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Ladies Afternoon Group	Kath Jones	9 Dovecote Close Wistaston	666238



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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 1st 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.

03 April	Good Friday
05 April	Easter Day
26 April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting with Bring 'n' Share
18 May	7:30pm Archdeacon's Visitation - St Mary, Alsager for Wardens & Sidespeople
07 June	Confirmation Service with Bp Libby - 6pm at St Mary's
20 June	Wistaston Village Fete (Wistaston Church Lane Academy Grounds)
27 June	Willaston Worm Charming (Willaston Primary School)

Easter Services

St Mary's unless stated otherwise

Maundy Thursday (02 April)

7:30pm Holy Communion (St Luke's Willaston)

Good Friday (03 April)

11am - All Age Worship - a special service for younger ones with a craft activity on this Holy Day
2pm - An Hour at the Cross - a meditative service with readings and music

Easter Sunday (05 April)

9am - Easter Holy Communion (St Luke's Willaston)
10:40am - Easter Holy Communion for all ages
6pm - BCP Evening Prayer



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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 or via the Church Office by:- 15 May 2015



Mike writes... Easter 2015



A madman entered a china shop carrying a hammer; he swung it at the china and smashed it all to pieces. People stopped and stared, others rushed across from elsewhere and gazed in astonishment, whilst still others ran away. Some hours later a little old man came into the shop with a box under his arm he took off his coat, put on his glasses, took his tools from the box and very, very patiently, among all those broken pieces began mending the pots. No one stopped to watch him!

For those who did not believe in Jesus and had put him to death, Jesus was a madman. The fact that he had died on the cross had proved to them that they were right. How could he be the Son of God if he could not save himself? Jesus, during his time on earth, had smashed long-held ideas and rules to pieces by what he had done and what he had said. He had challenged the authorities and made them uneasy by the message that he preached: Love God first, and love your neighbour as yourself. When Jesus died on the cross he left the world smashed into pieces. When Jesus died on the cross people would have stopped and stared, others

would have rushed across from elsewhere and gazed in astonishment, whilst still others would have ran away. Some of those who had run away were his own disciples. Jesus was dead; the world was left smashed into pieces.

It was a tremendous act of faith and courage by Mary and Salome to visit the tomb but, their faith was rewarded. They were the first people to hear the great news that Jesus had risen. The world now had an opportunity to be restored to God's perfect creation. People now had the opportunity of salvation through belief in Jesus. Jesus had risen in order to put together the pieces of a broken and smashed world, once and for all time.

Mary and Salome had left the tomb "distressed and terrified" and who can blame them? They were afraid and could not tell anyone about what they had seen. Over 2000 years later we too are witnesses to that same great news that Jesus has risen! Let us keep that message in our hearts because, there are still some broken pieces in this world.

Mike



**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting
is on
Sunday 26 April 2015
in the Church Hall**

**It will begin following the morning service at
St Mary's which will be around 12 noon**
*If you are on the Electoral Roll you should make
every effort to be there*

*Have you ever thought about
standing for the PCC? We have 9
spaces available, you can find
nomination forms in both churches.
If you would like any further
details please see Mike (Rector)*



Following on from the APCM there will be a **Bring and
Share Lunch** so that we can enjoy some time together
as a church family and Lucy our Rose Queen will be
selling sheets for a game of Beetle Drive.
Please see the Notice Sheet for further details nearer
the time.



Defibrillator

**There is an Intelligent Public Access
Defibrillator located in the
First Aid Cupboard in the Church Hall Kitchen**

You do not need to be trained to use this as it is
designed for public use. However, we recommend that all
regular users of the Church Hall familiarise themselves with
the location of the device and watch the training video at
vimeo.com/91431931 or look at the leaflets in cupboard.

From the Parish Registers

Entries up to 20 March 2015

BAPTISMS: Welcome to our church family
23 February Elena Hollie DURRANT



WEDDINGS:
There have been no weddings during this period



FUNERALS: *May they rest in peace and joy
(at church, or taken by minister of this parish at the crematorium)*

- 15 January Joan Isabela MANLEY 88
- 26 January Veronica Joan ELLWOOD 97
- 2 February Linda Celia PAMMENT 66
- 9 February Georgina Elizabeth ALLCOCK 76
- 12 February Peggy Irene CHADWICK 91
- 18 February Kenneth George HARDING 76
- 23 February Margaret EVERETT 90
- 27 February Rita May MURREY 87
- 3 March Kathleen Audrey DAWSON 91
- 3 March Joan Betty Chudzikiewicz 94
- 6 March Stanley Basil HOBSON 80
- 12 March Florence May GRAHAM 106



7th April, World Health Day

World Health Day, on 7th April, celebrates the founding of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 1948. The theme this year is food safety.

Unsafe food kills an estimated two million people annually – including many children. And no wonder: food that contains harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites or chemical substances is responsible for more than 200 diseases, ranging from diarrhoea to cancers.

New threats to food safety are constantly emerging. They emerge because of changes in food production, distribution and consumption; changes to the environment; new and emerging pathogens; and antimicrobial resistance. As our food supply becomes increasingly globalised, the need to strengthen food safety systems in and between all countries is becoming more and more evident. That is why the WHO is promoting efforts to improve food safety, from farm to plate (and everywhere in between) on World Health Day, 7th April.

Ladies Afternoon Group

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



The first Lent lunch on 25th February was a success and

attracted some 40 people, who enjoyed Sheena's delicious soups. We hope that the remaining two on 11th and 25th March will be just as successful. We now look forward to our annual lunch on 23rd April at 12 noon at The Rising Sun pub. At the meeting on 28th May we will be welcoming a well known person in Wistaston – Mr John White, who will be giving a talk with slides entitled 'A Walk in Wistaston'.
Kath Jones

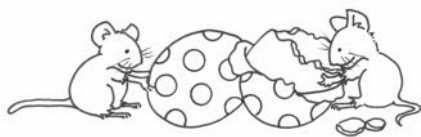
Jenny Hall was recently commissioned as Branch Leader and two new members, Jean Watson and Marian Carter, were enrolled at the service at St Mary's on February 4th, 2015. Betty Russell was



also welcomed as having transferred from Bangor Diocese the previous year.

Pictured L-R are: Marian, Jenny, Revd Mike Turnbull (an MU member), Jean and Betty. The service was well attended and supported by other members from the Deanery.

We look forward to our April meeting (15th) where the speaker will be Janet Bowden from the Mothers' Union, giving a talk about The Bridge Foyer, Chester. This is a Project aimed at young, single homeless people, aged 16-25. Our annual main fundraising event will be at St Luke's, 2pm, 6th May. This will include afternoon tea and tickets will be on sale soon. Sadly, we also report that we have recently lost a much loved member, Mrs Jenny Shirt, who will be sadly missed by all.



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Inspiring Women

Willaston WI

As part of the NFWI's 100th birthday celebrations we held a successful "100 Pence" auction in March raising £333, many thanks to Margaret Evans for her humorous and efficient auctioneering skills!!

We have been busy winning the Group Dominoes and Scrabble Trophies; the lunch club tested the new menu at The Coach and Horses at Minshull and had a very tasty meal and the Darts and Bowls team are practising hard for their future competitions.

In April Dalton Boot will talk of "A surgeon's work in Cambodia" and in May we will learn about "Antique Staffordshire Figures"
Meeting Details from M.Monks tel; 01270 623062

Bishop Libby's Installation

It was with great pleasure that on Sunday, 8th March, I was accompanied with Joan, Frank and Peggy to visit Chester Cathedral to witness the Rev Libby Lane being installed as the first female Bishop in this Country. Libby was my vicar at St Peters Church, Hale when I lived there and I am sure she will carry out her duties admirably and inspire others.

The service was during Choral Evensong with the installation of the Rt Revd Libby Lane as the Bishop of Stockport. She was greeted by the Dean of Chester, the Revd Prof Dr Gordon McPhate. During the service she was presented with her Robes and Pastoral Staff and welcomed by civic and other faith communities from across the Diocese of Chester. The service marked the formal start of her ministry in her diocese. Her husband George delivered the first lesson,

he is also a priest in his own right. Libby preached her first sermon as



a Bishop which was based on confidence, and said confidence determines who we are and that Christ has confidence in us. Hundreds of people attended the service which was also on television screens around the Cathedral. The Bishop of Chester invited the Dean to install Libby as the Bishop of Stockport. Altogether it was a very inspiring and uplifting occasion and so wonderful to have the opportunity to witness such an historic event.

We are very much looking forward to seeing Libby on the 7th June, when she comes to preside at our church for a confirmation service.

James Kennerley

For the love of Chocolate!

Are you going to indulge in Easter chocolate this year? Ever wonder where it first came from? We have the Aztecs of equatorial Central America to thank: it was they who discovered that a certain tree, later named Theobroma Cacao, was well worth cultivating. The Aztecs considered chocolate the 'drink of the gods' (Theo means God, broma means drink; hence the name). The Aztecs credited chocolate for everything from spiritual wisdom to sexual prowess; Emperor Montezuma is reported to have drunk more than 50 flagons of the stuff each day. The Spanish explorer Cortes also called it 'the divine drink',

and the conquistadors brought chocolate back to Spain. From there it travelled north, and reached England about 1849. It was first served as a drink, until during the Industrial Revolution it caught the attention of several leading Quaker families, (including the Cadburys, the Frys, the Rowntress and the Terrys). It was the Fry family who created the first 'eating' chocolate... and the rest, as they say, is history. Today the world eats about 600,000 tons a year. Enjoy your Easter egg!



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600,000 tons a year!

Confirmation Service 2015

Our Confirmation Service is on Sunday 7th June at 6pm at St Mary's and will be conducted by the Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Stockport.

Please remember our candidates for this year as they prepare for this important event.

Rose Queen 2015/16

Our next Rose Queen will be Rachel Astbury who will take over from Lucy Rowland at the Village Fete in June. Her Attendant will be Chelsea Horne. Congratulations to them both and we hope they have a great year!

Water Aid

On the 15 March we had Rachel Westcott from Water Aid (wateraid.co/uk) join us at St Mary's for the morning service, during which she spoke to our high school age young people about what Water Aid does.



It was fantastic to be able to present her with a cheque for £285.00 for the work of Water Aid. This was raised through the sale of the Nativity DVD's, a Cake Sale, plus the money that the young people give when they meet each week.

Christian Aid Sponsored Swim

Six of our young people did the Christian Aid Sponsored Swim at Crewe Baths on 7 March and raised £233.00. Well done to them all and thanks for the sponsorship. Sarah Turnbull

Rose Queen Events

Saturday 18th April Wistaston Rose Queen Variety Show and Quiz night 7pm. Refreshments available

Sunday 26th April Beetle Drive and cake stall after The Annual Meeting with bring and share lunch

Saturday 16th May Co Op Junior and Youth Band Concert 7pm Refreshments available

All will take place in the Church Hall

Lucy would like to thank everyone for their support so far and looks forward to seeing as many as possible at the above events.