



# The 50th Anniversary of St Luke's Willaston

**Please come and help us celebrate our 50th Anniversary over the weekend of 16, 17 & 18 October 2015!**

- **Friday 16th at 6.30pm** join us for a quiet service of Evening Prayer & Thanksgiving leading to the time when the church was first dedicated 50 years before
- **Saturday 17th at 2pm** join us for tea, coffee, cakes etc as we celebrate 50 years of ministry at St Luke's including...
  - *A performance from Willaston Primary School Choir*
  - *Historic document displays*
  - *Free refreshments & a time to chat*
- **Saturday 17th at 4pm** there will be a **Songs of Praise** Service with peoples' memories of St Luke's over the years & their favourite hymns
- **Sunday 18th at 9am** join us for a thanksgiving service of Holy Communion as we enter into our 51st year!!

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## Christian Life

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



### Harvest 2015

**We give thanks to God for his love shown to us...**



**Harvest Services on Sunday 4 October**  
**St Luke's 9am :: St Mary's 10:40am**  
**Harvest Lunch Bring n Share in the Church Hall following the 10:40am Service**

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Diocese of Chester

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**Secretary: Sue Squirrell** (each weekday from 9.30 until 12.30) For initial enquiries about baptisms, church records and general enquiries. Also for bookings of the Church Hall, St. Luke's and the Church Vestry.

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|                                  | Email: mfturn         |  |  |
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| <b>Young Peoples' Activities</b> |                       |  |  |
| <b>Junior Church</b>             | Sarah Turnbull        |  |  |
| <b>Rainbows</b>                  | Teresa Hoper          |  |  |
| <b>Brownies</b>                  | Julie Croft           |  |  |
| <b>Guides</b>                    | Helen Pegg            |  |  |
| <b>Midweek Activities</b>        |                       |  |  |
| <b>Mothers' Union</b>            | Jenny Hall            |  |  |
| <b>Stepping Stones</b>           | Via Church Office     |  |  |
| <b>Ladies Afternoon Group</b>    | Marian Carter         |  |  |



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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  
 6.30 p.m. Life Issues at St Luke's

(usually runs from May to Sept - please see the Notice Sheet for up to date details)

### 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 (10 mins) - 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  
 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 1<sup>st</sup> hymn.

Please note that our diary is in two parts.

The regular services are detailed on page 11. Other items and variations are shown below.

- 4 October Harvest Sunday – St Luke's 9am, St Mary's 10:40am & 6pm  
 11 October St Mary's 10.40am - visiting speaker from the Church Army  
 16, 17 & 18 October St Luke's 50th Celebrations  
 25 October Bible Sunday  
 1 November 6.30pm (St Mary's) Commemoration Service  
 8 November Remembrance Sunday marked at both churches  
 29 November Advent Sunday



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### Do you have something for this magazine?

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](mailto:revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk) or via the Church Office by:- 15 November 2015



St Mary's

## Mike writes... October 2015



St Luke's

Dear friends,

The preparation for St Luke's Church 50th Celebrations has been a reminder to me, once again, of the debt of gratitude we owe to those who have gone before us, for their vision, their faith and for the legacy which they leave us. It is easy to take the buildings and resources that we have for granted and assume that they have always been there, but once you start to look into the history of a building, and how it came to be, then it is soon apparent how much hard work and "faith-filled" actions led to it becoming a reality. This is so true as we think of St Luke's Church.

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
the builders labour in vain.

Psalm 127 v.1

At a PCC Meeting on the 18th November 1955, with the then Rector the Revd Morgan-Wynne as Chair, it was resolved that a letter would be sent to the Rector of Nantwich to enquire about the cost of purchasing the glebe land in Coppice Road. From 1958-1962, with Rector Revd Pugh as Chair, the land was purchased and the necessary plans drawn up and permission gained to build a 100 seater church on the land. From 1962-1965, the Revd Stanley

Walker, now the Rector and Chair, set up a Stewardship Scheme and with a dedicated group of people saw the build through to fruition on 16 October 1965. (see page 5 for a press article from the time St Luke's was opened)

That of course was only the beginning of the story and thankfully there have been a continued line of faithful and "faith-filled" people ever since who have worked to keep St Luke's going, modernising it and

caring for it over the years. Helping it to become, not only a place of worship, but a

valued building in the community with many activities happening there week by week.

So as we come to celebrate 50 years of Christian work and witness at St Luke's Willaston we give thanks for those who have gone before us, for their faith and vision, but perhaps also to ask God what he is asking *us* to do? In *our* generation, here now, on *our* journey of faith. What will be *our* legacy that people may look back on and give thanks for?

Best wishes,

Mike

## Room at the inn?



Charity HOST is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or call 020 7739 6292

## Harvest Gifts



Once again this year all our Harvest Gifts will be split between the Crewe & Nantwich Food Banks and St Luke's Hospice.  
Thank You!

**Bible Sunday**  
Pass it on...



As this year's Bible Sunday approaches, the Bible Society is encouraging churches throughout the UK to celebrate the joy of encountering Jesus through the Scriptures and sharing that experience.

Did you know that, in the UK, nine out of ten adults have NO regular engagement with the Bible? That 45% of children NEVER read or hear Bible stories?

Yet the value of the Bible lies in its use. We must use it or lose it. Let's keep the message of the Bible alive for future generations. Let's join others throughout the country in celebrating the Bible and having the freedom to pass on its message.

You can watch a short video here if you'd like to know more:  
<https://vimeo.com/135343111>

## From the Parish Registers

*Entries up to 22 September 2015*

**BAPTISMS:** *Welcome to the church family*  
26 July Olivia Rose Elizabeth STUBBS  
Ben Dylan MORREY  
Harriet Jonna Faye Lane WILSHAW  
Simon Anthony BURNHAM  
2 August Seth WRIGHTON  
23 August Rueben Adam HULME  
30 August Anna Louise BICKERTON  
Thomas Jone BICKERTON  
Olivia Anne DODD  
Oliver Benjamin James MERRICK



**WEDDINGS:** *May God bless them in their married life together*  
15 August Clare Kristin MAGEE &  
Nicholas James LIGHTOWLER



**FUNERALS:** *May they rest in peace and joy*  
*(at church, or taken by minister of this parish at the crematorium)*  
11 August Lynda Dianna JONES 56  
14 August Ronald Samuel EVANS 70  
17 August Geoffrey BLUNSTONE 76  
27 August David HUGHES 81  
26 August Peter EVANS 84  
28 August Janet WILKINSON 48  
17 September Valerie MORRIS 77  
22 September Gillian Marie STANLEY 76



### Our Friend

You're the Alpha and Omega  
The beginning and the end.  
The God in whom we place our trust  
And utterly depend.  
You're the One who's all forgiving  
And kind and just and true,  
So merciful and powerful –  
Who can compare with You?

You are mighty and majestic  
Yet gentle as a dove,  
Delighting in Your children  
Enfolding us in love.  
Compassionate and full of grace  
And faithful to the end,  
We come with hearts of joy to  
serve  
Our Saviour and our Friend.

By Kathleen Gillum

## Ladies Afternoon Group



We had a very successful charity coffee afternoon and together with a

donation from a previous speaker, we were able to give a cheque for £275 to St Luke's Hospice. Many thanks to all helpers.

The speaker for September 24th will be Mr Richard Batty, 'Ukulele Man', but our speaker for October has cancelled due to illness. So maybe we could have a social afternoon.

Our Christmas lunch has been booked for Thursday, December 3rd at The Waverley Hotel. In January we will be looking for a new Chairman, so hopefully someone will come forward.

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Helen Redhead, from 'House of Colours' gave an interesting talk in September about the use of colours to suit different complexions. The meeting in October will be a talk about St Francis by speaker Edith Pearson. In November we have Frank Morton booked to talk about Bell Ringing, which he does at St Mary's. We will then look forward to the annual joint carol service with the ladies group, at St Mary's on December 9th at 2.15pm. This will be followed by refreshments with mince pies in the Hall and of course everyone is welcome. The branch has recently sent £325 from fundraising, to Chester for the Projects: Worldwide Appeal, Holidays Away and the Relief Fund.

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Inspiring Women

## Willaston WI

In September our members were the stars of the evening when they modelled clothes at the Edinburgh Woollen Mill fashion show presented by Sandra Oliver. There were cries of "ooh I like that skirt" and "what a pretty blouse" as each outfit was shown and Sandra gave lots of tips on style, colour and fashion trends. We celebrated 100 years of the W.I. with an open day at St. Luke's, with displays of all our groups; activities we take part in and skills we have learnt while enjoying the friendship of our members. Contact Marjorie Tel; 01270 623062 for details

## Willaston's New Church - in 1965!

**The following article appeared in the local press recording an event which took place on Saturday 16th October 1965.**

**It records the birth of a church.**

"Willaston's new church - the daughter church of St. Luke - was filled almost beyond its limits on Saturday for the Service of Dedication conducted by the Bishop of Chester (Dr.G.A.Ellison).

The cedar wood building, completed only recently, is intended to hold a congregation of about 120, but on Saturday nearly 150 people of Willaston and Wistaston crowded into it to take part in the opening service. Chairs had to be placed on either side of the aisle and some members of the congregation even had to sit in the porch.



The Bishop arrived at the church after a short procession from a point opposite the church in Coppice Road (the home of Mrs.B.Chudzikiewicz).

Those taking part were the crucifer (Mr.J.Oakes), lay readers (Mr.H.Forster and Mr.W.Williamson), founders of the daughter church (Messrs.S.

Dugdale, W. Newman, E.Trickett senr. G.Burgess and A.Steeley), the Rural Dean (The Rev.E.C.W.Parry-Williams), the Archdeacon of Chester (Ven. R.V.H.Burne), churchwardens (Messrs. L.Hancock and R. Wright), Bishop's Chaplain (Rev. R E.Tostevin) and Rector of Nantwich (Canon E.M.B.Southwell).

At the door of the church the Bishop and his party were met by Mr.G.Durber, the lay reader and one the founders of the church.

Watched by the Rector of the Mother Church at Wistaston (The Rev.W.S.Walker), the Bishop, after receiving the petition to dedicate the Church, lifted his pastoral staff and knocked three times on the closed doors. He entered, and after prayers and a hymn, said separate prayers of dedication at the lectern, the pulpit, the prayer desk and the holy table."

**Please see the back cover of this magazine for full details and check our website regularly for updates: [bit.ly/stl50](http://bit.ly/stl50) - on this web page you can also share your memories of your time at St Luke's.**

## Psalms on the Go!



### The C of E launches a new mobile app

The latest publication from the Church of England brings an ancient tradition of following the Psalms to mobile devices and e-readers. Reflections on the Psalms is a standalone book, ebook and mobile app written for anyone wishing to follow the ancient practise of the Psalter, reading the Psalms of the Bible each morning and evening.

The mobile app is available to buy on the iOS App Store, with an Android version coming soon. Users are asked to tweet their favourite #myspsalm @chpublishingUK.

The new publication provides short meditations on each of the Psalms written by Bishops, well known writers, experienced ministers, biblical scholars and theologians. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, a contributor, said: *"Reading and listening to the Psalms is a great way to start a conversation with God. I love reading and reflecting on them daily."*

The book (physical or electronic) is available at: [www.chpublishing.co.uk](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk) The iOS app is available to purchase at [bit.ly/PsalmsApp](http://bit.ly/PsalmsApp)

## Cathedrals welcome 10 Million People

More than 10 million people visited Cathedrals in England in 2014, according to new figures recently published in the C of E's Cathedral Research and Statistics report.



In 2014 the average number of adults and children attending Cathedral services each week was 36,000. This has increased by more than a fifth in the last decade. The three regions showing the strongest growth are Yorkshire and the Humber, London and the South East.

Key reasons for growth were that the Cathedral could offer a sense of community, quality of worship, service, preaching and music, exploring new patterns of service, spiritual openness and emphasis on families and young people.

Dr Bev Botting, Head of Research and Statistics at the Archbishops' Council, said: "Cathedrals promote spiritual openness, inclusivity and diversity in membership and outreach. Christmas and Easter are particularly busy times but we have also seen the increase of adult and child mid-week attendance."

The number of young people attending educational events at cathedrals increased by nearly 14% between 2004 and 2014. The number of volunteers supporting the mission and ministry of cathedrals has risen to 15,200 over the last ten years.

### Junior Church News

Junior Church returned on 6 September and has met a few times since. During October they will begin to rehearse for The Nativity Play which they will share at the Crib Service at 6:30pm on Christmas Eve. Here are the dates of Junior Church for rest of 2015.

18 October - Nativity Rehearsals begin, 15 November, 06 & 20 December



### JCEXtra!

For our High School age young people we have JCEXtra! which generally

runs on the last Friday of each month, apart from October as it will be Half Term. This is held in the Church Hall 7pm to 9pm and is open to all our regular Junior Church members who are in High School or above.



If you are a parent of a child at Junior Church and could help out on an occasional basis

please let Mike the Rector know. We are short of leaders at the moment and any occasional help would ensure that we can keep the Junior Church Groups running as we have them at the moment.



"Finally, we're still waiting for someone from last week's Parent & Toddler Group to come and claim this lost property..."