



Christian Life

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



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tion on these
Silhouettes and
the War
Memorial
Centenary
Project

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Diocese of Chester

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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



Mike writes...
December 2018



Dear Friends,

I invite you to Follow the Star
this Christmas!

Come and join us as we
celebrate Christmas this year at
St Mary's and St Luke's.
Christmas means many different
things to many different people,
for some it's a holiday, to others
it's a time for a family get-
together, for some it may be just
another day, for Christians it's a
major festival when we
remember the birth of Jesus, the
Christ Child. This is what puts
the Christ into Christmas and
what makes it so special and
links it inextricably with Easter.
Christ makes Christmas.

The Church of England are this
year encouraging people to
discover, or rediscover, at their
local church, the real meaning of
Christmas, The Christ Child born
in a stable, God with us,
Archbishops Justin Welby &
John Sentamu shared the
following: "For many of us,
Christmas brings up so many
emotions, memories and
expectations. We have one
nativity story, but it can seem
like we all have very different
Christmases.

"For you it might be a time of joy
and togetherness. Or perhaps
it's all about planning and to-do
lists. Many others can find it a
sad and lonely time – nagged by
the feeling that your Christmas is

not like those 'perfect' ones we
see in the media.

"But just like the unexpected
assortment of people who were
invited to meet the baby Jesus,
#FollowTheStar doesn't ask you
to be perfect. It says: come just
as you are to take the life-
changing Christmas journey."

So please Follow the Star to St
Mary's and/or St Luke's this year
and discover what's so amazing
about Christmas with Christ. You
will find all the details of our
special Christmas services on
the back page of this magazine.

May I wish you a very blessed
and peaceful Christmas.



Mike



We collected **63 shoeboxes this year** - many thanks to everyone who took the time to do one physically or online.

What a lovely sight it was to see the collection van full of shoeboxes and think of the joy that each of those shoeboxes will bring at the other end. Mike (Rector)

War Memorial Centenary Project

We held an Open Afternoon on Saturday 10 November in St Mary's Church, 2pm - 3.30pm, to launch the War Memorial Centenary Project which will commemorate the centenary year of the end of WW1. This project will give safer access for all to the War Memorial in the churchyard at St Mary's with new paths, a safer area to view the memorial and lay wreaths with a railing and a better paved area around the memorial. We are working in partnership with Wistaston and Rope Parish Council.

The There But Not There

The Rector secured a grant from the Armed Forces Covenant Trust to get 6 transparent 'silhouettes' of military figures to use at the War Memorial Centenary Project to remember the 16 young men of Wistaston who gave their lives in World War 1. The figures are called 'There But Not There' and we used the 'silhouettes' at the launch event for the War Memorial Project and at our Remembrance Sunday Services on 11th November.

Bible Study Groups

2 to choose from (or both)!:



The Bible course, which was recently hosted by the Phentons and Barkers has now finished, BUT..... **Jenny Varty will be hosting this again during the day, for those who missed it and would like a catch-up and for new members.** This will be on a Tuesday morning, fortnightly, starting in January. Please see the Weekly Sheet for more details. Jenny's contact number: T: 01270 567618. As a recap, there is a video each session and discussions and readings.

www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-bible-course/

ALSO.....The Phenton/Barker Home Group which meets on the third Thursday of each month will be continuing to meet to study the book of ROMANS. Again, the sessions will take place alternately at 7.30pm at either Roger's or Howard's, beginning on January 17th. This will be at Howard & Frances's: 12 Blears Avenue, Nantwich, CW5 6GG.

Why not make it a New Year's Resolution to come along to one of these groups and inwardly digest God's Word!,

"..... And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10.

We thank God for Jenny, Howard, Frances, Roger & Helen for hosting these groups as part of their Ministry



Many thanks to all who organised, helped at, and came to, the Paul McCartney tribute concert by Neil Tudor on 16 November in the Church Hall. What a wonderful evening it was - it was so lovely to see so many people having a good time and having a dance whilst raising money for the church - **we raised £946.00!** So once again thank you!!

A special thanks to Neil (<http://www.neiltudor.com>) who insisted on doing the concert for free and wouldn't take any money from us at the end of the night - we had to force some petrol money on him. Also, thanks to Jonathan White for the photo.

Mike

Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Psalm 106:1

The Nativity Rehearsal began on 18 November for our young people in Junior Church. The Nativity play will be within our Crib Service on Christmas Eve, Monday 24 December, at 6pm at St Mary's - always a busy service, please arrive early and #FollowTheStar If your child would like to come dressed as a Shepherd, Angel or King they will be able to join in parts of the Nativity play - no rehearsals necessary!!



Advent Study Group



Please join us during Advent as we take some time to stop, look and listen to what God may be saying to us through music, scripture and reflection as we prepare for the coming of Jesus. It's on

Thursdays, 7:30pm - 9pm, at the Rectory on the 6, 13 & 20 December.

ALSO, see page 5 for Bible Study groups in the New Year

Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



During 2018 we had some very good speakers, finishing with Mike our Rector giving a talk with music entitled, 'The Tracks of my Years', which everyone enjoyed.

Susan Leicester in October was her usual hilarious self entertaining us with Joyce Grenfell songs.

We are now looking forward to our Christmas lunch on December 7th and our Carol Service with MU on December 12th.

In January we have our A.G.M on the 24th and for 2019 we have some good speakers.

Wishing everyone a Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Marian

At the meeting in

November

members took it

in turns to say '2 truths and a lie' about themselves; which was great fun.

Our joint Carol Service with the LAG group is next, on December 12th, 2.15pm in St Mary's, followed by mince pies and refreshments in the Church Hall.

Everyone is welcome to come along and join in with the singing & fellowship.

January 16th will be our Christmas lunch. This time we will be dining at The Elephant in Shavington.

Please make your choices & payment at the Carol Service, when the sheet will be circulated. The new programme for 2019 will also be available.

Happy Christmas to you all. **Sue**



Willaston WI

In November Zeta Emmett spoke of the work of the charity ACWW. (the Association of Country Women Worldwide), the success of projects completed and the women who benefitted. The projects included building fresh water wells, providing sewing machines, enabling the start of businesses, buying goats the women could breed and provide food for their families and educating women to enable them to live healthier lives.

In December we are having Christmas lunch at Crewe Academy and in January 2019 we look forward to Sarah Douglas "The Lady in Black".

Pat Cotton 01270 664030

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 20 November 2018:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

30 September Ellie Louise BUCKLEY

28 October Lottie Grace ROBINSON

Eliza Grace SWIRE

Scarlett Victoria RATCLIFFE



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

19 October Andrew John GRAHAM & Louise Anne
LINDENBLATT



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

04 October George Stelfox SHEFFIELD 92

09 October Mary PEACOCK 80

10 October Barbara Joan ACKLAND 86

12 October Raymond KNIGHT 85

18 October Renee PALMER 86

24 October Gordon Ray ADAMS 87

26 October Christine McHALE 81

15 November Clive Henson BIGGS 82





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.

- 01 December 2.30pm – 5pm Rose Queen Christmas Come Dancing – Church Hall
- 02 December Advent Sunday & Toy Service
- 06 December 7.30pm Advent Bible Study begins at the Rectory (also 13 & 20 Dec)
- 07 December 6:30pm Wistaston Community Council Carol Concert – Church Hall
- 09 December 6pm Uniformed Organisations Christingle Service
- 12 December 2:15pm Lag/MU Carol Service at St Mary's
- 15 December 6pm Carols on the Green
- 16 December 9am St Luke's Carol Service
- 6pm Nine Lessons & Carols at St Mary's
- 18 December 10am Willaston Primary Academy Service (St Mary's)
- 20 December 11:30am Church Lane Academy Infants (St Mary's)
- 21 December 11am Church Lane Academy Juniors (St Mary's)
- 24 December 6pm Nativity & Crib Service at St Mary's
- 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 25 December 9am (St Luke's) & 10:40am (St Mary's) Holy Communion



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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

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.*

Christmas 2018 at St Mary's & St Luke's Wistaston Willaston

St Mary's Church Wistaston

- ★ 15 December (Saturday)
6pm - Carols on the Green
- ★ 16 December (Sunday)
6pm - Nine Lessons and Carols
- ★ 24th December (Monday - Christmas Eve)

6pm - Crib Service including the Nativity Play
Always a popular service! Please arrive early!!

11.30pm - Midnight Holy Communion

- ★ 25th December (Christmas Day)

10.40am Christmas Holy Communion for all the family

St Luke's Church Willaston

- ★ 16 December (Sunday)
9am - St Luke's Carol Service
- ★ 25th December (Christmas Day)
9am - Holy Communion



For details of our regular services please see our website or call 01270 567119
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