including her sister, Laura, and her dad, Michael, who recently found out he has Type 2 diabetes.



Emma said: "I am proud to re-

ceive this award and would like to dedicate it to the congregation at St Mary's Church, Wistaston, who supported me through my year as Rose Queen and made it possible to raise such a fantastic amount of money."

Her fundraising events included tea dances, a onesie party, plant sales, Christmas fairs, a Chinese New Year-themed quiz, and a 2018 calendar featuring photographs from the events.

The money was donated to a diabetes research project being undertaken at The University of Manchester by Dr Jenny Myers, which is monitoring mothers-to-be with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes and their unborn babies. In women with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes, their babies can grow too small or too large during pregnancy, and this is thought to be linked to the mother's blood glucose levels.

Emma added: "It was important for me to support Diabetes UK, and particularly this research, as my sister Laura has Type 1 diabetes and gave birth to a baby boy, Perran William Isaac, in September 2017."

Trevor Fudger, Diabetes UK Regional Fundraiser said: "It's an honour to be able to present Emma with this award, and we are extremely grateful for all her hard work and the support of all those involved in her fundraising efforts. It has made a huge difference to people with diabetes and to our work to create a world where diabetes can do no harm."

To find out more about the research Diabetes UK supports visit: <https://www.diabetes.org.uk/Research/> **Well done Emma!**

My Journey so far, by Jayne Manfredi

For those of you who haven't encountered me yet, or have wondered who I am, this article is my opportunity to introduce myself and say hello. I'm Jayne, an Ordinand, soon to be training to be a Priest at Queens Theology College in Birmingham. I can be found most Sunday's at St Mary's, with my four children and my husband Leo.



Answering a call to be ordained is a confusing and bewildering experience! I became a Christian in 2012, rather suddenly after a lifetime of non-belief. I wouldn't describe it as a Damascene experience, but rather a Road to Emmaus conversion; just like the unobservant disciples, I came to realise that God had actually been with me all the time. I joined a church and after a year or so my Vicar suggested – tentatively – that I might be called to ordained ministry, a suggestion that at the time I balked at. Be a priest...me? It was a strange and unwelcome thought.

What followed was a period of discernment where I tried to work out my calling with help from Reverend Magdalen Smith – the Diocesan Director of Ordinands. Her help, support and unwavering determination that I had a strong calling to ordained ministry helped convince me that perhaps it was worth pursuing.

I also enrolled on the Foundations for Ministry course, run by Chester Diocese. This runs from September to May, and has the option for accredited written work which can be carried forward toward further study. There is no pressure to undertake the written work, so that needn't be a barrier for people who might feel intimidated by essays.

It's a great starting point for anyone wanting to explore the potential shape of their own calling, and an opportunity to ask the question: how does God want me to serve? Does he want me to step out into a ministry that I've never thought of before, such as a pastoral worker? Should I remain in children's ministry? Is God prompting me to explore reader ministry? The FFM course will give you an excellent springboard to help answer these questions.

It's also an opportunity to share fellowship with different people from the diocese and learn about their church traditions. Our group formed a close bond with one another and it was great to have each other's support as we progressed throughout the course, which is grounded in prayer and worship. I can't recommend it highly enough, so if you think this is something you'd be interested in, see Rev. Mike for details or check out the Chester Diocese website. I'm also happy to chat and answer any questions.

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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 have a programme which is interesting and stimulating for the young people and we have activities that are appropriate for each age group.

Splash! - for Pre-Schoolers through to year 2

Xstream - Year 3 through to year 6

y:church - Year 7 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.

Here are the dates for next term 2018:

16 September

07 October

21 October

18 November

02 December

16 December

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I'm excited and nervous about the journey ahead of me, but looking forward to spending more time in our parish, getting to know you all better, and learning to serve as God wants me to. This is my prayer for us all; that we might discern our unique purpose and follow where God leads.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

Amen

We all support you and your family on your journey Jayne

Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



Our May talk given by Sylvia Baguette gave us an insight into the problems and

advantages of moving from inner city dwellings into high rise accommodation. Her fascinating talk was accompanied by appropriate and amusing folk songs.

In June we were entertained by the talented Wells Green Singers led by Mrs Myra Wood. Their performance of songs and readings from Joseph and his Amazing Technicoloured Dream Coat gave us a delightful musical afternoon.

Money raised at our annual coffee afternoon to be held on Thursday 23rd August at 2pm, will be in aid of St Luke's Hospice. Donations of tombola prizes, books, bric-a-brac, cakes and garden produce would be gratefully received.

All are welcome to join us at this social event.

Audrey

At our last meeting in June, our booked Speaker had to

cancel at the last minute. However, Jenny saved the day with a fun quiz and we all enjoyed refreshments with some of Deanery branch members.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our coach trip to Trentham Gardens, together with the Ladies Afternoon Group and guests. It looks set to be another hot, sunny day!

August is a quiet month with no meetings, but remembering August 9th as our founder, Mary Sumner's birthday.

After that, Sept 12th is the 'quiet' service at St Chad's, Wybunbury, at 2pm. Then our meeting on Sept 19th, where our Speaker will be Lynn Thornton, Solicitor, on 'Wills and Lasting Power of Attorney'.

Enjoy the summer sunshine

Sue



Willaston WI

Sandie Laughlin and Judy Gratton, stage managers with Nantwich Players, visited our June meeting and told of the history of theatre in Nantwich; all the venues involved; the present location; recent productions and the Theatre's plans for the future.

In July, Jonathan Parton a volunteer rider with the Staffordshire, Shropshire and Cheshire Blood Bikers spoke about the vital work this charity does transporting blood, breast milk, bone marrow, faecal transplants and parts for hospital equipment to areas where they are urgently needed, using motorbikes (a quicker form of transport). Everyone involved is a volunteer.

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From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 21 July 2018:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

27 May Joshua David KEANE

Maximilian James MORREY

24 June Oscar Jack MILES

Daniel Joseph HARRISON (Adult)

Oliver Kevin Roy HASSALL

Isabella Ruby ROBERTS



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

15 June Daniel Alexander NORMAN & Louise Jayne KAYE

21 July Ryan MOUNTFORD & Wendy Anne WRIGHT



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

04 June Frank WILSON 63

11 June Johanna WALLEY 80

15 June Malcolm Ronald EDWARDS 75

22 June Frances Mary DODD 65

26 June Patrick John SLACK 79

27 June Jean Charlotte ROWLANDS 81

28 June William TAYLOR 97

28 June Lilian Joan GARNER 93

17 July Michelle Elizabeth LONG 37





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

- 23rd August Ladies Afternoon Group Charity event, 2pm
in the Church Hall, in aid of St Luke's Hospice
- 12 September Stepping Stones in the Church Hall
- 7 October HARVEST Sunday



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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 September 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.*

Some Pictures of Poppy Bellingham, our New Rose Queen and her assistant Lyla Manfredi at the recent Wistaston Fete and the Diabetes UK Summer Celebration. Their chosen charity this year is *Save the Children*. We wish Poppy and Lyla and their families good luck and fun throughout the year!



Top and bottom photos courtesy of Jonathan White. Middle photo courtesy of Mike Horne