

JOB VACANCY

St Mary's Wistaston
Vacancy - Part Time Administrator
(Ref: PA/2015/12)

We have a Vacancy for a Part Time Administrator in the Church Office at St Mary's Wistaston beginning in January 2016

As part of a 'Job Share' this post is for 12 hours (of the 15 hours of the full post) at £8.25/hour, 3 hours per day, Monday to Thursday, 9.30am to 12.30pm (there is a degree of flexibility on timings, please see the Job Description for full details).

The role will be to act as Administrator to the Rector. Based in the Church Office on Church Lane you will help to develop and manage the general administration of the Parish Church and to administer the Church Hall, representing the Church in the absence of the clergy.

Essential skills needed would include: a working knowledge of MS Office: Outlook (Inbox & Calendar), Word and Publisher, dealing with people via the phone and in person in a polite and professional manner and possess good organisational and administration skills.

To find out more about this post please download a Job Description and, if required an Application Form, from our website <http://bit.ly/pajob2015>. These are also available from the Parish Office on 01270 567119 or email office@stmaryswistaston.org.uk. Or feel free to have an informal chat with Sue (current post holder) and/or Mike The Rector.

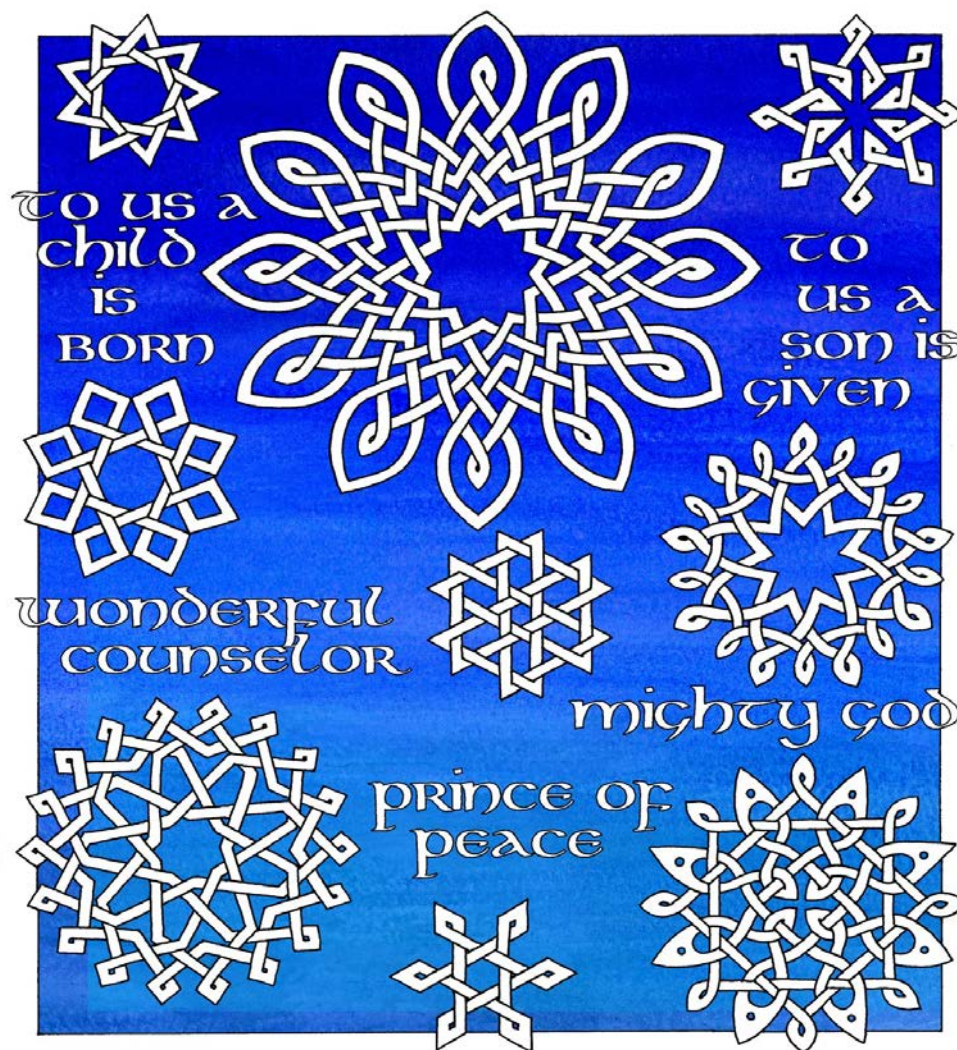
- **Closing Date for Applications: 18 December 2015**
- **Interviews will be held week of 4 January 2016**
- **Envisaged job commencement: 18 January 2016**
- **The offer of a job would be subject to the successful completion of an enhanced DBS check.**

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Diocese of Chester

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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	13 Strathaven Avenue, Wistaston	568300
Stepping Stones	Via Church Office	Church Lane, Wistaston	567119
Ladies Afternoon Group	Marian Carter	4 Church View Walk Wistaston	568629



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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 1st hymn.

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.

- 06 December Toy Service 10:40am at St Mary's
- 09 December 2:15pm Lag/MU Carol Service at St Mary's
- 13 December 6:30pm Uniformed Organisations Christingle Service
- 19 December 6:30pm Carols on the Green
- 20 December 9am St Luke's Carol Service
- 20 December 6:30pm Nine Lessons & Carols at St Mary's
- 24 December 6:30pm Nativity & Crib Service at St Mary's
- 24 December 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 25 December 9am (St Luke's) & 10:40am (St Mary's) Holy Communion
- 18 January 16 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

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



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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 or via the Church Office by:- 15 January 2016



St Mary's

Mike writes...

November 2015



St Luke's

Advent Sunday is/was on 29 November this year and we have four Sundays in Advent leading us up to Christmas Day.

At church, we mark this by lighting an Advent Candle, on our Advent Wreath, on each of the Sundays of Advent, at home you may mark Advent by having an Advent Calendar that counts down the days to Christmas or perhaps your own candle.



Advent marks the beginning of a new year in the church calendar and we begin to prepare and look ahead to the coming of Jesus, both as a baby at Christmastime, and to when he shall return in all his glory as King.

Advent, then, is a time of preparation, often thought of as a time of darkness waiting for the light of Christ to come into the world. I hope that you get the opportunity to prepare yourself during Advent for the coming of Christ, perhaps to set some

time aside in the busyness that inevitably precedes Christmas, time to prepare, to ponder, to wonder, to be amazed that God sent his Son into the world for you!

If you'd like explanation of what Advent is in two minutes then there is a great video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/S02K0lw7dIA>

So as we head towards Christmas, through Advent, we have some fantastic services at both of our churches to help prepare and focus you this Advent, you can find them on page 10 of this magazine and there are full details on our website.

So may I take this opportunity to wish a blessed Advent, a joyous and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mike

Welcome to the New Rectory!

As many of you will know Sarah, Becca and myself moved house in October and into the new Rectory for the Parish. The address is 104 Church Lane, Wistaston, Crewe, CW2 8ER (phone number remains 665742) and it is less than 1/2 mile from St Mary's heading towards Joey the Swan. It is a fantastic house and I'm sure it will serve the parish well as did the last Rectory for past 60 years.

We had an open day on 13 November and were delighted that over 70 people could join us to view the house and share in some refreshments. We know that some of you couldn't make it that day and so we are going to have an open afternoon on Saturday 16 January, 2pm - 4pm, we hope if couldn't make the last one you can make it to this.



For those of you wondering about the old Rectory, as I write it is up for Let (which is what the Diocese do initially as a matter of course) and will be sold next year as a house and land. There are no plans by the Diocese to demolish it, but of course whoever buys it may decide to redevelop the house and/or the site. Mike the Rector.



Health & Safety

Following advice from our insurers earlier this year the PCC have now implemented a Health & Safety Policy which covers St Luke's, St Mary's and the Church Hall. If you regularly hire, work or help out at one or more of these buildings we strongly advise that you take a look at it and become familiar with it. We hope that through this policy we will have safer buildings and working practices. To save on printing costs and paper we have made the policy available on our website at the address below, however if you would like a paper copy you can request one from the Church Office. Mike & Simon your Churchwardens. <http://bit.ly/hspolicy15>

From the Parish Registers

Entries up to 22 November 2015

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

25 October Amelia Elizabeth O'Neill



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

10 October Elaine HUNTER &
James Andrew JACKSON



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

29 September	Joyce May JONES	83
2 November	Reginald UDALL	93
4 November	Gordon John GREY	73
17 November	Norman GOODALL	92
20 November	Rhoda Elizabeth ROCK	81



The Pope and the Bible

Pope Francis has described his love for his Bible "If you could see my Bible, you would not be particularly impressed," he says. But "it has been with me in my times of joy and times of tears. It is my most precious treasure. I live out of it, and I wouldn't give anything in the world for it." He was writing in the recent prologue of the German edition of the Youcat Bible.

Welcome

Welcome, Jesus baby
To a world that is waiting,
Welcome, Jesus baby
To a world needing joy,
Thank you for the presents
That you bring us on your birth day,
Peace, love and hope
Wrapped in one baby boy.

By Daphne Kitching



Ladies Afternoon Group



Our Speaker for November is John White, who is continuing his

'Walk Through Wistaston' with slides.

On Thursday December 3rd we have our Christmas Lunch at The Waverley Hotel in Crewe and to finish our year we have our Carol Service on Wednesday, December 9th at 2.15pm, together with the Mothers' Union, followed by tea & mince pies in the Church Hall.

In January 2016 we have our A.G.M followed by tea & cakes and hopefully we will have a new Chairman.

A Happy Christmas to everyone and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

We have just had our November meeting, where unfortunately the Speaker was unable to attend. However, we had a number of notices to get through, including notification of the subscriptions for 2016. Jenny and Daphne had attended the Diocesan Council meeting to give us this information. These have been held at the same as this year: £21.00 (£40.00 joint membership). This money, together with the cost of the New Year Lunch of £15.00 (if attending) will be collected between now and the end of the year. The joint Carol Service with Ladies Afternoon Group is nearly upon us as I write this and hopefully our Prayer Partners will join us from Wheelock. Then, as mentioned earlier, we will have our New Year Lunch on Wednesday, 20th January, 2016 at the Swan at Wybunbury.

theW
the women's union

Willaston WI

We enjoyed an "educational" meeting when Peter Turner spoke of mind suggestion games. Cries of "I didn't know that" were heard when he told us that you cannot tickle yourself or say the letters b.m.p.and w. without closing your lips.

Ray Rush visited us in November and spoke of the historical origins of words and phrases in use today, a very interesting evening.

We are looking forward to a Christmas meal and singing carols in December; happy times.

Thanks to everyone who bought our 100 year celebration recipe book.

YOUTH
matters

Youth Events & News

Junior Church News

Nativity rehearsals are well under way for the Nativity Play which, as usual, will be on Christmas Eve at 6.30pm at St Mary's. Please arrive early as it's always a full house!!



"I'm sorry Michael – even if you HAVE changed your ring-tone to 'Away In-A-Manger', it's still ALL mobiles OFF!"

JCEXtra

JCEXtra, our year 7's and above, are having a trip out to Jump Nation in Manchester on Friday. Jump Nation is a massive warehouse filled with trampolines (floor and walls) for the young people to bounce on. I'm sure the night will have it's ups and downs 😊

HOST
UK

Charity HOST is seeking friendly people who could volunteer to offer an invitation to adult international students for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Learn about other cultures, welcome a guest far from home, and make the world a little friendlier! To be put in touch with your local organiser, visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292

St Luke's 50th Celebrations!

We had a marvellous weekend of celebrations and thanksgiving as we came together to celebrate 50 years of mission & ministry at St Luke's Willaston. We began on

Friday 16 October with a service of Evening Prayer which finished at the time when the church would have been dedicated 50 years before. On **Saturday 17 October** St Luke's was full to capacity as we were entertained by Willaston Primary Academy Choir and had the opportunity to share memories over a cup of tea whilst looking at various memorabilia around the church. The celebrations ended on **Sunday 18 October** with a Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service at 9am.

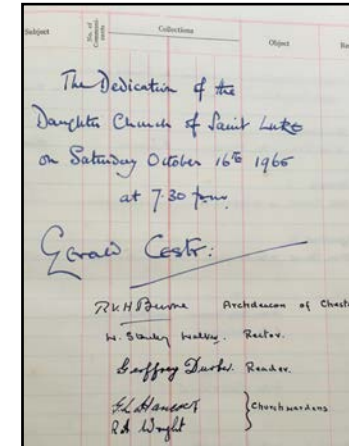
The Saturday afternoon concluded with a **Songs of Praise Service** at which many peoples' favourite hymns and memories were shared (see the page opposite for a section of these memories) about the people and times of St Luke's. We also sang a special song written for the occasion by Don Savage and a special moment of the afternoon was when Edith Ridgway cut the cake!



A selection of memories about St Luke's...

- I used to attend services held in the Scout Hut in Park Rd which were taken by Revd Morgan-Wynne. I met with the late Mrs Poynton at the crossing corner and we went to service together. Edith
- I remember the Bishop changing at Betty Chud's house prior to conducting service of Dedication at St Luke's in 1965. June
- New entrance doors were fitted in memory of three loyal members of St Luke's - Marian Gaskell, Evelyn Mason & Norman Walsh. Norman followed Muriel as organist. Don
- One of my treasured memories is that every Sunday we picked up Evelyn Mason, Tina Jones and Marion Gaskell... we all shared a very happy time together never to be forgotten. Jean
- As a recent member of St Luke's I have always been welcomed by the community - they have always shown warmth and love and I really appreciate this. Frances
- Paul Wilkinson was the strength during this period and so well supported by his wife, Barbara,

He was an inspiration and worked so hard to enliven interest in the church and reach out to Willaston. Don



The page in the Service Book from the Dedication Service

- Arriving two years ago in Willaston - we were quickly made welcome to St Luke's fellowship. Jim
- I started attending St Luke's in 1991. I walked to church with Mrs Durber and she introduced me to Betty Chud & Mrs Hancock. Mrs Durber asked me help with the Raffle at the Christmas Fayre and I've been doing it

ever since! Daphne

- My earliest memories are of my parents being involved at St Luke's from the very beginning and attending the Dedication Service... we have found St Luke's to be a friendly and welcoming place of worship. Suzy & Brian
- I was new to Willaston Village and, along with Freda Lewis and Miss Bailey, walked to the hut to join Millicent Durber. After the dedication of St Luke's we walked together to our new church. Freda & I were on the cleaning rota to vacuum the red carpet runner. Helena