



# *Christian Life*

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



*Luke 24: 6 – 7 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'*

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<b>Rainbows</b>	Teresa Hoper	27 Broughton Lane, Wistaston	568843
<b>Brownies</b>	Julie Croft	19 Rectory Close, Wistaston	666053
<b>Guides</b>	Helen Pegg	9 Tabley Road, Wistaston	560096

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<b>Mothers' Union</b>	Jenny Hall	1 Edinburgh Road, Wistaston	568300
<b>Stepping Stones</b>	Via Church Office	Church Lane, Wistaston	567119
<b>Ladies Afternoon Group</b>	Marian Carter	4 Church View Walk Wistaston	568629



Mike writes...

April 2019



Dear friends,

As I write, Spring has begun and the weather has responded accordingly (*for now*). It is always a lovely sight to see the daffodils in bloom on a lovely sunny day. There is something about seeing daffodils proudly in bloom that heralds the start of new life, as the natural world begins to wake out of the slumber of winter and gradually, but surely, come to life. Daffodils are amazing as they just reappear each year, without any tending or caring for, they spring back into life at the same time every year – what an amazing natural world we live in and I hope you enjoy it coming to life once again this year.

Easter Sunday, which is 21 April this year (*one of the latest dates it can be – the 25 April being the very latest – the next time for this date will be 2038!*) is another reminder of new life, new life for all, for all time. Although the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday remind us of the death and resurrection of Jesus and the new life he received, we are also reminded and assured that this new life was not just for Jesus, it was for you and I and for all people. This is not just confined to Easter Sunday, although this

is when we focus on it more, it is for each and every day, for whenever we turn to Jesus we are offered a fresh and new start no matter who we are, when we come to him in repentance then this is our assurance, the assurance won on the cross and confirmed by the empty tomb.

*“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3. 22-23*

I pray that you will have a lovely Easter time. I hope that you get the opportunity to worship the Risen Jesus (*please see our services in this magazine*), accept his love, live within his faithfulness and accept the new life that He won for the world on that first Easter morning.

Every Blessing,

Mike





**We are a friendly club which meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except January) at 2.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Wistaston, CW2 8RY**

**Come and join us to watch talented demonstrators produce beautiful flower arrangements. You might even win one in the raffle to take home afterwards! Bring a friend, relax with a cup of tea and enjoy an entertaining afternoon.**

**We also have a sales table, organise social events, run workshops and go on day trips.**

**Why not come along and give us a try?**

**Visitors and new members are warmly welcomed. Cost £6.**

**For more details please phone Jean Jones on 07795555492, email [jmj@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jmj@hotmail.co.uk) or visit our Facebook page – Wistaston Flower Club**



**Article by Jayne Manfredi.....**

Finding a mode of study that was going to work for me and my family took far too long; I went to Bishops' Advisory Panel in June 2017 and was recommended, but I was forced to defer for a year because I couldn't find a training solution that would still enable me to care for my children. My husband's job isn't very flexible and so finding a training pathway that suited us all wasn't easy.

After much deliberation and a year "off" to try and work through some family issues, I finally settled on Queen's. It's an ecumenical training college – we train alongside Methodists – and it embraces a diverse and liberal theology that really interested me. I knew I'd be comfortable there but that they would also stretch me. I train part-time and am classed as a daytime student, though I also have an evening class alongside the people doing the regional mode of training. I travel down to Birmingham very early on a Tuesday morning, and I'm on the go all day. We don't finish until 9:30 in the evening! I have a class on Wednesday morning, then chapel and cell group, and finally home and back to my "day job." It's an exhausting two days but I get by on exhilaration and loads of prayer!

As soon as I got the date for my BAP, I started browsing theology colleges online, and I found the thought of residential training hugely appealing. The chance to be in community alongside other people who were also journeying on the same path; I imagined it would be deeply formational and spiritually enriching, not to mention more convenient than having to travel. However, with four children in school and a husband with a career that couldn't be easily moved, residential training wasn't an option for us. For me, my study pathway at Queen's is the best option. I get to learn, worship, and share meals and fellowship with the Queen's community, including de-stressing and off-loading of a Tuesday evening in the "refreshment centre," which is often the best part of my day.

I get to experience a sense of being in community, but I also get to enjoy leaving on a Wednesday afternoon; skipping out of there with my wheelie case, bound for my train home which, my residential classmates tell me, is often something to be thankful for. I'm told that residential training; living, working and studying in the same place, day after day, with the same people, can sometimes be suffocating.

On the other hand, being part time is also a strange place to inhabit. We are ostensibly part of the community, but then things happen that make it clear that we're not fully part of things. The burden of part time study is that sometimes events will be organised on days you're not scheduled to be there, and this is something that you must make peace with. It's frustrating if you want to go to the Ancient Greek classes, or the preaching course; both held on a Monday, if you can only be there on Tuesday and Wednesday. Likewise, if your classmates organise an evening of worship or a trip to the pub and you're 75 miles away. Frustrating, but it's the nature of the beast. /contd..... Page 6

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**I try to keep in mind that I was called to this vocation when I was a mum of four kids under nine; feeling overwhelmed with sleepless nights, whilst breast-feeding one child, potty training another, teaching one to ride a bike, and another their times tables. I was called out of *that*, and so that is the context within which I will learn how to be a Priest.** Now I must grapple with essay deadlines that fall during the half-term holidays; with children who cry when I put them to bed on a Monday night, because they won't see me until Wednesday evening; and with an increasingly large workload whilst still managing the demands of a big family, who struggle to see me as anything other than mum. It's been a steep learning curve, and we're not quite there yet. I wonder if we ever will be.

We all have our particular challenges to deal with during training and these are some of mine. I get to leave my *real life* behind for two days a week and just be Jayne again. I've been raising kids pretty much non-stop since I was 24, so this by itself is a massive gift. I am granted the space to worship just for its own sake; to have conversations about faith and Jesus – my two favourite topics! I even have my dinner made for me and I don't need to wash anything up. At the end of the two days I return home and take up the reigns of motherhood again, which inevitably means picking up someone's dirty washing off the floor and – probably – sorting out a fight. Theology college with its peaceful, calming aura, sure does feel a long way away after a few days back at home. **Lest I forget that my calling is emphatically a servant one, my lovely family are always there to remind me of my actual standing. They will help make me a better priest one day, of that I'm certain.**

We are delighted to announce that we will be **welcoming a part time stipendiary curate to the parish this year starting in September.**

His name is **Paul North** and he currently works as the Team Leader for Chester Schools Christian Work and as the Chaplain for The Bishops' Blue Coat CofE High School in Chester. He will continue to work part-time at Bishops' and work three days in the parish including Sunday's. He will be ordained at Chester Cathedral on 30th June and start at St Mary's and St Luke's on Sunday 1st September. He lives in the parish, in Willaston, with his wife Jan and two young children.



Well done to all from our church who took part in the **Christian Aid Sponsored Swim** at the Crewe Lifestyle Centre on Saturday evening. At St Mary's we raised £800 which will make a difference to the lives of refugees in Iraq & The Lebanon. Thanks to all who generously gave sponsorship.



## Water Aid

We were able to make a donation to Water Aid UK for £101.10. This was from the sale of the Nativity DVD's (£80) & weekly collections from our Junior Church (£21.10). Many thanks everyone.

## NEW Prayer & Worship Evening

We have a new Prayer & Worship service beginning on **Wednesday 8 May**, 7:30pm to 8:30pm, at St Mary's. It will be a time to come together in prayer, for our world, nation, community and ourselves. The format will be fluid, feel free to 'drop in' for some of the time or stay for the whole time, there will be opportunities for prayer and we will have contemporary worship to help us to praise God. We plan to run these on the second Wednesday of each month so please see the Weekly Sheet for up to date information. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



Our February speaker Mrs Suzanne Austin - a Community Pharmacist, gave an excellent talk which members found very informative.

The annual Lent Service will be on March 28th and on April 25th our Spring lunch will be at The Elephant in Shavington.

Kath Reynolds will be our speaker on May 23rd with 'A glance into the past'.

Everyone is welcome to come along to our meetings in The Church Hall on every fourth Thursday at 2pm.

**Marian**

Revd Mike

recently gave an interesting talk on the theme of Mothering Sunday, giving us all poignant cards to keep.

Our next meeting will be on 17th April, where Mrs Penny Allen, an MU Speaker, will talk on 'Simnel Cake', so there should be some to sample!

After that we have our annual fundraising event on May 15th, which will be afternoon tea - venue to be confirmed very soon. Our Wave of Prayer event will also be confirmed soon, with the date and venue.

A very happy Mothering Sunday to everyone and a Happy Easter to follow.

Meetings are 2.15pm in Howe Room, 3rd Wednesdays. **Sue**



## Willaston WI

Miss Pitchy Patchy, dressed in elegant 1940's clothes, talked of women during WW2 who were expected to look feminine when everything was rationed or unavailable and whose inventive ways meant they still looked glamorous. They used gravy browning and drew seams on their legs for stockings, recycled everything (everyone had a sewing machine) and always wore red lipstick.

At our March meeting we tried out crafts demonstrated by our members: balloon painting, calligraphy, watercolours, book craft and many more.

Great fun.

Sandy Auden's "Beeswax makes, candles and clay jewellery" talk is in April.

Pat Cotton 01270 664030



# From the Parish Registers

*Registers up to 22 March 2019:*

## **BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family**

24 February Matthew Jacob KERRY-DOBBS



## **WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together**

9 March 2019 James William McHENRY-COOPER  
and Chloe Rachel MILLINGTON



## **FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy**

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

28 January Joan WAKELEY 83  
29 January June Margaret ROBINSON 89  
30 January Leslie WILLIAMS 68  
1 February Luis RODRIGUEZ 82  
1 February Geoffrey HALL 73  
4 February Doreen CAPEWELL 88  
4 February Lilian TATTON 92  
5 February Gwendolen Ann HANDS 73  
11 February Beryl May DOWNING 92  
13 February William Eric JONES 86  
13 February Charles Douglas FORD 87  
18 February Peter ROBERTS 83  
20 February Anne Elizabeth GREEN 84  
21 February Raymond WESTWOOD 83  
26 February Shelia TUFFY 81  
27 February Joan EAST 87  
13 March Irene BURRELL 95  
15 March Betty Grace WILSON 89  
18 March Peter CARTON 75



### **Geoffrey William KING**

of Shrewsbury, formerly of "Outspan", Crewe Road, Wistaston, Crewe.  
Former British Rail Freight Controller and last surviving member of his section  
135 FOD (Combined Operations): - part of the Liberating Forces of the  
Channel Islands, May 1945..Passed away peacefully at Royal Shrewsbury  
Hospital aged 96 years. Funeral service held on March 5th in Shrewsbury



## 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.**

**Notice of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 7 April - 12 noon in St Mary's Church followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Church Hall**



### Holy Week

#### Easter Services

18 April	Maundy Thursday, St Luke's, 7.30pm
19 April	Good Friday, An Hour at the Cross, St Mary's, 2pm
21 April	Easter Sunday, Holy Communion 9am St Luke's, 10.40am, St Mary's

12-18 May	Christian Aid Week
14 May	Archdeacon's Visitation at St Marys Acton, 7.30pm
20 May	PCC Meeting, St Luke's, 7.30pm
15 June	Wistaston Village Fête
14 July	Confirmation Service with Bishop Peter, 6pm

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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 [sue.squirrell@thedrey.co.uk](mailto:sue.squirrell@thedrey.co.uk) or via the Church Office by:- 15-20 May 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 1<sup>st</sup> hymn.*



Volunteers from churches have collected house to house during Christian Aid Week since it began more than 60 years ago. Together, our supporters delivered over six million envelopes last year.

Please look out for the Christian Aid Envelopes which will be delivered to houses in this area from 12-18 May.

If you would like to collect a round please see Sarah or Mike Turnbull

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[stmaryswistaston.org.uk](http://stmaryswistaston.org.uk)