

## The Village Fete & a Rose Queen Family Connection

We had another fantastic Wistaston Village Fete this year and full credit to the Community Council for managing the transition to the new site so well.

Rachel Astbury (below) was crowned as the Wistaston Rose Queen for 2015 at the Fete on 20 June at which was held for the first time at Church Lane Academy. She was accompanied by her Attendant Chelsea. Rachel informed us that her chosen charity for the year will be Macmillan Cancer Support.



Outgoing Rose Queen, Lucy Rowland (Blue Cloak), along with her Attendant Charlotte, told the gathered crowds that she had raised just over £5000.00 which was to be split between Cancer Research UK & the Wistaston Scouts.

### A Family Connection

This year also brought a family connection to the past as Rachel's Great Aunt, Janet Lloyd (nee Brown) (pictured right) was

the Wistaston Rose Queen for 1947. Janet, formerly of Sandylands Park, has now retired to Kendal, Cumbria.

Well done to the Rose Queens and their attendants (pictured on the front cover) and we hope that Rachel & Chelsea have a fantastic year!

You can see more photos from the Fete day on our Facebook Page: [facebook.com/stmaryandstluke](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryandstluke)

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# Christian Life

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## The Wistaston Village Fete 2015



**Lucy gives her outgoing speech as Rose Queen and Rachel is crowned as the Rose Queen for 2015/16 assisted by their attendants Charlotte & Chelsea respectively.**



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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  
 6.30 p.m. Life Issues at St Luke's

(usually runs from May to Sept - please see the Notice Sheet for up to date details)

### 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 (10 mins) - 9.00 a.m. Mon, Tues and Thurs 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.

Please note that our diary is in two parts.

The regular services are detailed on page 11. Other items and variations are shown below.

- 4 October Harvest Sunday at St Mary's & St Luke's
- 16 October 50th Anniversary of the consecration of St Luke's
- 01 November 6:30pm Commemoration Service at St Mary's
- 08 November Remembrance Sunday

## Willaston International Worm Charming

On Saturday 27 June hundreds of people gathered for the Annual International Worm Charming at Willaston Primary School. It was a beautiful afternoon with many stalls and activities for younger people.



The worm charming took place with hundreds watching this amazing event! More details, including the results, can be found at [wormcharming.com](http://wormcharming.com).

You can watch a short video here: <https://youtu.be/j4ppWTy-mvQ>

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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 [revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk](mailto:revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk) or via the Church Office by:- 15 September 2015



## Mike writes... July 2015



Dear friends,  
As we move into the holiday period I'd like to share something of the sermon I preached on Sunday 19 July which a few people have spoken to me about. Here are a few points from the sermon.

Text: Mark 6.30,34-53,56  
"When we think of an imitation we may think of illegal copies of things, watches, jewellery, art, fashion, something that is not real or perhaps more accurately, genuine, and we'd be correct. But there is a positive side to the word imitation that perhaps we don't consider that often. A look in the dictionary gives us this definition: the action of using someone or something as a model.

So who is it that you imitate who is your role model if you like? As children it may have been our parents, as teenagers it may have been the latest film, sport or music star. But we grow older, we mature. So today, who is your role model? Who do you pattern your life upon? Who do you imitate? Who inspires you?

Up to now we've thought of other people being these things to us, but as Christians, Jesus should be

our role model. Imitating Jesus should be the essence of our lives. We should pattern our lives after Him. We should imitate Him in all that we do.

In His earthly life, Jesus was fully human and fully divine. On his human side He experienced all the feelings that we do. There were times when he was tired. There times when He was exhausted, physically and mentally. In today's reading from Mark we get to know Jesus on a human level. We see a Jesus who needed time to himself.

There were times when Jesus desired to withdraw from the crowds. We, too, should sometimes withdraw from the pressures we may have in our lives. Jesus was under continuous strain and needed rest. We, too, should take time to rest. In addition, Jesus needed time for prayer. And so we should set time aside for prayer."

I hope you have a great summer and also get some time for the above.

*Mike*



## Christian Aid Update

*From David Cannon, Crewe Area Treasurer*

**The total for the Crewe area was £7419.24.** A like-with-like comparison (to 2104) shows an overall increase of nearly £250. And this of course comes on top of the tremendous success of the Sponsored Swim in March. Thank you for all that you have done to make this result possible. Please let your collectors know of this year's success and how much their efforts are appreciated. The total raised through our churches here at St Mary's & St Luke's was: £1737.00

## June Confirmations

**We had ten candidates for Confirmation in June!**

All the candidates successfully completed a 6 week course of preparation prior to being Confirmed. Nine of the candidates (Rachel Astbury, Richard Austin, Naomi Barker, Joe Bellingham, Craig Bootz, Marcia Bootz, Ella Green, Ed Rhodes & Lucy Rowland) were confirmed at St Mary's on Sunday 7 June by Bishop Willie and one candidate (Fay McAvan) at St Peter's, Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon on Sunday 28 June by Bishop Peter.



## From the Parish Registers

*Entries up to 24 July 2015*

**BAPTISMS:** Welcome to the church family  
31 May Sophie Mai MOORE  
Tyler Louise ADAMS  
Jake Brian ADAMS  
Cora Mae EVANS  
Blake Harley EVANS  
14 June Thomas George BURDETT  
28 June Riley Alexander Nyle JONES  
Ellis GRAY



**CONFIRMATIONS:**  
**7 June at St Mary's, Wistaston by Bishop William Pwaisiho**

Rachel Ellen Astbury  
Richard Gibson Austin  
Naomi Elizabeth Barker  
Joseph James Bellingham  
Craig Justin Bootz  
Marcia Adoley Bootz  
Ella Imogen Green  
Edward Andrew Philip Rhodes  
Lucy Victoria Rowland



**28 June at St Peter's, Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon by Bishop Peter**  
Fay Lucy McAvan

**WEDDINGS:** May God bless them in their married life together   
4 July Christina PEARSON & Terence Andrew BUCKLEY

**FUNERALS:** May they rest in peace and joy  
(at church, or taken by minister of this parish at the crematorium)  
6 July Ronald (Roy) CLEWS 81  
14 July Jack Cecil ARMSTRONG 90  
20 July Derek John WALLEY 75  
24 July Irene JAMES 91



## Ladies Afternoon Group



At this time we are looking forward to our Summer Outing on Monday, July 27th.

We are going into Shropshire and finishing in Shrewsbury with time for shopping.

On August 27th we have our charity coffee afternoon with proceeds going to St Luke's Hospice. There will be a raffle, cakes stall, tombola and a book stall, so do come along, 2pm in the Church Hall.

Our Speaker on September 24th will be Mr Richard Batty 'Ukele Man'. We meet on the 4th Thursday at 2pm in the Church Hall.

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

We have just enjoyed our summer outing to Port Sunlight on the Wirral. Joined by other members of the church family and friends, everyone had a very enjoyable day, learning about the history of the 'village'. We were also treated to an impromptu organ recital at the local church.

August will be a quiet month with members celebrating 'Mary Sumner Day' on August 9th in their own way.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 16th September when members will be treated to a speaker from 'House of Colours' – come along to find out more what this will be about!! Of course, non-members are also always welcome. September 23rd will be a Deanery 'Quiet' Service, at All Saints, Crewe at 2pm, followed by refreshments.

**theW**  
Inspiring Women

## Willaston WI

Mary Brookshaw, dressed in the outfit she wore including her lovely hat, spoke about attending the Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. The thrill of entering by the front door, the red carpet, the Duchess of Cornwall, the Countess of Wessex, Princess Alexandra and the Duchess of Gloucester ; cups of tea, scrumptious cakes and 8000 well dressed ladies enjoying fun and friendship made this a fabulous day.

Susan Leicester told us about privileges she enjoys and the life she leads when visiting her daughter and son in law who works for President Obama in The White House. Pat Cotton

## St Luke's Church will be 50 this year!



Did you know that St Luke's Church will be 50 year old in October? Well it is! On Saturday 16 October 1965 the Dedication Service was held at 7:30pm conducted by the then Bishop of Chester, Gerald Ellison.

Plans are underway on how we will celebrate it's 50th "birthday" and details will be given out as and when we have them. In the meantime please keep the date of the 16/17 October in your minds and on your calendars.



### Easy Fund-Raising for St Mary's & St Luke's

**[easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)** is a great way to

raise valuable funds for our church, just by shopping online. By signing up for Easy Fund-raising and opting for the donation reminder each time you shop with your favourite retailers

the church will receive commission. Most of the large retailers are part of this scheme such as Amazon, M&S, Sainsburys, John Lewis etc. You can also opt for gift aid by clicking my settings under the My Account tab.

## A "Thank You" from the Howells



Rob, Joel and Alison wish to say a very sincere thank you to all those who supported 'the Grand Day Out' either by coming or donating towards the event.

Although the day was quite emotional for us it was also a tremendous success as over £2,200 was raised for Ceri's memorial fund. All of this will support the vital work of CRY eg literature, bereavement support, research, a specialist pathology laboratory, support for those young people living with a heart condition and preventive heart screening for young people.

It is our longer term aim to raise enough funds to organise a local memorial heart screening in memory of our daughter, Ceri, which we know will help to prevent other families suffering the same tragic loss that we have experienced. Many thanks again.

## Lucy Rowland writes about her year as Rose Queen

During my time as Rose Queen the past twelve months have been an utterly incredible experience, I enjoyed every moment of it from the day I was crowned right up until the day I past the crown over. I loved organising the events, working with Charlotte my attendant and the events themselves. I have got so much out of the year, for example I have met new people, done some new things, it's brought me closer to my family working together as a team, I visited the Patterson Institute for Cancer Research, but best of all I've made a new best



friend with Charlotte. Throughout the year after all the organising of my events; the sponsored men's leg wax, concert, bingo evening and other events such as selling cakes both at church and at school we have raise £5008.32.

The money raised will be split evenly between my two charities Cancer Research UK and Wistaston Scout Hut. There are so many people that I need to thank as without them I wouldn't have raised even close to the amount I



have, therefore I would like to thank Mike for giving me the opportunity, everyone that has supported me by coming to my events, those that have been a massive help helping at the events, those 11 brave men who took part in the sponsored men's leg wax, the Co-op Band, Charlotte and her amazing family and my amazing family. I really appreciate the support Charlotte and I have got from so many people.

Finally I would like to wish Rachel the new Rose Queen and Chelsea her attendant the best of luck for their upcoming year, I know you will do so well in raising money for Macmillan and I hope you enjoy yourselves as much as we did.

Thank you.

Lucy Rowland

## YOUTH matters

## Youth Events & News

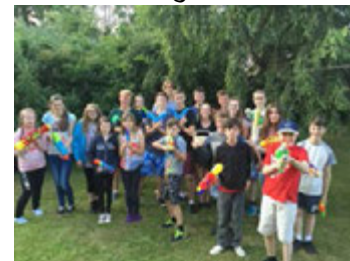
### Junior Church News

Junior Church had it's final session of the school year on Sunday 19 July with a morning of fun & games in the Rectory Garden (pictures below). This year we have had contact with over 40 young people on a regular basis, from babies through to those home from university! A big "thank you" to all our Junior Church Leaders and helpers for the great work they do through the year. I know that they would appreciate more help from time to time from any parents of the Junior Church who would like to offer - please let Mike the Rector know if you could help in this way.



**JC Extra** (this group meets on the final Friday of each month - apart from July!!)

It was also fun and games at the July JC Extra evening on 17 July. Again it was fun and games, but this time there was a water theme to the evening!!



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