

World War One Commemorations

We had a couple of special events at St Mary's to mark the Commemoration of the beginning of World War one.

On Sunday 3rd August we incorporated into the 10:40am service the reading of the names of those on the Wistaston War Memorial and the laying of a knitted Poppy Wreath onto the memorial. This was made by the Craft Group along with some helpers from the congregation. They explained that, *"They had held sales of their work at Christmas and Easter, then looked for something else to do!"*



Knitters from the Craft Group (L-R): Joan, Sylvia, Ann, May, Dorothy, Sheena & Pat

The Women's Weekly Magazine had a pattern to either knit or crochet poppies with a view to collecting them countrywide to make into wreaths. It was agreed that we would do our own to provide a wreath remembering the fallen men of Wistaston who gave their lives fighting for their country in WW1. Some of the

Poppies were taken by people for a donation and some were made into the Wreath. The donations, for the Royal British Legion, totaled £231.00"



On the evening of Monday 4th August we had a very moving service around the War Memorial in the churchyard, again remembering by name those on the War Memorial who gave their lives during WW1.

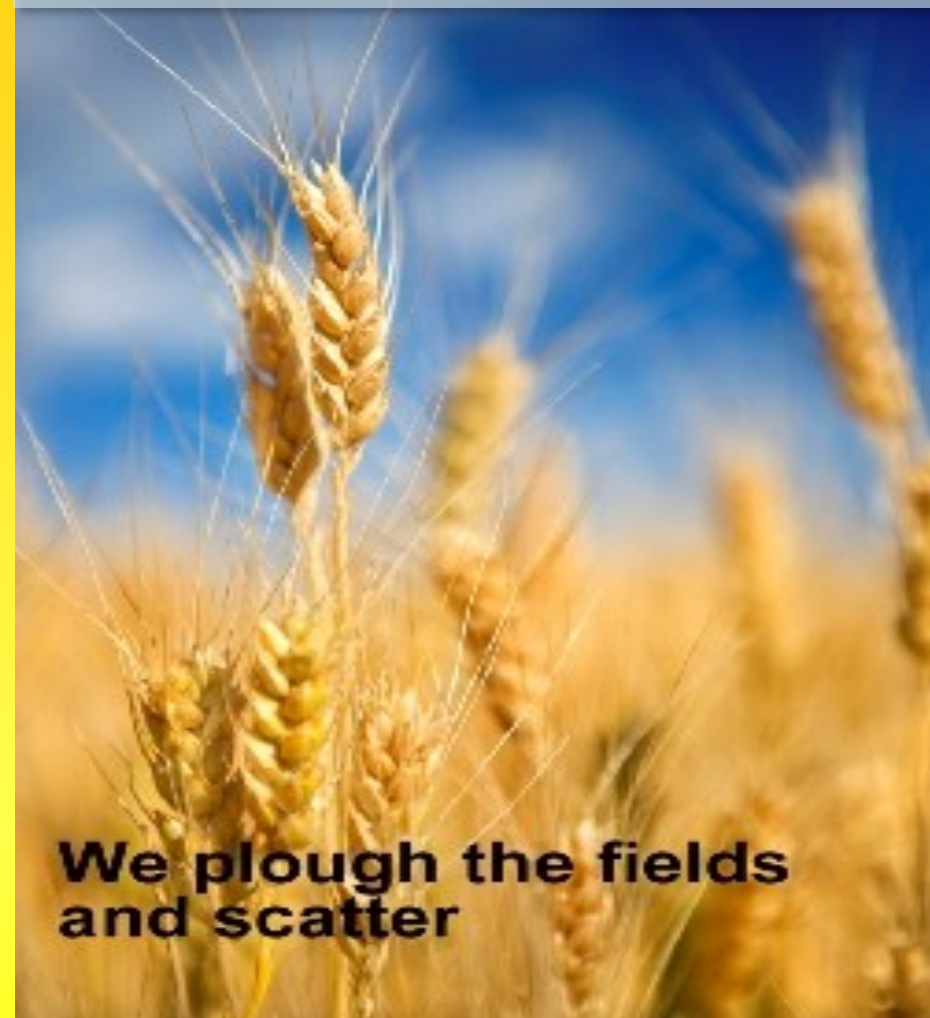


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Regular Services and Events at a Glance

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
 6.30 p.m. Life Issues at St Luke's (resumes 21 Sept)

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

At times the above may change for seasonal or other reasons so please check the website for up to date details.

Morning Prayer - 9.00 a.m. Mon, Tues and Thurs 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 (St Mary's)

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.



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 October	Harvest Sunday at both of our churches - Bring and Share Lunch in the Church Hall around 12 noon
11 October	St Luke's 2020 Vision Focus Morning - see p6
12 October	Rose Queen Table Top Sale in the Hall, 1-4pm
25 October	Breakfast & Chocolatier Demonstration at St Luke's - see below
2 November	6:30pm (St Mary's) Commemoration Service
9 November	Remembrance Sunday observed at both churches - 9am St Luke's & 10:40am at St Mary's

The 13th October marks the start of National Chocolate Week!! And at **St Luke's on Saturday 25 October there will be demonstration by a local Chocolatier** - a great opportunity for purchasing some special Chocolate Gifts. There will be breakfast available.

More details to follow on the Notice Sheet. Ann Stubbs.

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Mike writes...



It feels like it must be Harvest, although the weather has been brilliant of late, there is that autumnal feel in the air.

On Sunday 5th October we will celebrate Harvest at both of our churches followed by a Bring and Share Lunch at St Mary's Church Hall around 12 noon. All Welcome.

Quite often we can focus or be drawn towards (via the media etc.) the bad and awful things of this world—Harvest is an opportunity to thank God for His goodness towards us. Not only through the provision of food, but in all things.

I hope you get a real sense of God's presence this Harvest time...

Also in October we celebrate St Luke's Day (18 October) and we will celebrate this at St Luke's on Sunday 19th October.

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote. Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel.

Yours,

Mike

Bell Ringing Tribute by Don Savage



In the October 2004 edition of "Christian Life", I included this poem as a tribute to the bellringers' 50 years service to the church and the community. Now that Frank, John and James have completed a total of 175 years of service, I thought it worthy of another airing. Don Savage

We sat and listened - a celebratory ring, _
And thanked Frank, John and James for the joy they all bring;

Bells resounding - our village around,
Reaching all with faithful service sound,

***Now rings with help from ages past
Echoing back when metal was cast -
But never silenced! Resolved to last!***

Ringing the message of wedding bliss
Joyfully accompanying a bride's first kiss;
Solemn sounds share departed's grief
Creating a sense of sure belief;
Blessed triumph when wars at last end,
And heartfelt thanks to heavenward send.

***Now rings with help from ages past
Echoing back when metal was cast -
But never silenced! Resolved to last!***

Our thanks to all for campanology served,
We applaud your loyal service, richly deserved.
An essential element of history down the years
Inspiring Wistaston life, its joys and tears;
The team, unseen, in the bell tower dwells,
Precious, moving, St Mary's bells.

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Echoing back when metal was cast -
But never silenced! Resolved to last!***



From the Parish Registers

Entries up to 26 September 2014

BAPTISMS - welcome to the Church Family

27 July David Andrew POTTS
George William POTTS
Charlie Drew ESSEX
Andrew Robert ESSEX
24 Aug Madison Lily WALLBANKS
31 Aug Heath Michael ROWLANDS
Jessie Daisy DAVIES

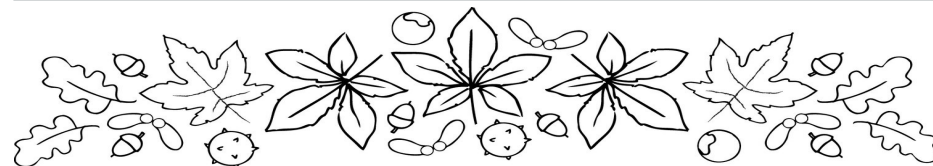
WEDDINGS: May God bless these couples who were recently married

26 July David ROBINSON & Katie MARKS
02 August Jagmail VIRDIE & Tania LLOYD
02 August Daniel BANKS & Kay MITCHELL
06 September Stuart EASTWOOD & Clair BURDEN
20 September Michael LEA-O'MAHONEY & Kate DOBSON

FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

24 July	Frank DUNLOP	91
4 August	William Gerald BLACKWELL	86
12 August	Michael John CHESWORTH	67
29 August	Brian SMITH	78
16 September	June WALLACE	
17 September	Ethel 'Molly' CUMMINS	93
17 September	Joan Lucy JOLLEY	86
18 September	Reginald REEVE	94
19 September	Marian (Peggy) Ada JAMES	92
19 September	Diane MELLOR	32
24 September	Norman BAKER	82
26 September	David TAYLOR	60



Ladies Evening Group



The attendance at our Charity coffee evening was down on previous years, but we managed to give £100 to the Air Ambulance. Our speaker for September is Mr Ray Stafford who will talk about his visit to Buckingham Palace to receive his MBE. 'Music with a Story' is the title of our October meeting given by Mr Colin Bell. Our Christmas lunch has been arranged for Friday December 12th at The Crewe Arms Hotel. It is with sadness that we heard of the death of two of our members. Peg James and Barbara Maskell. They were both long standing members, and will be greatly missed. Don't forget our meetings are on the fourth Wednesday at 7.30pm.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

It is with great sadness that we report on the recent death of Peggy James who has been an active member of the Branch for 46 years. Peggy had a long service certificate signed by the Diocesan President a couple of years ago. She was 92 and will be greatly missed by everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with Sheena, Ken and the family.

After a quiet time in August, our Speaker for September was Joan Colwell who gave a fascinating talk about Mr Lever and Port Sunlight (where she grew up). A possible destination for our summer outing next year!? We look forward to a members discussion/debate at our meeting in October and for November, Ann Stubbs will be hosting an Arts & Craft Workshop with a Christmas Theme. Please ask Jenny Hall or Sue Squirrell if interested in knowing more about the Branch and the work the Charity does.



Willaston Womens' Institute

We celebrated our 65th birthday in September and enjoyed a "magical" evening being entertained by magician Peter Turner (now, where did he hide that scarf before it reappeared in Maureen's bag?). We heard stories from past presidents and long standing members including Gwen Laganowski (who was celebrating her 95th birthday), about the early meetings and how enthusiastic the large numbers of ladies were to be involved in the WI. Dawn Willer made our very special birthday cake which we all shared at tea time!! Our October meeting will be our Produce Show. Meeting details from Judy Jones tel: 01270 567015

Black Country Duo

What a wonderful story Frank told of his 60 years of ordained ministry. His first parish, The Good Shepherd, in West Bromwich was so appropriately named, for he has been a good shepherd to all of us at St. Luke's and St Mary's for many years. I'm sure we feel enormous gratitude for all his faithfulness, example and service. However, what has always given Frank and I pleasure is that we shared life together during the 60's in the Black Country but never knew it, never knew

each other; our first meeting was in Wistaston! —

The Black Country was a tough area and we both faced set-backs. There were good times too such as my producing Shakespeare's Henry IV and Twelfth Night. The amalgamation of Wednesbury Girls' High School with two secondary schools was an exciting adventure. Frank's activities with churches were much more dramatic than mine with schools; he was involved with demolishing, rebuilding and major refurbishment, while mine was occupied with amalgamation, expansion of schools and their reorganisation. I'm proud that Frank and I were together working in the Black Country though we were unaware of it. Thank you Frank for being there with me.

Don Savage



What would Jesus do?

While waiting in line to check out at a Christian bookstore, a man asked the clerk about a display of hats with the letters WWJD on them. The clerk explained that WWJD stands for "What would Jesus do?" and that the idea is to get people to consider this question when making decisions. The man pondered a moment, then replied, "I don't think he'd pay £17.95 for that hat."

20:20 VISION Focus Morning

The diocese are asking us to think about what we want our churches to look like in 2020? And perhaps more importantly what God longs for them to be like in 5 years time.

Over the past 5 years we have been involved in the Growth Action Planning (GAP) initiative run by the diocese. It has helped us to focus on three main areas: Young People, Community and Discipleship. As we enter into GAP4 we are being asked to focus on just one area, it may be one that we haven't fulfilled from the previous three, or it may be a whole new one. We are also being asked to revisit our vision statement and amend that if necessary.

To help us do this we have Ian Rumsey, Diocesan Parish Development Officer, joining us for a GAP4 Focus Morning at St Luke's and I hope that you will be able to come along and join us as we think about the next 5 years at St Mary's & St Luke's and what God is calling us to do.

**Come and be a part of the 2020 Vision on
Saturday 11 October 2014, 9.30am - 12.30pm at
St Luke's Willaston.**



St Luke's Christmas Fayre

Saturday 29 November 2014

10am - 12 noon

At St Luke's Church Coppice Road Willaston



Youth matters

Youth Event & News

Our Junior Church returned on 7 September. We have 5 different group for all ages from Crèche through to 6th Form! We have over 40 young people on the registers and in October we will begin to rehearse for the Nativity Play that will be a central part of our Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Here are the dates of the Junior Church Sundays for the rest of the year. Don't forget that a great way to receive the latest info regarding Junior Church is via our Facebook Page or Twitter - details on P2.

05 Oct
19 Oct } These
02 Nov } will
16 Nov } be
07 Dec } Nativity
21 Dec } Rehearsals



Splash!

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JC Extra!!!!

For our High School aged young people we have a once a month Youth Club usually on the last Friday of each month. The next one however, due to Half Term, will be on Friday 24 October and is held in the Church Hall 7pm - 9pm.

Table Top SALE

**Our Rose Queen Lucy will
be holding a Table Top Sale
on Sunday 12th October**

1-4pm in the Church Hall in
aid of her charities Cancer Research UK and Wistaston
Scout Hut. £5 per table, for more info or to book a table
please phone Anita on 01270 668736.