

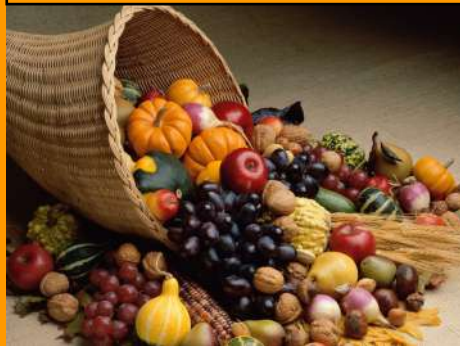


Christian Life

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



We raised £120.00 for **Save the Children** and we gave 120 teddies new homes. The Duck Race was a fantastic day. Thanks to everyone for their support.



*The LORD will indeed give
what is good, and our land
will yield its harvest.*

Psalms 85:12

We thank God for the
abundance of Harvest

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



Mike writes...

October 2018



Dear Friends,

The season of Harvest is upon us once again this year. A time to be humbled with regard to how good God is to us and, at least in this country, be thankful for the bounty that is given to us.

I say humbled because I can never really find the right words to thank God for his goodness and also humbled because I'm reminded how much food we have in our country - step into any supermarket to see the vast array of foods available from both local and abroad. It no longer matters whether something happens to be in season as it's available all year round! So what should our response to God at Harvest Time be?

As a Christian I am always keen to see what I can discover in the Bible as through this we can see God's actions, God's words and God's peoples' reaction to his goodness. For those in Biblical times, the harvest was a most important event. The gathering of things planted, a natural time of reaping in joy what has been sown and produced during the year.

Whilst looking through the Bible, with Harvest in mind, I came across this from a book in the Old Testament, Leviticus, this book is to do with law, rules and regulations and it says this about the Harvest:

"When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the

gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 23.22

This verse reminds me of the other dimension to Harvest and that is of fairness, justice and charity. What a fantastic practical example we have in Leviticus of showing concern for those in need and those who are powerless. If we are not mindful of this side of Harvest, or we forget that there are those in need in this country and around the world, then we lose the true meaning of Harvest. That is of God's care and provision for ALL people in this world that we all share.

As a church we distribute the Harvest gifts we receive to St Luke's Hospice and the Crewe and Nantwich Food Banks. Any money given (including the collection at the Harvest Lunch) is split between the Chester Agricultural Chaplaincy and an international charity helping people in disaster or famine. Most of us may not have a field to harvest, but we can do good with what we do have.

If you are reading this before 7 October please do come and join us for worship and the Harvest Lunch on that Sunday - please see the details elsewhere in this Magazine. Either way, I pray that you may have a blessed Harvest time this year.

Mike



Remembrance Sunday 11.11.18 - 100 Years On...

There But Not There

As I'm sure you know, this Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 11 November, commemorates the centenary of end of World War 1 (WW1). Sixteen men from Wistaston were killed during the conflicts of WW1 and in 2014 we had a special service at St Mary's to commemorate the centenary of the beginning of WW1 at which the eighteen names were read out and remembered. To see those names please go to: stmaryswistaston.org.uk/warmemorial.html

For Remembrance 2018 we have secured a grant from the Armed Forces Covenant Trust to buy 6 transparent 'silhouettes' of military figures, this is part of a nation-wide art installation to remember the fallen of the First World War. It is called 'There But Not There'. We will be using the 'silhouettes' at our Remembrance Sunday Service on 11th November at 10:40am and inviting schools and the community to come into church around that time to reflect.

As part of the Centenary Year we are launching a War Memorial Project. This project will give safer access for all to the War Memorial in the churchyard at St Mary's with new paths, a safer area to view the memorial and lay wreaths with a railing and a better paved area around the memorial. We are working in partnership with Wistaston and Rope Parish Councils and we are holding an information evening, with the 'silhouettes', on Saturday 10 November at 7pm, in the Church Hall when you can view the plans and see how you can get involved. Please see the Weekly Sheet for details nearer the time. To read more about the national project, There But Not There, please go to therebutnotthere.org.uk. Mike (Rector)



Commemoration Service at St Mary's, Wistaston

Sunday 4 November 2018 at 6:30pm

An opportunity to remember, and give thanks to God, for the life of those whom we love but see no longer. There will be an opportunity for your loved one's name to be read out and for you to light a candle in memory of them.



Church Flowers



*Would you like to place some flowers on the Altar
in memory of a loved one or for a special
anniversary?*

Would you like to attend a workshop (in 2019) on
flower arranging for Church?

Please contact Di Carter on 661583 if you are interested.

Some hints and tips on flower arranging:-

1. Remove dead flower heads and wash out the vases.
2. Prepare all your flowers by removing all but 2 or 3 leaves at the top of the stems.
3. Cut the bottom of the stems at an angle - this way they can take up more water. (This can be done at home in advance to save time).
4. Divide the flowers into 2 equal bunches. Then arrange them in the vases with tall flowers at the back, medium ones on the next row and short stemmed ones at the front. Any gaps can be filled with greenery from the garden (or Churchyard), e.g. Laurel, Fatsia, Hebe.



HOLLY FAIR

SATURDAY 3RD

NOVEMBER

from 11am to 2pm

WELLS GREEN
METHODIST CHURCH

BROOKLAND AVENUE, WISTASTON

TOYS : BOOKS : COSTUME JEWELLERY : CAKES : CRAFTS
CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL : TRADICRAFT GOODS : FAIRTRADE
HAMPER : RAFFLE : THE COLOUR STALL GREEN & GOLD

and of course FATHER CHRISTMAS in his grotto

PLEASE COME AND SAMPLE OUR
EXCELLENT REFRESHMENTS

ALL WELCOME



Gift Aid Charity Ref: 8127411

Here are the Junior Church dates for the rest of this year!

07 & 21 October,

18 November,

02 & 16 December.

We will be beginning Nativity Rehearsals in October for the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve at 6pm. Linked into that, some of young people met at Joy & Dane's home (see picture) to start to prepare a gift that we will be giving to each family this year at the Nativity - they look very good, but we're keeping it as a surprise!



St Luke's Church Christmas Coffee Morning & Fayre

24 November 2018 10am - 12 noon

St Luke's Church, Coppice Road, Willaston.

£1 entrance, including mince pie & hot drink.

Raffle, cakes, books, cards, crafts, guess the bears name.

Come along and enjoy this social occasion



Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



Although fewer people attended our Charity coffee afternoon, we managed to raise

£202 and with money from our funds we gave a cheque for £300 to St Luke's Hospice.

This month we are looking forward to a talk by our Rector Mike, entitled 'The Tracks of My Years'.

October 25th sees a return of Susan Leicester with songs from Joyce Grenfell and November 22nd we have Mrs Marion Fishbourne 'Working for Frederick Fox', The Queen's Milliner.

Our Christmas lunch will be on December 7th at The Waverley Hotel.

All visitors would be very welcome to our meetings.

Marian

We have recently enjoyed the annual Deanery 'Quiet'

service at St Chad's, Wybunbury, where our current Deanery Leader Margaret Smallman, who is retiring, was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers for our appreciation of her time in office.

Our next Branch meeting date is 17th October when Ann Hill, who is a member of the church family, will give a talk entitled: 'Dr Hill -Radio Doctor'. Sounds interesting.

November 21st will be a members afternoon, with 'Two Truths and a Lie'.

The annual joint Carol Service with members of LAG will be on December 12th at St Mary's, 2.15pm followed by refreshments and mince pies in the Hall. Of course everyone is welcome to join us at any of these events.

Sue



Willaston WI

On a chilly September evening we were entertained and surprised when Jean Finney told us the origins of Nursery Rhymes we learnt as children, read to our own children and still remembered all the words. We discovered "Mary, Mary quite contrary" was actually Queen Mary Tudor; "Goosey goosey gander" was during Oliver Cromwell's time and was about Priest holes and "Georgy Porgey Pudding and pie" was about George Villiers.

We are looking forward to our Craft Show and hearing Harry Watson talk about the Humorous side of Policing at the October meeting; and new committee members at the November AGM.

Pat Cotton 01270 664030

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 20 September 2018:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

22 July Alice Sofia KING

Kian Keith BROOMHALL

29 July William Paul L'ANSON

26 August Amber Lane ALLCOCK

Charlotte Elizabeth HARRIS

James Stephen BUCKLEY

Rory-Thomas Alan WALTON

Rosie Evelyn CARTWRIGHT



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together



28 July 2018 Luke Joseph BRESNIHAN & Charlotte Claire EVANS

FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

30 July Derek Edward JONES 96

09 August John Clark SCOTT 92

20 August Betty SAMPSON 89

28 August Annie Francis KEADY 84

03 September Dennis HARDING 89

11 September Peter Anthony HOPKINS 67





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

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| 6 October | St Mary's decorated for Harvest,
10am |  |
| 7 October | HARVEST Sunday, followed by Bring & Share
lunch in the Church Hall, around 12.15pm | |
| 4 November | Commemoration Service at St Mary's,
6.30pm |  |
| 11 November | Remembrance Sunday at both Churches | |
| 16 November | Church fundraising event in the Hall:
Neil Tudor (see back page for more information) |  |
| 24 November | St Luke's Christmas Fayre, 10-12 noon | |

Special Winter Lunch Wednesday 28 November in the Church Hall -
more details on the Weekly Sheet nearer the time!
Joan Cadman & Jennifer Wybrow.

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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 November 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.*

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RAISER
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FRI 16TH NOVEMBER**

NEIL TUDOR

lookalike tribute to:

PAUL McCARTNEY

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TEL: 01270 567 119

From Nigel Simms or Church office

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BEATLES**

&



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CHURCH LANE
WISTASTON**

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