



# Christian Life

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



**Harvest Celebrations at  
St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston**

**Sunday 6 October**  
**9am at St Luke's**  
**10:40am at St Mary's**

**We will be accepting Harvest gifts at both  
services that will be given to St Luke's Hospice  
and the Crewe & Nantwich Food Banks**

The morning services will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch in the Church Hall at around 12 noon. All Welcome



See Page 6 for Howard's article about his visit to Eswatini, formerly Swaziland, with the Bible Society.

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**Young Peoples' Activities**

<b>Junior Church</b>	Sarah Turnbull	The Rectory, 104 Church Lane	665742
<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

**Midweek Activities**

<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...

October 2019



To put this letter in to context, I'm writing it on the 24 September. Why the timestamp? Because, the way things are of late, things may have changed by the time you read this!! Anyway, the 24 September is the day after:

Thomas Cook went into administration leaving 150,000 UK passengers stranded and sparking the biggest repatriation of British citizens since the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War and 9,000 UK jobs lost

16 year old Greta Thunberg blasted world leaders at a stunned United Nations Climate Change Conference for what she called, *'inadequate ambition that risked the future of the young'*

It is the day that the Supreme Court judged that a UK Prime Minister acted unlawfully when he prorogued parliament

Friends, these are strange times that we live in. I can honestly say that I've never experienced anything like this (the above and other recent events) in my lifetime, have you?

St Paul writes in his first letter to Timothy (1 Timothy 2.1-2), *'I urge that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*' Christians,

through the centuries, have had a role of praying for the leaders of the world, that all people *'may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.'* Our country (and world) has lived through many crises, during these times people of faith have prayed for those in leadership; for wisdom, for mercy, for justice, for peace. As Christians we have a role to play today in remembering those in authority in our prayers, please do so in your daily prayers. At our October Prayer & Worship we will be especially focussing upon this – why not come and join us? St Mary's, 7.30pm-8.30pm, Wednesday 9 October.

However, amidst what can often feel like *doom and gloom* in our world lately we have something to celebrate, we have God's Goodness to celebrate on Harvest Sunday, which we shall do at St Mary's and St Luke's on 6 October. We celebrate that God provides us with a world that has everything we need in it, enough food and resources to sustain all life on earth. Yet somehow, as Greta Thunberg passionately told the UN, as humans, we've messed it up, and we've skewed things so that the majority of the world's resources and wealth are owned and used for the good of the minority of people.

Psalm 24.1, *'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.'* This Harvest time let us rejoice and give thanks for all that God has provided for us, let us remember those who don't have what we have, let us pledge to use the earth's resources responsibly and let us pray for the leaders of the nations.

Mike

## Bible Study Groups, Prayer Groups :

### Something for Everyone:

Tuesday mornings the Bible study group will recommence on 1st October, 10.15am at 56 Bowness Road, Wistaston. Looking at Ruth in the Old Testament. Contact: Jenny Varty on 567618 (fortnightly on 1st & 3rd)).



Wednesday evenings, 2nd in the month - Prayer & Worship service with music in St Mary's, 7.30pm-8.30pm. On 9th October we will be praying for leaders & decision makers of the world. The next one after that will be 13th November.

Thursday evenings, Home Group, once a month (3rd Thursday). Alternate months hosts Howard & Frances Barker or Roger & Helen Phenton. Next one: 17th October at the home of Roger & Helen, 17 Arley Place, Wistaston, 7.30pm

Friday afternoons, starting 11th October (fortnightly on 2nd & 4th) at 56 Bowness Road, Wistaston. This will be a re-run of the Bible Society course at Jenny's House, looking at the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, 2pm.

Sunday evenings, bible study group at Ken's (monthly?) Please see Ken for details.

Do come along to hear and study God's word and enjoy the fellowship of others. There's usually refreshments too! (except the Prayer Group in St Mary's)

**Thanks to all the hosts for their Ministry in leading these groups**



# HOLLY FAIR

SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

NOVEMBER

from 11am to 2pm

WELLS GREEN  
METHODIST CHURCH

BROOKLAND AVENUE, WISTASTON

TOYS : BOOKS : COSTUME JEWELLERY : CAKES : CRAFTS  
CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL : TRADICRAFT GOODS : FAIRTRADE  
HAMPER : RAFFLE : THE COLOUR STALL RED & GOLD

and of course FATHER CHRISTMAS in his grotto



PLEASE COME AND SAMPLE OUR  
EXCELLENT REFRESHMENTS

ALL WELCOME



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## Bible Society of Eswatini

During August 2019 I had the privilege of visiting Eswatini [formerly Swaziland, next to South Africa] with my employer Bible Society. It is a beautiful country about the size of Wales with a population of 1.4million. Around 38% of the population are under 15 years of age and 24% of children are orphans commonly due to their parents dying young from HIV. We visited one community where 80% of the children are orphans. The contrast between the very poor rural areas and the more affluent towns is stark. We saw real poverty and primitive churches in the rural areas whilst many of the people in the towns drive nice cars and attend modern churches.

It is a predominantly Christian country and Bible Society has an important role supporting the church and also venerable children. It was a joy to see that despite some really tough circumstances people worshipping God and reading their



Bibles. We spent our time in the poor rural areas giving out Bibles together with basic food and soap etc. In addition we distributed clothes [that were donated to us before we left] to families where they often just had the clothes they were wearing. **The photo (front cover) is of two brothers and their sister wearing Willaston Primary School sweatshirts – they were delighted.** So many youngsters were content and happy even though they had no toys and just the clothes they were wearing. As with most poor countries adults and children with disabilities can experience many problems. We met the Headmistress of the one school for the deaf and we learned how Bible Society is supporting them by making a sign language Bible.

The main purpose of our visit was to attend the opening of the new Bible Society Mission Centre which was largely funded by a legacy to the British Bible Society. The centre will be the HQ for Bible Society in Eswatini and they will run a significant amount of their children's work there. See photo. It was opened by a Government Minister, the local Chief, some politicians and hundreds of Church leaders and a Bishop. The opening was a big deal in Eswatini and it made the main news on TV and national newspapers.

Please pray for the work being done by the Bible Society of Eswatini - there are 13 members of staff and the Chief Executive is Mr Mbuli. During my visit I saw avocado trees, pineapple plants, lots of monkeys, goats and chickens and even crocodiles [in a Nature Park]. I hope to visit again because it is a beautiful country with lovely people.

**Howard Barker**

## Junior Church

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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.

**XSTREAM**

Junior Church returned in September and during this term, as well as other things, we will be preparing for the

**Splash!**

Nativity Play for Christmas Eve at 6pm. Come and join us, we have groups for all age groups and abilities. Full details can be found on our website [stmaryswistaston.org.uk/junior-church.html](http://stmaryswistaston.org.uk/junior-church.html) and the dates for October & November are: **06, 20 October & 17 November**.

# Stepping Stones

at St Mary's Wistaston



*A morning of activities for pre-school children and their parents or carers, including Craft, Stories and Christian songs. All welcome!*

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month during  
Term Time at St Mary's Church Hall  
9.30am to 11:30am**

You would also be most welcome to join us each Sunday at St Mary's Church. The service begins at 10:40am and we have a mixture of Junior Church (Sunday School) and All Age Worship – please see our website for further details.

## Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



Our Charity coffee and tea afternoon held on 22nd August was a happy and successful occasion.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our members £250 was sent to the Wingate Special Children's Trust at Wrenbury Hall.

We look forward to welcoming Myra Wood and the Wells Green Choir to entertain us on Thursday, 26th September and on 24th October a member of the Samaritans will be with us to talk about the work of this very important cause.

All are welcome to join us.

**Audrey**

Members recently welcomed Kavan Lomas to our meeting, giving a talk on 'The Funnyside of being a Paramedic' which was very interesting with his personal stories.

We now look forward to our Deanery Quiet Service, to be held here at St Mary's on Wednesday, 25th September. Service conducted by Revd Mike Turnbull with John Axon on the organ. Followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Our meeting on 16th October will be Revd Ken Sambrook, talking about his experience of the Taize Community and on 20th November a talk by Margaret Spate, about 'Crewe WW1 Quilt' - so lots to look forward to. December is of course the joint Carol Service with the Ladies Afternoon Group, December 11th, 2.15pm St Mary's, then again in the Hall for refreshments, including mince pies.

*Sue*



## Willaston WI

When Andrew Burroughs visited our meeting he talked about Scams, the problems that have arisen with modern technology. He talked of being aware and taking a five minute break to consider if it is genuine when someone requests private information, bank details etc. Members told of their own experiences and we were all surprised how often it happens. We will all be very cautious in the future.

Cath Reynolds is treating us to an early talk of "Tis The Season to be Jolly" in October and our competition is Christmas Cracker Jokes, that will be a fun evening!!

Pat Cotton Tel: 01270 664030



# From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 20th September 2019:

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

28 July Amelia Grace WINSTANLEY  
Georgia Grace O'REILLY-SHERRATT  
25 August Ebony Ellen Janet BROOMHALL  
Alfie Joe CAMPBELL



**WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together**  
None for this period



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

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

26 July	John Joseph BRAITHWAITE	82
26 July	Frederick Robert JUDGE	94
30 July	Barbara Elizabeth BLUNSTONE	72
31 July	Jane Ann Lingard SINCLAIR	74
5 August	Audrey DRYDEN	92
6 August	Joseph Henry CHADWICK	88
9 August	Baby JONES-MEACHIN	0
20 August	Beryl Edith HARDING	86
21 August	Mildred WAREING	93
23 August	Irene Mavis GIBSON	91
3 September	Robert BIRCHARD	72
18 September	Ada MANCLARK	96
24 September	Antony WARD	89



## **Commemoration Service at St Mary's, Sunday 3rd November at 6.30pm**



An opportunity to remember and give thanks to God for the life of those whom we love but see no longer. There will be an opportunity for your loved one's name to be read out and for you to light a candle in memory of them.



# 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.**



6th October Harvest Sunday, St  
Luke's 9am  
St Mary's 10.40am and 6pm  
Harvest Bring & Share Lunch in the Hall,  
after St Mary's Service

27th October  
3rd November  
10th November

Bible Sunday  
Commemoration Service, St Mary's, 6.30pm  
Remembrance Sunday  
at both Churches



1st December  
11th December  
15th December

Advent Sunday  
Salvation Army Toy Service, St Mary's  
Advent Lunch in the Church Hall, 12.15pm  
Christmas Craft Stall, after 10.40am service

*A Full list of Christmas Services will be published in the next edition  
and there will also be separate flyers.*

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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 November 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.*



Graham and Charlotte all set up for their stall at the recent Annual Duck Race and Model Boat Race at Joey the Swan



10th November Remembrance Sunday at both Churches