

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2013

Bite Back at Hunger

'It's very rewarding to know that Christians of different traditions are working together for one common aim during Christian Aid Week.' Christian Aid Week volunteer

Thousands of churches will stand together this Christian Aid Week to speak out for change. Some 100,000 committed volunteers will go out and put their faith into action, raising funds to help some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people.

This includes Britain's largest house-to-house collection, an extraordinary act of witness – demonstrating to our communities that we care about ending poverty and injustice.

There is enough food for everyone in the world, but one in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight.

This year's Christian Aid Week tells the story of how Christian Aid is helping communities to bite back at hunger through the lens of land rights in Bolivia, new technology in Kenya and innovative agriculture in Zimbabwe.

You can support Christian Aid Week by looking out for local events, and discover how you can be involved by contacting your local Christian Aid Week representative or by visiting www.caweek.org/

Christian Aid Reps for our Parish are Sarah & Mike Turnbull. If you would like to get involved then please speak to one of them (665742) or email mfturnbull@gmail.com. We collected an amazing amount last year and we would like to do the same again this year - with your help we can!

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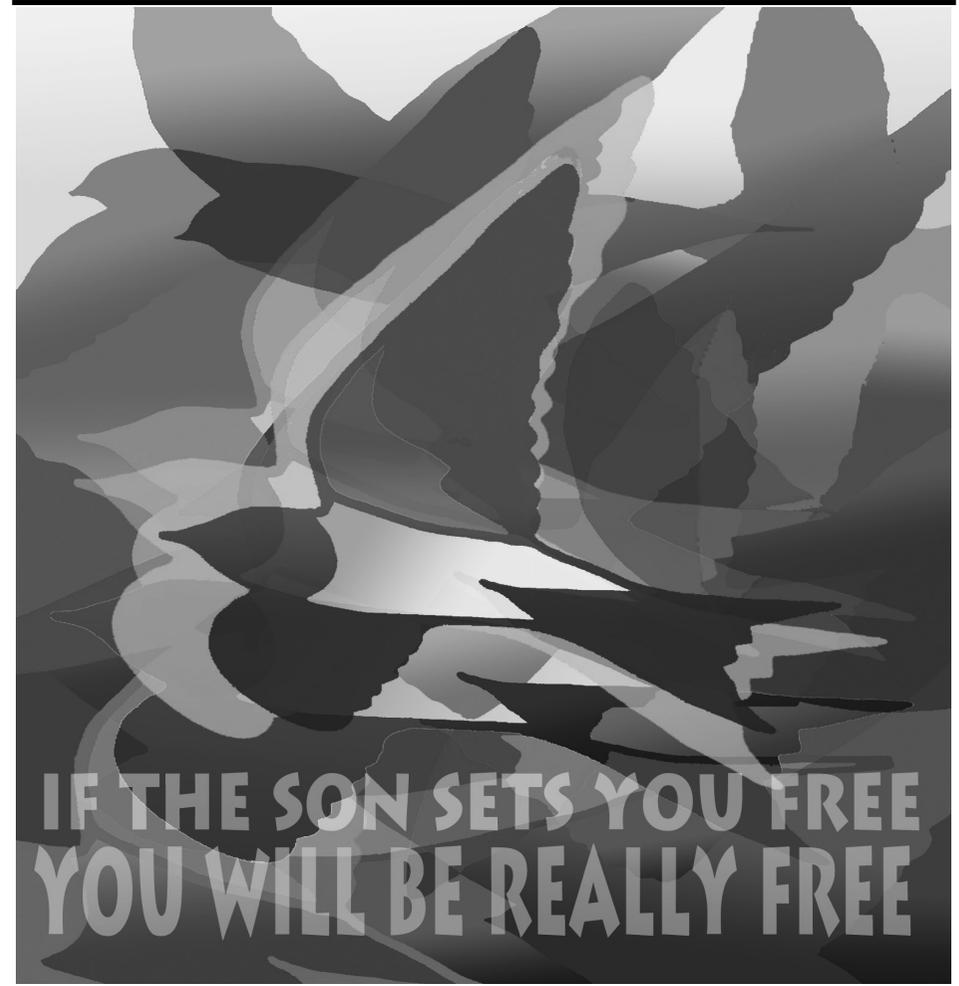
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at St.Mary's & St.Luke's



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Our Sunday Morning Services are -
9.00 am at St. Luke's & 10.40 am at St.Mary's

Church Office: office@stmaryswistaston.org.uk - Tel: 567119

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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Children's and Young People's Activities

Jnr Church Co-ordinator	Sarah Turnbull	The Rectory, 44 Church Lane	
Youth Work	Dane Chaplow	30 Westfield Drive, Wistaston	
Rainbows	Teresa Hoper	27 Broughton Lane, Wistaston	
Brownies	Julie Croft	19 Rectory Close, Wistaston	
Guides	Helen Pegg	9 Tabley Road, Wistaston	

Midweek Programme

Mothers' Union	Sue Squirrell	31 Whirlow Road, Wistaston	
Stepping Stones	Via Church Office	Church Lane, Wistaston	
Praise & Play	Via Church Office	Church Lane, Wistaston	
Ladies Evening Group	Marian Carter	4 Church View Walk, Wistaston	



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From the Rector...



April 2013

Dear Friends,
Easter seemed to come around so quickly this year, it was quite a surprise, I'm sure someone has speeded up time! No sooner than the Nativity Figure went away we had Lent! I hope you had a good Lent? Perhaps you did something different?

Talking of surprises the empty tomb must have come as a surprise to Mary and the first disciples. Without the belief in the resurrection the Christian faith could not have come into being. The disciples would have remained crushed and defeated men. Even had they continued to remember Jesus as their beloved teacher, his crucifixion would have forever silenced any hopes of his being the Messiah. The cross would have remained the sad and shameful end of his career. The origin of Christianity therefore hinges on the belief of the early disciples that God had raised Jesus from the dead. There must have been a real mixture of emotions on that first Easter morning: fear, excitement, joy, sadness, apprehension, even disbelief. After all they had seen

Jesus crucified, killed on a cross, no one survives that. They were right of course, Jesus didn't survive it he died on the cross for you and for me. The amazing fact is that he defeated death by rising to new life so that we may all share in it with him. I don't blame the disciples for the way they felt when Mary came back to tell them - they were only human after all! What about our reaction to the resurrection?

As those who live on this side of Easter then we have no excuse but to be joyful about it. Not that we go around with an inane grin on our faces, but that our lives are transformed by the joy that the knowledge of the resurrection brings to those who truly believe in the One who rose from the dead. We need to have that same joy that caused Mary to run and tell all that "He is Risen!"

Best wishes

Mike

@mfturnbull

Welcome for New Pope

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have offered their warmest welcome to the election of Cardinal Bergoglio as the successor to His Holiness Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.



Archbishop Justin said, "We wish Pope Francis every blessing in the enormous responsibilities that he has assumed on behalf of Roman Catholics around the world.

"His election is also of great significance to Christians everywhere, not least among Anglicans. We have long since recognised - and often reaffirmed - that our churches hold a special place for one another. I look forward to meeting Pope Francis, and to walking and working together to build on the consistent legacy of our predecessors. May the love of Christ unite us, and intensify our service in a genuine and fruitful ecumenism that can be a blessing for the Body of Christ throughout the world.

"Pope Francis is well known as a compassionate pastor of real stature who has served the poor in Latin America, and whose simplicity and holiness of life is remarkable. He is an evangelist, sharing the love of Christ which he himself knows. His choice of the name Francis suggests that he wants to call us all back to the

transformation that St Francis knew and brought to the whole of Europe, fired by contemplation and closeness to God."

Archbishop Sentamu tweeted, "Praying for Pope Francis. Like St Francis of Assisi, I pray he'll be an instrument of peace and preach the Gospel - use words if he must".



...and if you scan it with a qr code-reading mobile phone it takes you straight to the diocesan website!

The Enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury

On 21st March the Archbishop's public ministry will be inaugurated at Canterbury Cathedral. Did you know: The last time the Pope and Archbishop of Canterbury were enthroned so closely together was in 1294, when they were two weeks apart!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 21 April 2013, in the Church Hall, following the morning service at St Mary's (around 12 noon). It will also be a Bring and Share Lunch so that we can enjoy some time together as a church family. Please see the Notice Sheet for further details nearer the time.

Why Girlguiding should keep God in its promise



A majority of girls and young women recently surveyed by Girlguiding UK say they believe in a god. As the organisation's open consultation on the Promises made by new members drew to a close in March, a senior Church of England priest said it is important that the promise to "love God", retains its place. 70% of 7-11 year olds believe in 'a god', according to the survey of 1,200 7-21 year olds in the UK, conducted by Girlguiding UK. The figure for 11-21 year olds is 55%.

"Girlguiding UK has always been an organisation that has held the spiritual development of girls at the heart of its activities," says Canon Sheila Bamber of Sunderland Minster and a former Faith Adviser for Girlguiding UK. "In a society where it is increasingly 'uncool' for young people to believe in God or any 'higher power', it is important that there are still places where they can be encouraged to explore and develop their own beliefs."

The survey may be viewed at:
<http://girlsattitudes.girlguiding.org.uk/home.aspx>



Watch *Les Misérables* to learn of God's grace and redemption

Watching the film *Les Misérables* is an ideal way to learn of God's grace, redemption and mercy, says the priest-in-charge of St Mary the Virgin, Ewelme, in Oxfordshire, where one of the film's most important scenes was filmed.

The Revd Jonathan Meyer recalls: "It was almost a year ago that I was approached and asked about filming part of *Les Misérables* in the church at Ewelme. Filming took place on 21st March, when the south porch was transformed into the residence of the Bishop of Digne. The convict Jean Valjean emerges from the door, singing the words 'and now let the story begin'.

"We saw this on a crisp March day, repeated over and over again with numerous cameras, film crews, lights, gantries and a churchyard full of sound technicians. On screen we saw the contorted face of Valjean rushing forward, and the camera showing us our church digitised on to a promontory in Provence.

"Most important to me was that this is the nub of the film. The Bishop's act of kindness, like the grace of God, is poured out in such a way that Valjean's life is transformed and transforms others."

Spelling

Mitchell, who was just starting school, practiced spelling with magnetic letters on the refrigerator. "Cat," "dog," "dad," and "mum" had been proudly displayed for all to see. One morning Mitchell bounded into the room holding three magnetic letters: G-O-D. "Look what I spelled, Mum!" Mitch exclaimed, a proud smile on his face.

"That's wonderful!" said his mother. "Now go put them on the fridge so Dad can see when he gets home tonight." That Sunday School is certainly having an impact, she thought, happily.

Just then, a little voice called from the kitchen. "Mum? How do you spell 'zilla?'"



Youth Events and News

Christian Aid Sponsored Swim

Once again this year we had a good group of people representing us for the Annual Christian Aid Sponsored Swim. 10 of our young people and 3 of the more mature variety. Well done to them all and for raising in the region of £300 for Christian Aid Clean Water Projects around the world - thank you for your support! Sarah Turnbull

Blesstival (formerly Quinta)

With all the regular fun, messiness, worship, madness and surprises, Blesstival 2013 will be the place to be next May.

What: A fun packed weekend with lots of things going on

Who: Anyone in school years 7-11 **When:** 10 - 12 May 2013

Where: Quinta Hall, Weston Rhyn, Oswestry

More info: bit.ly/blesstival

The Big Bible Event at Chester Cathedral bit.ly/bbe2013

Saturday 20 April 2013 at Chester Cathedral

The Big Bible Event is for children and their families or church groups. Eight interactive zones will let you explore the Gospel using: storytelling, drama, makes, costumed characters, games, puppets, music and much, much more. There is no age limit, but activities will be great for children aged 5-11 with lots for the rest of the family to join in too.

Activity zones open 9.45am to 2.30 pm -

Worship and Celebration 12 noon

Tickets £2 per child (aged 5 and over)

Adults need to book a FREE ticket

A booking fee of £0.75 per booking will also be payable. Places limited

Bookings (open 1 February) through the Chester Cathedral (box office bit.ly/chester-cathedral-events or: 01244 50099)

Junior Church dates for the term

21 Apr, 05 May, 19 May, 16 Jun, 07 Jul & 21 Jul All at 10:40am beginning in church



Ladies Evening Group

Mothers UNION
Christian care for families



Marian is on holiday, so I am writing this in her absence.

Our meeting on April 24th is our Annual Dinner and is to be held at the Waverley Hotel. We are meeting at 12noon for 12.30pm.

On May 22th we have our Speaker, Andrew Lamberton, telling us about the Lost Houses of Nantwich – this sounds intriguing.

June 26th we have a talk by Rodger Burgess – entitled Anglesey – The enchanted Island. Our Summer Outing is to be on Monday, July 29th and the venue is yet to be chosen.

Our meetings are at 7.30pm, every 4th Wednesday in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome. *Margaret Flory*

On Monday, 25th March, our Deanery Lady Day Service was held at St Chad's, Wybunbury. Margaret Smallman was commissioned as the next Deanery Leader, by Revd Bill Baker, the Rural Dean. This was a lovely service, attended by members from around the Deanery and we all enjoyed a Bring & Share lunch after the service. We all pray for God's continued blessing on Margaret, as she undertakes this challenging role! Our branch meeting in April will see Revd Rob Wykes from Crewe Christian Concern, paying a visit and giving a talk on their work, so we look forward to that.

Two events in May will keep everyone busy – our fundraising afternoon tea at St Luke's on May 8th at 2pm, followed by a talk at our meeting on May 15th, by our own member, Mrs Muriel Platt on her experience at Shallowford House, Norton Bridge. *Sue Squirrell*



Willaston WI - In late January despite wintry weather, the evening social was well attended and we tucked into delicious food and were truly entertained by a members' cabaret.

The 'chocolate tasting' February meeting was a popular evening when we discovered that not all chocolate has a sweet taste. Later the resolutions: 'A working smoke alarm in every home' and 'Care for the Elderly', were discussed and the details considered.

The walking group have been discovering snowdrops despite inclement weather and the book club, quiz, scrabble and dominoes teams have all been meeting, debating and competing. Our well supported Coffee Morning raised £200.

Details of meeting dates and times from Judy Jones, tele: 01270 567015 *Pat Cotton*

From the Parish Registers

Entries up to 19 March 2013

BAPTISMS: *Welcome to our church family*

27 January: Daisy Mae LAURIE
Harriet Teresa BURDETT
24 February: Aiden Joseph Paul DAVIDSON
10 March: Connor COOKE



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

May they rest in peace and joy

01 February	Kathleen Hilda KENNERLEY	82
11 February	Malcolm HALL	69
13 February	Agnes EVANSON	86
14 February	Michael JONES	63
27 February	Hilda May HALL	96
28 February	Pamela Anne HARDING	81
07 March	David GODFREY	84
11 March	John Clement CORBETT	74
12 March	Amy NICHOLLS	92
13 March	Margaret STARLING	99
19 March	Phyllis ANGER	98



Foundations for Ministry is a part-time course of 27 sessions over three terms. It is made up of people from different parishes all over the Diocese of Chester and is designed to help people find and grow in the ministry to which God is calling them.

The Enrolment Day for 2013 will be in September.

Application forms are available from Church House (see below) and the deadline for applications is 31 July 2013. There is a cost for this course.

Course Administrator: Pauline Hayward: Church House: 01244 681973 ext 229 Email: Pauline Hayward - pauline.hayward@chester.anglican.org

By post: CfM, Church House, Lower Lane, Aldford, Chester CH3 6HP
For more detail please visit: <http://bit.ly/ZEZN3F>



Dates For Your Diary



Please note that our diary is in two parts.
The regular services are detailed opposite. Other items and variations are shown below.

- 31 March: Easter Sunday
 21 April: APCM following the morning service at St Mary's (Church Hall)
 10 May: Blestival Weekend (formerly Quinta) some of young people attending once again this year
 12 – 18 May: Christian Aid Week
 16 May: The Archdeacon's Visitation for Wardens' and Sidespeople - 7:30pm at St Mary, Sandbach
 23 May: Deanery Synod

*A Prayer (from the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer)
 Before the harvest, the ripening; before the ripening, the growing; before the growing, the sowing; before the sowing the preparation of the soil. May we be so prepared for the Spirit's sowing that the seed may grow in fruitful soil and ripen to a worthy harvest. Amen*



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17 May 2013

Sundays at our Churches



- 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
 With Signing for the Deaf
6.00 p.m. 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
- 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, Tue, Thurs and Fri 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.

Sundays (1st & 3rd)	10.40 a.m.	Junior Church* (from Reception through to the end of High School)
Mondays	7.45 p.m.	Bell Ringing (Tower)
Tuesdays	6-7 p.m.	Rainbows (Church Hall/Howe Rm)
	5.45-7 p.m.	Brownies (Church Hall/Howe Rm)
	7-9 p.m.	Guides (Church Hall)
Wednesdays	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion

*During term time only. Young people start in church and move down to the Church Hall during the second hymn.