

Pics from the Summer, including the Teddy Bears Picnic, 'Crowns' & Summer Fête with Emma being crowned



Christian Life

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



Photo of Rachel and Chelsea presenting Macmillan with the cheque

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped me throughout my year as Rose Queen. I've had a fantastic time and enjoyed being involved with Macmillan. As well as fundraising locally I have been asked to be part of some of the events run by the Macmillan team at Leighton Hospital. With your help I raised an amazing £3100. Half of this has been given to the team at Leighton hospital, who helped me and my family, so that they can continue their support for people locally. The other half has been given to Macmillan centrally to help provide support for people affected by cancer who don't have the same outstanding local services, in particular this includes money for the national helpline so that anyone who needs support has access to it, irrespective of their circumstances or where they live in the country. I plan to continue supporting Macmillan, and have been asked to be a local ambassador for them which I am looking forward to. Many thanks, Rachel

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Junior Church	Sarah Turnbull	The Rectory, 104 Church Lane	665742
Rainbows	Teresa Hoper	27 Broughton Lane, Wistaston	568843
Brownies	Julie Croft	19 Rectory Close, Wistaston	666053
Guides	Helen Pegg	9 Tabley Road, Wistaston	560096

Midweek Activities

Mothers' Union	Jenny Hall	1 Edinburgh Road, Wistaston	568300
Stepping Stones	Via Church Office	Church Lane, Wistaston	567119
Ladies Afternoon Group	Marian Carter	4 Church View Walk Wistaston	568629

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 (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 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.**

23 August	Annual Clean of the Church Hall & Howe Room
3 Sept	Annual Duck Race at Joey the Swan
14 Sept	Stepping Stones in the Church Hall
18 Sept	Junior Church starts again after Summer
22 October	Rose Queen's Grand <i>Onesie</i> Party, 3-6pm

Church Hall Summer Clean - Tuesday, 23rd August

9.30am - 5pm

(but hopefully we will have finished earlier!)



If you can spare some time to come and help with the annual clean of the Hall & Howe Room, it will be greatly appreciated. Turn up at a time to suit you.

We will just work through the list of jobs!

Refreshments will be provided.



CLEANING DAY

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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 sue.squirrell@thedrey.co.uk or via the Church Office by:- 15 August 2016



St Mary's

Frank writes...

August 2016



St Luke's

Dear friends,

"We have nothing to fear, except fear itself". Why does a miser hide his money? For the same reason that the third man in Jesus's parable of the talents buried his one talent, rather than using it, as did the other two with theirs. He was afraid of losing it, or being robbed. He played safe and so gained nothing.

This is what fear does, it paralyses you. If we all gave way to fear nothing would get done and our fears would be realized like the misers. Fearing to lose his wealth, he lives as though in abject poverty. That is why the great President of the USA, Franklin D Roosevelt entitled his auto-biography, 'We have Nothing to Fear, Except Fear Itself'.

Jesus advises us to 'be like little children'. When very young they experience fear but overcome it by their trust in Mum and Dad. Holding Dad's hand their fear fades; their confidence and courage to face the world is strengthened by trust in the parent's love and care.

Jesus also assured us, that 'perfect love casts out fear'. With 'love shared amongst us', faithfully and constantly,

we can be brave and bold, especially when it is the greatest love of all, Jesus's love.

Does there seem to be more to be afraid of in the present world than ever before? Almost like living in a primitive jungle, danger on every side. What a wonderful gift Christians have found in Jesus, and in the greatest Father of us all.

**perfect love casts
out fear**

"Put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a lighted path and safer than a known way".

Up to a few years ago the hymn, "In heavenly love abiding", was a favourite choice to sing at funerals, which was quite the opposite of why the author wrote it, in 1850. Anna Letitia Waring, a Welsh woman, was a devout Christian, and for many years a supporter of the Discharged Prisoners Aid Society, visiting prisoners in jail. She wrote the hymn for them in the hope of helping them to face an unknown future after the harsh life of prison.

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Did you know?....

Judas window installed at Dorset church 14 years after artist's death

Parishioners appalled at subject and strangeness of the image originally rejected artist Laurence Whistler's valuable gift

On the side of a Dorset church shaded by the graveyard trees, a window as dark and mysterious as a bog pool has just been installed. Visitors peer at the black glass – until suddenly, in shock, they see the sinister image: a man hanging from the branch of a tree, **coins spilling from his hand and turning into flowers as they hit the ground.**

The space is blocked on the inside by a wall monument, so the window is visible only from outside the church. It depicts Judas, the betrayer of Christ, the disciple who the gospels relate hanged himself in shame after throwing away the 30 pieces of silver he was paid for his treachery.

It is the creation of the glass artist Laurence Whistler, and it has finally been installed 14 years after Whistler's death and almost 30 years after the parishioners, appalled at the subject and the strangeness of the image, rejected his valuable gift.

The rector, Jacqueline Birdseye, who led the move to bring Judas back to the church, believes it has become **a symbol of reconciliation** in the parish as well as in the wider context intended by the artist.

"The parochial church council had 20 years to get used to the idea, and the gift of hindsight, so we were able to wait until the right time to make an unhurried decision about introducing the window," she said. "It was important for us that the decision was unanimous, so that we could move forward with confidence and without dissention. We have had nothing but positive comments made by visitors since the installation."



Image and text content taken from extract from The

Guardian, April 2014.

Church is the Church of

St Nicholas, Moreton, Dorset.

Well worth a visit when in the area!!

From the Parish Registers

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

29 May Gracie Janet WOOLLEY
Harry Thomas GREGORY
12 June Rachel DAVIES
26 June Maisie Louise STUBBS



CONFIRMATIONS: conducted by Bp Libby

12 June Rachel Davies
William David Pettitt
Craig Alexander Shaw
Teresa Michelle Shaw



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

28 May Benjamin Robert TOMLINSON &
Emma Claire TAYLOR



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

24 June Sheila Mary MASON 87
01 July Joan HOWELL 77
04 July Frank EATON 65
05 July Marjorie Lilian NICHOLS 91
06 July Gordon TATTON 92



Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



Our Summer Outing on July 25th will be to the National Arboretum and we hope the weather will be good. On August 25th we have our annual charity coffee afternoon and this year our charity is CLIMB - Children Living with Inherited Metabolic Diseases. There will be cake, books and bric-a-brac stalls; Tombola and Raffle. Do come along and support us.

On Sept 22nd we have a talk by Mr Dave McCabe about the Fire Service and Oct 27th, Scottish Country Dancing.

We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Church Hall. **Marian Carter**

Our Prayer Partners from Weaverham joined us for our annual social lunch & service recently; and 9 of our branch attended their Strawberry tea on 14th July. 3 couples celebrated their Golden anniversaries and were joined by Jean & Don Savage who also cut the cake as they celebrated their Diamond anniversary.

Joan Tyrrell & Jenny Hall went to the opening of the memorial garden on Ward 6 at Leighton Hospital, in memory of Rhoda Rock. Rhoda also worked on the Ward as a nurse for many years. They were joined by nurses, stroke staff, volunteers and the lady who had started the ball rolling for the new garden and landscape gardener.

We look forward to a summer break, with the next meeting on Sept 21st and also the Deanery Quiet Service in Haslington - date to be confirmed.

Sue Squirrel



Willaston WI

Rina Tillinger's dad was a G.I. (did you know that stands for Government Issue?) She made us laugh when she spoke in June of the time he was over paid and over here during WW2, flying Dakota aeroplanes and enjoying being the central attraction in the local town!! Kimberley Edger bought lovely items she had made when she explained her hobby of working with glass, the high kiln temperatures (800 degrees) required and its unpredictable reaction to heat. Katherine Cook gained maximum marks for her Green Tea biscuits, part of our Second Prize winning entry at the Royal Cheshire show.

Pat Cotton

Ministry Letter/contd....

"In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear; and safe in such confiding, for nothing changes here. The storm may roar about me, my heart may low be laid, but God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?"

Wherever He may guide me, no want shall turn me back:
My Shepherd is beside me, and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh, His sight is never dim,
He knows the way he taketh, and I will walk with him".

Mission Praise 331

Jesus says,

"Fear not, little flock, it is my Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom".

Frank



Note from the Editor.....

If you have any articles, stories, words of wisdom etc, which you would like going into this magazine, do please let me know (my details are on Pages 2 & 10). If you don't have access to a computer, just write on a piece of paper and I will type it in. **Sue**. Coming soon..... 'A Day in the Life'.....

“ God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves.
Dwight L. Moody

Rachel Davis will be running the **Great North Run on 11th September** in aid of Christian Aid. All donations will be greatly received. Ways to donate: See Rachel for Sponsor form or via:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rachel-Davies40



Women's Curry Night !!



Great Night Out had by everyone who went to The Bombay Restaurant in Crewe at the end of May. We look forward to the next get together soon, so watch out for information in the Notice Sheet.....

Ladies Afternoon Group Charity coffee afternoon

Everyone is invited to our charity event fundraising on **Thursday 25th August in the Church Hall at 2.00pm.** This year the chosen charity is *CLIMB* - Children Living with Inherited Metabolic Diseases.



Stalls include: Cakes, books, bric-a-brac, tombola Raffle

50p entrance

Do come along and support this worthy cause



Youth matters

Youth Events & News

On Sunday 12 June the older teenagers from church joined together for some fellowship at the Rectory for a Chinese meal, play games and watch the Euro Championships final. They also had fun toasting marshmallows!



The final Junior Church until September was on Sunday 19 June when all the groups joined together to enjoy games based around an Olympic Theme. They played Curling, Fencing, Human Hungary Hippos (not too sure whether it's an Olympic sport yet!). They also learnt to memorise a Bible verse: *You know that many runners enter a race, and only one of them wins the prize. So run to win! Athletes work hard to win a crown that cannot last, but we do it for a crown that will last for ever.*

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Junior Church returns on Sunday 18 September, but we'll hopefully see you through the summer at church.

