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Christian Life

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

Flower and Produce Show success for St Mary's Congregation



Sarah & Ann pictured with their cups along side Deputy Mayor of Cheshire East, Councillor Arthur Moran and the Deputy Mayoress, Mrs Carole Thomas. Well done!

Congratulations also to Charlotte Rhodes, who came second in the Photography Snap Shot Class. For full details and article, please see page 5.....

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And Page 6 - A Chat with PCSO Nigel Hobbs



Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. John 4:36

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Junior Church	Sarah Turnbull	The Rectory, 104 Church Lane	665742
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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 Mon, Tues - Friday changing to 9.15am in the near future - please see weekly Notice Sheet

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.

- 2 October HARVEST SUNDAY
- 22 October Rose Queen's Grand *Onesie* Party, 3-6pm
- 6 November Commemoration Service, St Mary's, 6.30pm
- 11 November Pudding Club at the Rectory, 6-9pm
- 13 November Remembrance Sunday at both Churches
- 26 November Christmas Fayre at St Luke's
- 27 November Advent Sunday

Pudding Club [Rectory] 11/11/16 6pm-9pm [bring a friend along]

Please come along to our Pudding Club and bring your most unusual/delicious pudding along with the recipe. Please do not bring biscuits/cakes etc—just puddings. Please bring anything required to serve your pudding e.g a serving spoon / custard /cream. To raise funds for our

Church we will then sell portions of the puddings. Drinks will be available and we will make all the recipes into a

book. Any questions please ask Frances or

Howard



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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 2016



St Mary's

Mike writes...

October 2016



St Luke's

Dear friends,

Week after week, a man went to his vicar with a big problem. He said, "When I go to bed, I can't sleep because I'm afraid of monsters under my bed. I know it's silly, but I just can't help it."

Over the following weeks the vicar recommended prayer, reading the Bible, singing hymns, keeping the lights on, but nothing worked. Then, one Sunday the man came to church happy and well rested. He told the vicar that he got help from his friend the carpenter. The vicar asked, "What did the carpenter tell you to do?" The man said, "He told me just to cut the legs off my bed!"

Sometimes the problems we encounter are easily solved, some are not. Sometimes, as above, there is a practical solution to our problems, sometimes not. There are many times in life when we don't know where to turn and who to seek help from.

Through the years I've found help in the Bible. One book in particular, Psalms, seems to reach through the centuries and speak into our lives today. Did you know that the Israelites would sing Psalms while making their yearly pilgrimage to worship in the temple in Jerusalem? For

many, this was a long and treacherous trip. The miles were long and the traveller was vulnerable. There were dangers that awaited them on many fronts. There were many things that could go wrong, many bad things that could happen. So, they would sing Psalms to strengthen them and give them courage.. One in particular, Psalm 121, was written to remind God's people as to how He protects them in times of danger.

The first verse is, '*I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from?*' As a traveller in a dangerous situation, it could be that you lift your eyes to the hills as this is where danger may come from, an attack from high ground on those in the valley below. Or it could be that you lift your eyes to the hills as this is what reminds you of God, of the times when he connected with your ancestors as through Moses. Either could be correct... However the reply in the 2nd verse is unequivocal: '*My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth*'. There is no doubt in this statement. This can only come from knowing God through scripture and walking with him daily.

Why not take those two verses into your mind and dwell on them for a few days.

Mike

A day in the life of Ann Stubbs.....



Or Jane Ann as she is known at Richmond Village in Nantwich! Ann kindly showed me around the Village which also includes Care Homes. The oldest resident is Lena who is 103 years young! There are about 100 residents within Richmond Village and Ann and her team of Hannah & Linda arrange the activities. Ann's title is Activities Organiser. She has worked there for 5 years. There are activities organised every day, in the morning and

afternoons and sometimes in the evenings. There are outings organised as well and they are shortly due to go to Chester Zoo. Christmas shopping trips will also be planned. Ann is also licenced to drive the mini buses so it is certainly a very busy role! The social activities are also very varied, giving people a choice of what they want to do or join in with. Examples are quizzes, crosswords, art groups, speakers. I met with one lovely lady Pam, in her apartment and she printed me an example of a quiz (always useful). Pam also does talks herself, health permitting - a very interesting lady. She was also looking after Sally the dog who belongs to a member of staff. Sally stays with Pam during the day to keep her company.

I also met with Margaret Wooldridge and others over morning coffee. Ann had been on holiday and they were very pleased to see her back - a popular lady! Margaret showed me the previous week's activities programme and which ones she had chosen to attend, so there is something for everyone. Most of you know Margaret through St Mary's and Margaret says she really enjoys living there. She has her own apartment and has made many friends. Margaret is pictured with Ann and other ladies from the coffee morning.



Ann says they also do fundraising, for example Alzheimers and she will be participating in a walk, together with others from the home who are still fit and active. Other fundraising events have included Cocktails event and Skydiving!!! There is a Sunday service every week with Holy Communion. Also, on the 4th Sunday of every month there is a get-together with Revd Barry Wilson at 3pm. This is 'a chance to enjoy friendly company and a chat over a cup of tea or coffee with homemade cake, a programme of activities and a short talk'. Ann says everyone is welcome to come and join them for this social - especially if you are looking for something to do on a Sunday afternoon.

I was made to feel very welcome and residents and staff were very friendly. A big thank you to Ann (Jane Ann!) and Margaret for letting me have some insight into what goes on at Richmond Village. Sue

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 22 Sept:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

24 July Isabel Grace LOUDEN
Ted James CUNLIFFE
31 July Georgia Eleanor Jane BENNETT
07 Aug Brooklyn Marcus JAMES
28 Aug Myles Stephen HULME
Freddie John TONKS
Teddy Jonathan PARKER



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

06 August Mark Francis SUTTON & Amanda Kay
STRINGER
27 August Hayden William SYMNS & Candice
Jayne ALCOTT



10 September Christopher Michael LUGG & Katy Rachel LUCAS

FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

15 July Philip Michael GROCOTT 55
28 July Gordon HILL 76
29 July Irene CARLIDGE 89
04 August Ethel Mary RULE 90
01 September Sally Anne HILL 51
09 September Yvonne SMITH 70
16 September Andrew Arnold Joseph EVANS 100
22 September Robert TURNER 88



The Therapy Garden at Leighton Hospital

As mentioned previously, Jenny Hall and Joan Tyrrell went to Leighton Hospital in July to the opening of The Therapy Garden off Ward 6. A tree was dedicated to Rhoda Rock, a Mothers' Union member since 2008, she had also been a nurse at Leighton and had worked in different departments until her retirement in 1978. Rhoda had trained & qualified at the Barony in 1955. The two themes



of the garden were the colour purple to represent the Stroke Association and the planning theme which had many aspects; including a haven for staff & patients, a sensory herb garden at wheelchair height and a hazard path with different surfaces to help patients regain their confidence. Do visit if in that area. Rhoda's daughter Judy is pictured on the Left. More photos on request.

Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



Our Charity Coffee Afternoon on August 25th was well attended and we managed to make £197.42 and with a donation from our own funds we gave a cheque for £300 to the charity CLIMB (Metabolic Diseases in Children).

On October 27th we will be entertained by the Scottish Country Dancers and on November 24th 'A Peep Behind the Curtain'; a talk by Yvonne Redfern and David Owen from the Lyceum Theatre in Crewe. Should be quite interesting so don't miss it.

Visitors are most welcome on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Church Hall. **Marian Carter**

As most of the members will now know, Jean Walsh has passed away and the funeral was held the end of September. Jean was an active member of Mothers' Union and will be especially remembered for her lovely homemade mince pies and biscuits!!

We look forward to a talk on 'The Workhouse and Beyond' by Sylvia Baguette on 19th October. Sylvia also helps out at Stepping Stones. On November 16th we have James Kennerley talking on 'Chronicles of Life' - should be interesting. We will then look forward to the joint Carol Service with LAG on 14th December. Put these dates in your diary if you haven't done already. We welcome everyone to come along and find out about the work of Mothers' Union and if you wish to become a member. Usually 3rd Weds of each month at 2.15pm in the Church Hall.

Sue Squirrel



Willaston WI

In August we had fun drawing squirrels, then Sue Ord analysed them and explained personality traits shown by the size, position on the paper or the details we added. This type of analysis is often part of employment interviews and used to determine job suitability. Fascinating!!

Kate Cawley visited in September and told us about her passion for all things "crafty"; her desire to score full marks and win a rosette for items she had made and entered in the local competitions, and her painful but very amusing visit to A & E when she sat on her crochet hook!!

Pat Cotton

The Flower & Produce Show

The Flower and Produce Show took place on Saturday 20th August in the Church Hall. It is organised by the Community Council and is held every year. The Show has many 'classes' for vegetables growers, flower arrangers, those with an interest in house craft projects and photography.

I was at home this year when the Show was held and decided I would give it a go and put in some entries. You only need to put an application in a few days beforehand, so I waited to see what was growing well in our garden. Quite a few vegetables were looking good so in the end I put in 18 entries from the classes on the schedule. When we returned to the hall after the judging, we were amazed at how well I had done, 8 firsts, 5 seconds and a third place! More excitement was to follow as I was awarded two cups, one for most points gained in the vegetable section and a second for best vegetable display.

St Mary's was also represented in the house craft section and floral classes with Ann winning two more cups, one for most points in the house craft section and one for specimen roses. Finally, Charlotte came second in the photography snap shot class.

It really was great fun and all conducted in a very supportive atmosphere. However, such events will only keep going if people enter. If you grow vegetables or flowers, enjoy baking or other house crafts or photography, why not consider entering next August?

Ann and I are very happy to give help or advice to anyone on growing or making an entry. **Sarah Rhodes**

Radio Stoke Recording

It was a great experience having Radio Stoke join us to record two services back in June for the their programme In Praise of God. The first service was broadcast in August and the second is due to be broadcast on 9 October, 8:30am and 2:30pm - it's also available for 30 days afterwards on BBC iPlayer.

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RADIO STOKE



Meet our local PCSO Nigel Hobbs.....

If you haven't met him already, Wistaston Community local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) is Nigel Hobbs. Nigel has now set up local beat meetings in the Howe Room at St Mary's Church Hall if you wish to meet him and discuss any issues on a 1:1 basis. Nigel says they provide re-assurance and advice to people who may have suffered from egs: a burglary, anti-social behaviour - by making house to house enquiries and speaking with the victim. Also providing individual advice on security etc. Common issues are speeding, parking (especially near schools) and anti-social behaviour, esp around Joey the Swan. The times of these meetings are displayed around the Hall and near the office. **Ones for October are: 1st Oct, 11am-1pm; 7th Oct, 4-6pm; 15th Oct 4-6pm and 27th Oct 4-6pm.** November dates coming soon. Do please pop and see Nigel if you have any concerns or just to say hello! Nigel is married with 2 children. His hobbies are fishing, a few times a month (when allowed!!), walking, cinema and quality time with his family. Nigel worked for Cheshire East Council, prior to becoming a PCSO, monitoring CCTV's around town centres. *Thanks to Nigel for sparing the time to have a chat. Sue*



Rose Queen's Grand Onesie Party

3.00 to 6.00pm Saturday 22nd October
In aid of Diabetes UK



Come and join in the fun and games, Hot dogs, cake and drinks included in the ticket price.

Tickets £3.00 each. Phone 01270 669 776 for details

Cambodia 2016

Going away for a month to a country half way across the world with a group of people you barely know is about the biggest thing most of us have done. As you would expect this comes with a few hurdles to get over. It would be difficult enough in a westernised country but in a developing country with a completely different environment it can be really tough. Almost everyone suffered from traveller's diarrhoea or other minor issues at some point during the trip which meant people running to the toilet was not an unusual sight. People running out of toilets was pretty common too thanks to the ever present spiders and insects.



Despite all this, it has been without doubt the best thing we have ever done. Every day there was something incredible to experience. The highlights of the trip were definitely going into the schools to teach and spend time with local kids, their energy is inspiring as well as the breath-taking views we found around every corner.

Even on a normal project day, the sense of family within the group and the non-stop laughs made it almost impossible to feel down, regardless of the extreme heat and tiredness. There hasn't been a single day that didn't feel like it improved us as people. From the sense of achievement on project, to the astounding attitudes of the local people and how much they appreciated the work, especially with the heart-breaking stories of S21 Security Prison and the Killing Fields, we both feel as though we have grown in a way we never could have expected. Neither of us regret a single moment of our journey with Camps, we'd do it again in a heartbeat.

Thank you everyone for the support you gave us, without which this life changing experience would never have been possible!

Matt Astbury and Sam Barker – Team Surya, August 2016

