



Christian Life


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



Congratulations to Jess & Diane who were Confirmed on 14 July at St Mary's by Bp Peter. It was a great occasion and I know it meant a lot to them and they were grateful to have their families and the church family there to support them. Many thanks to all those who helped prepare for the service and made it happen on the night. Oh yes, and many thanks for all the wonderful cakes!!

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Young Peoples' Activities

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



Paul writes...

August 2019



Introducing the Reverend Paul North

Even now that sounds strange, using the title the Reverend! On the 30th June 2019, I was ordained as Deacon. I was one of the final group that Bishop Peter Ordained and the service was the most amazing confirmation of the process- the journey to ordination having been a long one. The process is thorough, as you would expect it to be, and all the way through I prayed that if I was knocking on the wrong door, that God would close it firmly. I resolved to walk through the ones that God opened. So, standing in Chester Cathedral that day was a moment of great joy for me. God had called me to that place and was confirming his calling within me. It was great.

Most of my working life has been spent working as a Christian School's Worker and a Lay School Chaplain in Chester. My role was to explain Christianity to those who know very little about it. From September, I will be working part time in Wistaston and will continue as Chaplain for The Bishops' Blue Coat C of E High

School in Chester. I am looking forward to working with everyone in the parish and especially encouraging you as you share your faith.

I live in the parish with my lovely wife Jan and our two beautiful children, Lois and William. Outside of work, my passion is sport. I love running, cycling, cricket, playing hockey, and walking in the hills. I also love to watch sport and will watch most sports when I have time, but especially cycling, rugby, cricket and football. Talking of football, I grew up down South, so I support the one and only Luton Town FC – Come On You Hatters!

**A very warm welcome to Paul
and his family from St
Mary's and St Luke's Church
family**

What is The Bible Course?

A course produced by The Bible Society prepared by Andrew Ollerton.

It consists of 8 Sessions to explore the big picture of the Bible story from Genesis to Revelation.

Each session has an explanatory video with Teaching, Discussion and Reflection. Each session lasts about an hour

The Bible can be difficult to read and understand, especially the Old Testament. The course shows us how the Old Testament starts the story preparing the way through to Jesus birth, life, sacrifice and resurrection, on to Revelation and God's promise for us today and beyond.

Andrew Ollerton who leads the sessions is a clear speaker, with an easy to understand presentation, full of interesting ideas. helping people to read the Bible for themselves.

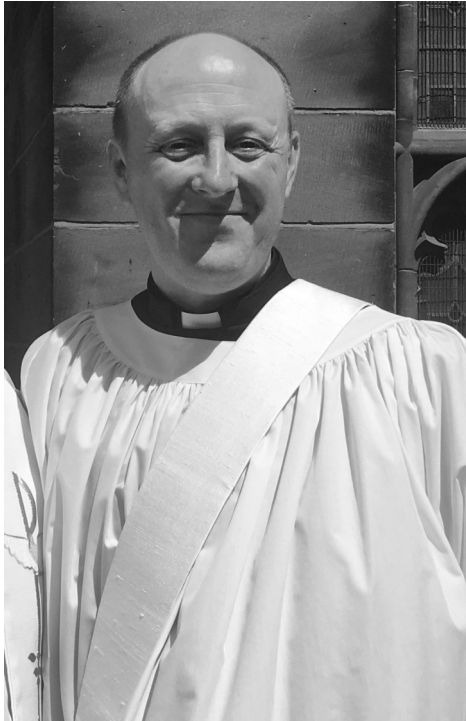
The course has been run twice at St.Mary's and all attending have found it enjoyable, learning many new things.

Lots of us have Bibles at home that are seldom read because of difficulty in understanding. The Bible is God's word to us. Do you want to know what he has to say to you?

It is hoped to run another course in the Autumn at a time to suit those who are interested in going along. This could be during the day or in an evening. Unsure - have a chat – or just give your details to one of the wardens and we will contact you.

Or you can speak to me Jenny Varty 01270 567618

Congratulations!! to the Revd Paul North who was ordained as Deacon at Chester Cathedral by Bp Peter on Sunday 30 June. Paul has already joined us at some services and events and he swore his Oaths of Allegiance on Sunday 7 July at St Mary's. Paul officially starts with us in September when he will be a half-time stipendiary minister which will equate to him doing two days a week and a Sunday in the parish. He will continue to work three days a week at The Bishops' Blue Coat High School Chester where he is a chaplain.



Ladies Afternoon Group

Charity Coffee afternoon in aid of the Wingate Special Childrens' Trust, Wrenbury Hall

Thursday, 22nd August, 2pm in the Church Hall

£1 admission including light refreshments.

Donations of Tombola, raffle, books, cakes & garden produce greatly appreciated

Bring a friend - All Welcome



Brown Knowl Methodist Church, (Sherrington Lane, Brown Knowl, Cheshire, CH3 9JU) are holding their last popular **Afternoon Tea on Saturday, 17th August 2.30–4.30pm.**

Price is £8.00 per person and includes as much as you like to eat! Tea/coffee is served at your table. A fundraising event towards a disabled ramp. Why not come along for an afternoon in the countryside amongst the Cheshire Hills!



GUIDING FOR ADULTS
Trefoil Guild

Wistaston Trefoil Guild are holding a coffee evening on Tuesday, **13th August, 7-9pm** at St Mary's Wistaston Church Hall (Church Lane).

All proceeds in aid of Talking Newspaper for Crewe & Nantwich.

£1 entrance to include refreshments. Tombola, raffle, cake, bring & buy stall.

Everyone is welcome

This year St Mary's is hosting the **Mothers' Union Deanery 'Quiet' Service** in Church, followed by a Bring & Share Afternoon tea in the Hall on **Wednesday, 25th September.**

The service will commence at around 2.15pm.

If you are interested to know more about the work of the Mothers'



Union or just want to join us in worship and fellowship, do please come along.

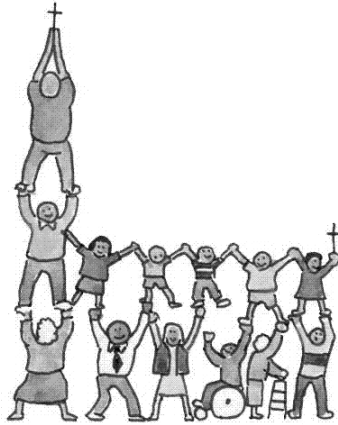
Picture of Mary Sumner, Founder

Around 4 million members Worldwide



Junior Church

Junior Church is taking a break during the summer months but will **return on Sunday 15 September** - *please see our website for up-to-date information*. During the summer months we will have All Age services for all our services at St Mary's so please do still come along when you can.



Food Bank Collection Point

During the School Holidays there is extra demand on the resources of our Food Banks. To help, during July & August, we will have an extra collection point in the Porch/Choir Vestry each week.

Please see the weekly sheet for updates and shortages.



Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



We are all, together with MU members looking forward to our annual outing to Llandudno and hoping the weather is fine.

On August 22nd we welcome non members as well as our members to our charity tea and coffee afternoon, with raffle, cakes, books and tombola. This year our charity is **Wingate Special Childrens Trust** in Wrenbury.

In September we look forward to the Wells Green Singers to entertain us.

Everyone is welcome to our meetings in the Church Hall on the 4th Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Church Hall.

Marian

Picture of everyone disembarking the coach at Llandudno recently, on a warm, dry but windy day! Everyone enjoyed the day and get together. Thanks to Audrey and Marian (with spouses support!) for organizing the joint trip.



The next Mothers' Union meeting will be on September 18th, with a talk by Kavan Lomas on 'The Funnyside of being a Paramedic'. Our meetings are held in the Howe Room usually on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2.15pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Sue



Willaston WI

Robert Bashforth visited in June and told us that despite having no formal qualifications he has spent his life studying, learning about all wildlife, caring for them and raising the funds needed to build and run an animal hospital. A truly inspirational man.

We had a trip to Emma Bridgewater Pottery and had fun painting pots, then ate a delicious afternoon tea in The Rabbit Hole in Stoke.

Jennifer Jones served home-made scones and jam when we spent a sunny afternoon in her lovely garden.

We celebrate being 70 in September with a meal and friendly chat.

Pat Cotton 01270 664030

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 19 July 2019:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

23 June Isla Daisy CLEWS
30 June Ethan George LOUDEN
Isla Luise SIMONS



CONFIRMATIONS

14 July Diane Heather EDGE-ROBINSON and
Jessica FINDLAY



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

None during this period



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

4 June Glenys May BOSTON 97
5 June Valerie Mary SPEET 84
12 June Edith GRIFFITHS 86
21 June Monica CLOUGH 91
21 June Thomas Sproston DARLINGTON 91
25 June Donald Edward ADDISON 95
3 July Frank HARROP 84
4 July John Ronald HOPLEY 90
9 July Matthew James CLARK 22
15 July Joan BERESFORD 83
16 July Michael Ernest GADSDEN 89





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.**

13th August	Wistaston Trefoil Guild coffee evening, 7-9pm in the Church Hall
22nd August	Ladies Afternoon Group Charity event, 2pm in the Church Hall, in aid of the Wingate Special Childrens' Trust, Wrenbury Hall
7th September	Model Boat and Duck Race <i>Come along and support our Rose Queen</i>
11th September	Stepping Stones in the Church Hall
11th September	Prayer & Worship group in St Mary's, 7.30pm
18th September	Mothers' Union in the Howe Room, 2.15pm 'The Funnyside of being a Paramedic' by Kavan Lomas

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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:- 15-20 September 2019

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.*



Many thanks to Joan, Chris & Jennifer for a marvellous Afternoon Tea at the Rectory on Wednesday 3 July in aid of church funds. We raised £209.49! (when the photo was taken we'd only raised £130). A great afternoon was had by all as you can see. Thank you to the Cream tea society for supplying the Cream & Jam free of charge!! All monies raised will go to the Church Hall kitchen renovation fund.

My first month as Rose Queen has flown by already. The village fete was a bit cold, wet and muddy but I enjoyed visiting all the stalls and supporting the many charities that were there. Lots of people visited my stall to support Parkinson's UK (I even had a few goes myself!) Earlier this month I went to Ken's diabetes coffee evening where I met the mayor and mayoress of Cheshire. Lots of people supported the event and everyone had a great time. The freshly-baked bread and cakes were delicious! *I hope you will support my fundraising events later in the year.*

Charlotte and her attendant Lucia

