

Christian Life

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



New Churchwardens

Congratulations to Joy & Sue who were sworn in as our new Churchwardens at the Archdeacon's Visitation on Tuesday 14 May at Acton. They are pictured here with our retiring Warden, Simon.

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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



Mike writes... June 2019



Dear friends,

We have just come to the end of the church season of Easter. This year we had seven Sundays of Easter. It seems like a long time now since we had the great celebration of Easter, when we were reminded of God's love, grace and mercy for each of us through what he did through his Son Jesus Christ. As I say, it seems a long time ago.

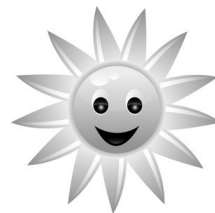
Each of our services during the Easter Season began with the ancient Christian greeting: 'Alleluia Christ is Risen - He is Risen indeed Alleluia!' There's a fantastic true story about these words: Nikolai Bukharin was one of the most powerful men on earth. He was a Russian Communist leader and he had taken part in the Bolshevik Revolution. He went to Kiev in 1930 to address a huge crowd. The subject was, of course, atheism. He attacked Christianity! He said some insulting words about Christianity. And he argued against it as well. It took him a long time to convince the crowd. At the end of his talk, he was confident that he had convinced the crowd that they should reject Christ and embrace atheism. So he turned the meeting over to the

parish priest. The priest complimented him on his eloquence. Then turning to the crowd, he dismissed them by saying: "Alleluia Christ is Risen!" And the people passionately exclaimed as with one thundering voice: "He is Risen indeed Alleluia!" No matter what had been said to those people, they knew in their hearts the essential Gospel message that Christ had indeed risen. Every time we used the greeting this year I was reminded of that story.

As we move into the rest of the year, and Easter becomes a distant memory, perhaps we should keep that ancient greeting in our hearts to remind us of the amazing events of Easter.

Have a great summer.

Mike



Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, 3rd July

2pm at the Rectory Garden

(weather permitting - if wet, church hall)

Sandwiches, cakes, scones with jam & cream. Tea or coffee



£4 payable on the day.

Please do come along and support this

Church fundraising event

ALSO.....



Summer Celebration

7pm to 9pm, St Mary's Church Hall

Wednesday, 10th July

£1 only tickets for draw or pay at the door, includes refreshments

In presence of the Mayor and the Wistaston Rose Queen

All are most welcome and your support greatly appreciated

Strawberries & cream, cakes,

James & chutneys etc

Home made breads and Grand Raffle



Rose Queen

I am pleased to announce that our Rose Queen for 2019/20 will be Charlotte Shaw assisted by her Attendant Lucia Kemp. I hope they have a fantastic year. Charlotte will be making her Rose Queen Promise on Sunday 9 June at St Mary's ahead of the Wistaston Fête the following Saturday 15 June. Mike (Rector)

Prayer & Worship Evening

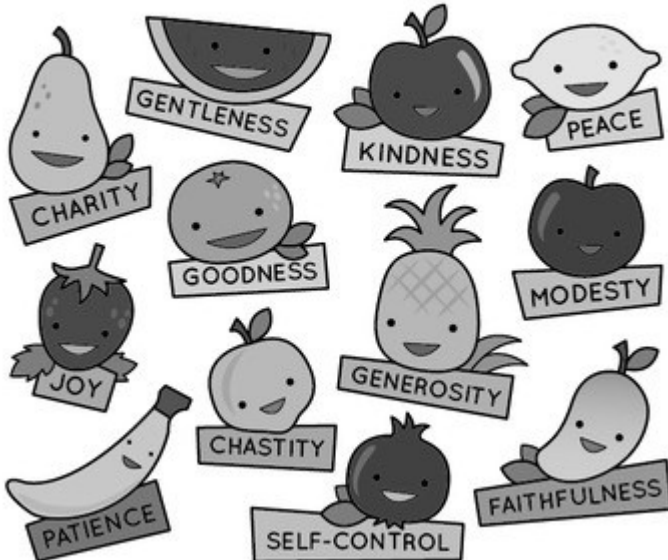
Prayer & Worship continues on **Wednesday 12 June 7:30pm to 8:30pm**, at St Mary's. A time to come together in prayer, for our world, nation, community and ourselves.



We look forward to seeing you there.

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

HEN *mama!*
DESIGNED BY HENRY VALLER



Ministry Comings and Goings!!.....



Bishop Peter to Retire

The Bishop of Chester, the Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster, has announced that he will be retiring from his role on Monday 30 September 2019, after more than 22 years in the post. In a letter to clergy, published on the diocesan website, he says: "I will be retiring as Bishop on 30 September." You can find more information here: [https://](https://www.chester.anglican.org/news/bishop-peter-announces-his-retirement.php)

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Our best wishes and prayers to Paul North who will be ordained at Chester Cathedral on Sunday 30 June at 10am. Paul will join us as a Curate in September, however he will be saying his Oath of Allegiance at St Mary's on Sunday 7 July at 10:40am. Please do come along and support & meet him.



Jayne Manfredi sends her best wishes to everyone! She is currently doing a Placement, as part of her training, at St Andrew's church in Crewe so she won't be at St Mary's for the next couple of months. We send her our best wishes.



Junior Church

When, Where and What!

The Junior Church meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month during school term times in the Church Hall & Choir Vestry at St Mary's. We begin all together in church at 10.40 am and then the leaders and the young people make their way during the first hymn to their various groups.

We have a programme which is interesting and stimulating for the young people and we have activities that are appropriate for each age group.

- **Splash! - for Pre-Schoolers through to year 2**
- **Xstream - Year 3 through to year 6**

y:church - Year 7 through to year 13

This said, we are flexible over ages and would rather the young people are with other people they know and are happy.

Remaining dates this year: **16 June, 07 July & 21 July**

See back page for update on Christian Aid Sponsored Swim in March

Stepping Stones

At Stepping Stones 22 May we heard about Jesus and the Wedding at Cana when he turned water into wine! We thought about weddings and decorated cakes and biscuits. We will meet again in the Church Hall 9:30am-11:30am on **12 June**.



Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



The Spring lunch at the Elephant was enjoyed by everyone and our next outing will be to Llandudno on July 22nd. Details later.

We have a change to our speaker in May. Kath Reynolds will now be giving us 'a glance into the past' on June 27th and one of our members, Frances Latham, will be giving 'Tripudio Movement' on May 23rd.

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

Marian

We have recently had our annual fundraising event,



which this year was a coffee morning held at Jenny's house. Together with donations we raised £195.00 for the work of the Mothers' Union.

A big thank you to Jenny for hosting and providing the refreshments. Also, thanks to everyone who made cakes, donated items and helped on the day.

Our next meeting will be a social event on 19th June, in the Howe Room, with a Quiz.

Our Prayer Partners for the next 3 years will be from St Luke's in Holmes Chapel.

Sue



Willaston WI

In April we learned from Sandie Auden about Beeswax makes, candles and candle making, a fascinating evening. In May Robert Bashforth talked of making memories by providing happy experiences for underprivileged people, the hard but rewarding work this entails.

We have enjoyed lunch at the café in Crewe park on a very wet Friday, where the food was tasty and the service excellent, we will be returning soon.

Our bingo caller Jenny wore her special "bingo-caller's hat" at our social evening in May when lots of fun was enjoyed by all.

Ray Jackson talks of Animal Hospitals in June.

Pat Cotton 01270 664030

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 24 May 2019:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

24 March Charles Michael BATE
Jack Thomas Alan KEELING
31 March Jemimah Hattie McDIARMID
14 April Matilda Nell HALES
28 April Holly Maureen PATTON
James Luke MORREY



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together



06 April Adam Derek FOLEY & Martha Helen ALLBUTT
13 April Matthew Paul FISHER & Hayley Rebecca MASSIE

FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

25 March Doreen Anne LATHAM 82
4 April Ann PRESTON 75
11 April John Edward MORRIS 81
2 May Joan Mary WILSON 95
3 May Kathleen May NEARY 65
7 May Wilfred CAPPER 84
7 May Charles Christopher McCARTHY 92
14 May John GABB 85



Zephaniah 3:17

“The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”



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.**

12 June	Prayer & Worship, 7.30pm at St Mary's
15 June	Wistaston Village Fête
20 June	Home Group meeting at Roger & Helen's house 17 Arley Place, Wistaston; studying Romans
29 June	Willaston Worm Charming
31 June	Paul North Ordained Deacon at Chester Cathedral, 10am
03 July	Afternoon Tea in the Church Hall
10 July	Diabetes UK Summer Celebration, 7pm St Mary's Church Hall
14 July	Confirmation Service with Bishop Peter, 6pm



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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.*



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Many thanks to all those who gave, collected and counted for Christian Aid Week 2019. To date, we have raised the fantastic total of **£1500.00 this year**. If you haven't had the chance to give yet then you can still do this at caweek.org.

An update on the Christian Aid sponsored swim we took part in in March. When joined together with the other churches in Crewe we all raised **£4500**, this was made up to an incredible **£31500** by Bread for the World.

Well done everyone!