



Christian Life

The Parish Magazine of St Mary's & St Luke's
July 2021

Including the readings for Sunday 04 July

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**The 41st Bishop of Chester was enthroned on Saturday 26 June 2021
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Worship & Prayer In Church & Online for July
You will find the Readings and Collect for Sunday 04 July
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Sundays this Month	
04 July Trinity 5	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 & Mark 6.1-13</i>
11 July Trinity 6	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Morning Prayer
	<i>Readings: Ephesians 1.3-14 & Mark 6.14-29</i>
18 July Trinity 7	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: Ephesians 2.11-22 & Mark 6.30-34,53-56</i>
25 July Trinity 8	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Morning Prayer
	<i>Readings: Ephesians 3.14-21 & John 6.1-21</i>
Other Services this Month	
Every Wednesday	10am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

Online

Every Sunday @ 10:40 am Live Streamed Worship from St Mary's



(stream begins at 10:30am)



YouTube: bit.ly/youtubestmarys1 & Facebook: bit.ly/facebookstmarys


You can also join in by phone: just before 10:40am Call: 0203 051 2874

**Meeting ID: 838 7878 9259 Participant ID (if asked): # Passcode:
567119**

Morning Prayer on Zoom, 9:30am (usually) Mon, Tues & Thurs

bit.ly/930mp or by phone: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 850 2058 1307

Passcode: 914961



Flower Rota

Di Carter would like to re-establish the Flower Rota for St Mary's. If you would like to offer to arrange flowers, or donate money, for a particular Sunday, please call or email the office and ask Polly to add you to the list.

Revd Mike writes



This month, on 22 July, the church remembers Mary Magdalene. All four gospels give Mary Magdalene a unique place among Jesus's followers.

Mary was probably from Magdala by the Sea of Galilee and she is described as having been healed by Jesus before accompanying him during his ministry.

Along with other faithful women, she stayed beside the cross during the crucifixion and was the first disciple to discover the empty tomb on Easter morning. She was privileged with the first appearance of the risen Lord, who sent her to take the good news of the resurrection to the other disciples. This commission earned her the title 'Apostle to the Apostles' in the early Church.

Sadly, the early church also portrayed her as a repentant prostitute or a promiscuous woman. This came about following a series of Easter Sermons in 591 by Pope Gregory

where her story was conflated with the unnamed sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36–50) and so Mary's story was aligned with hers. The myths and the legends continued through the centuries about Mary which unfortunately diverted peoples' attention for many centuries from the fact that she was the first to see the risen Jesus.

There is much we can learn from Mary Magdalene and her life. She was dutiful, fearless, loyal and had a strong faith which led her to have the honour of serving Jesus in his earthly ministry and being there to serve him in death. She did this whilst the other (male) disciples hid away in fear.

So let us remember Mary Magdalene for what she truly was, a good and faithful servant, and let us look for ways we can serve too.

With all God's Blessings,

Revd Mike

Sources used for reference: Exciting Holiness & Wikipedia

First Reading: 2 Corinthians 12.2-10

A reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know – God knows. And I know that this man – whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows – was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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The Collect for Trinity 5

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your
faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we
beseech you,
that the course of this
world may be so
peaceably ordered
by your governance,
that your Church may
joyfully serve you in all
godly quietness;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 6.1-13

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus left there and went to his home town, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

‘Where did this man get these things?’ they asked. ‘What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him.

Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is not without honour except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.’ He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few people who were ill and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

These were his instructions: ‘Take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.

They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed with oil many people who were ill and healed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

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Stepping Stones



Stepping Stones had a lovely morning of play, stories and songs followed by a picnic in the garden of St Luke's. We would appreciate some new helpers on a rota to enable us to reopen fully in September – let me know if you'd like more details. Sarah Turnbull.



Mothers' Union News

The next Mothers' Union Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 21 July (restriction easing permitting!) in the main church hall. Jenny Hall.

Ladies Afternoon Group

Hello to all the Ladies Afternoon Group. If circumstances allow, we are hoping to meet again on Thursday 26th August at 2pm in the Church Hall. The meeting will take the form of a social reunion with coffee, tea and biscuits - a speaker will not be necessary!! We hope to see you then. Audrey and Marian.

Edith Ridgway - Honorary Freewoman of Willaston!

Willaston Parish Council have conferred upon Edith the title and status of Honorary Freewoman of Willaston for services to fundraising and the community. Edith celebrated her 100th Birthday in May so it's been an exciting few months for her! Edith was one of the original members of the congregation at St Luke's Willaston when it opened in 1965.



The Crewe Sponsored Steps for Christian Aid in May raised an amazing £3,000! It will help Christian Aid's work in Kenya by helping people, suffering from the effects of climate change, by giving them better access to clean water. Thanks to all who took part and gave. Sarah Turnbull

News from Charlotte our (*continuing!*) Rose Queen



During my time as Rose Queen, I have enjoyed the relationship I have built with the residents at Richmond Village. Craig and I went to play some open air carols at Christmas and another visit between lockdowns to play some hymns in the visitor booth. Earlier in June, Ann invited us to play some show tunes and to

play the hymns to accompany the outdoor Church service. It is always lovely to visit and we look forward to seeing the residents again soon.
Charlotte Shaw.

The 41st Bishop of Chester is Enthroned

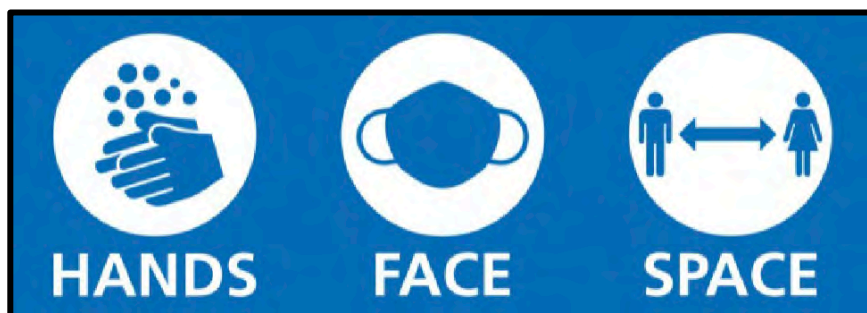
The Bishop of Chester, Mark Tanner, was formally enthroned at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 26 June at 2pm in a service that was live-streamed on YouTube here: youtu.be/eyT1lyKgBl8

Bishop Mark, the 41st Bishop of Chester, in his sermon at his enthronement service called on the diocese to "commit ourselves on this day and in this time, that above all we will be the beginning of good news of Jesus Christ, the son of God."

You can watch Bishop Mark's Sermon here: youtu.be/N3r9zQ8Dwng



Please remember the basics of attending worship in church at the moment.



From the Church Registers: June 2021

Baptisms – *none during this period*

Weddings – *none during this period*

Funerals – *may they rest in peace and rise in glory*

04 June 2021	Kathleen BISPHAM	85
14 June 2021	Darren WOOLSTENCROFT	54

Chester Diocesan News & the Magazine

The Chester Diocesan News can be viewed/downloaded from the Diocesan Website each month and we will put a link on our Blog when it's available.

We would like your articles for the July Magazine. You can submit an article on the [Blog](#) through the Magazine Menu and click on 'Submit an Item', email it to: magazine@stmaryswistaston.blog or drop it to the Church Office or the Rectory **by Monday 26 July.**

Keeping in touch

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Polly & Teresa are on flexible furlough, phone calls and emails are being answered remotely & it may take longer to reply to you.

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