

## St Luke's Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all those who organised and attended St Luke's Christmas Fayre in November 2014. It was a lovely morning and an amazing £1500.00 (with Barclays match funding thanks to Daphne) was raised to go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the building.



## Confirmation Service 2015

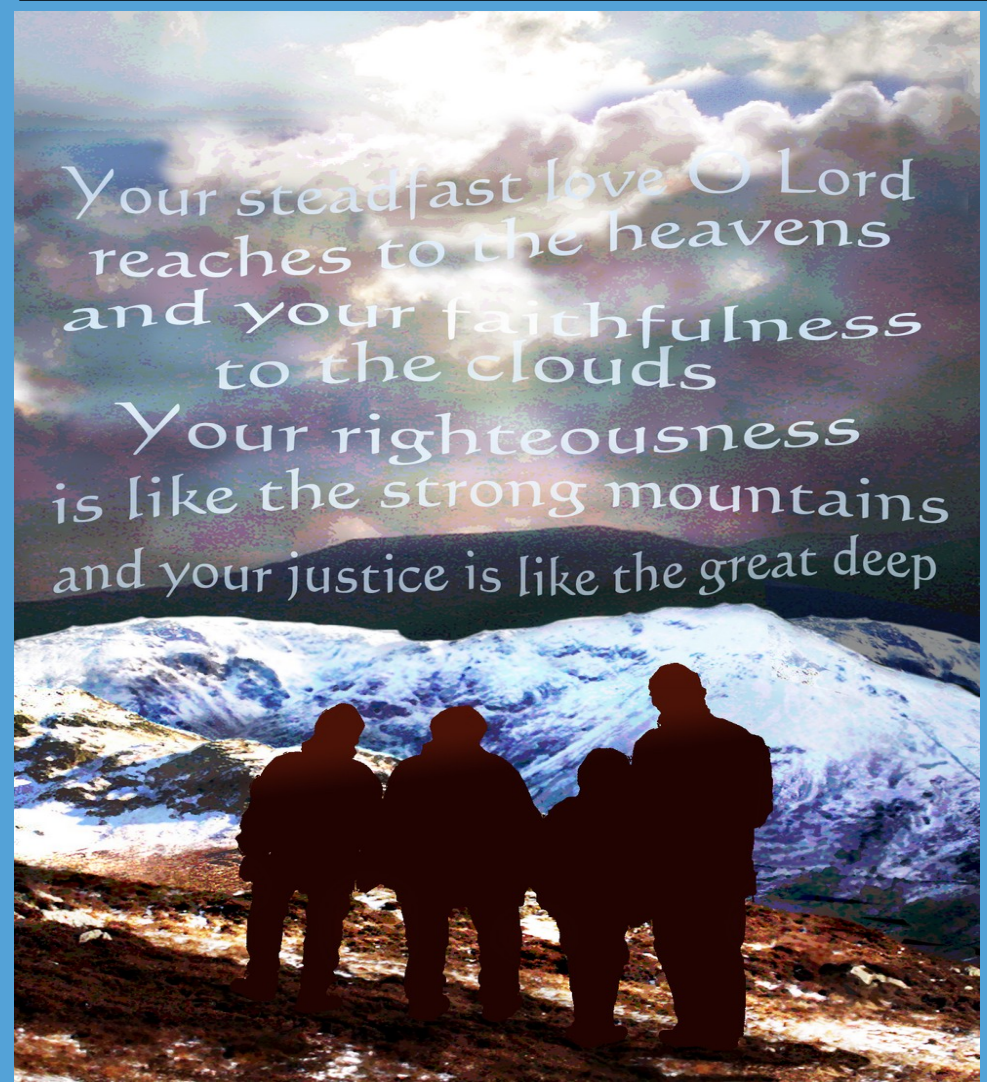
We have a Confirmation Service on Sunday 7th June at 6pm at St Mary's which will be conducted by the Bishop of Stockport.

If you would like to be Confirmed this year please see the Rector asap. Preparation will begin the week commencing 13 April and run for 6 weeks.



# Christian Life

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Serving the communities of Rope, Willaston & Wistaston.



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Diocese of Chester

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<b>Ladies Afternoon Group</b>	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 1<sup>st</sup> hymn.

**1** **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.

- 08 February 2:30pm Wistaston Parish Council Civic Service at St Mary's
- 10 February 7:30pm Deanery Synod at Wrenbury
- 18 February Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins  
Holy Communion at 10am & 7:30pm at St Mary's  
W/C 23 February Lent Groups Begin
- 07 March Christian Aid Sponsored Swim
- 16 March 7:30pm PCC Meeting at St Luke's
- 26 March 2:15pm Ladies Afternoon Group Lent Service at St Mary's
- 03 April Good Friday
- 05 April Easter Day
- 26 April Annual Parochial Church Meeting with Bring 'n' Share
- 07 June Confirmation Service with Bp Libby - 6pm at St Mary's

**Easter Services**

St Mary's unless stated otherwise



**Maundy Thursday (02 April)**

7:30pm Holy Communion (St Luke's Willaston)

**Good Friday (03 April)**

- 11am - All Age Worship - a special service for younger ones with a craft activity on this Holy Day
- 2pm - An Hour at the Cross - a meditative service with readings and music

**Easter Sunday (05 April)**

- 9am - Easter Holy Communion (St Luke's Willaston)
- 10:40am - Easter Holy Communion for all ages

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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 March 2015



**Mike writes...  
February 2015**



Dear friends,

It seems like we've only just said goodbye to Christmas and Lent is upon us!

Lent is an important season in the Church's calendar, important because it gives us the opportunity to reflect and prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter.

I would encourage you to do *something* for Lent, something different to what you may normally do.

Many people give up something for Lent, and this is good, but perhaps as well as that you may consider taking up something new!

You may want to consider reading a Christian Book, reading or listening to a book of the Bible. I can highly recommend *Reflections for Lent 2015* (978-0715144602) available on Amazon (£4.99) as a paperback or a Kindle edition.

If this is not for you, you may consider setting aside 15 mins each day to pray and listen to God.

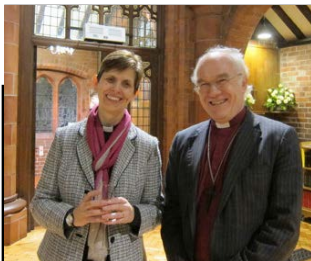
Once again this year we will be running Lent Groups at Ken & Sheena's (Sunday evening), the Rectory (Thursday evening) & St Luke's (Friday morning) all commencing week beginning 22 February for 5 weeks. More details will follow on the Notice Sheet nearer the time.

As we approach Lent I would encourage you to attend one of the Ash Wednesday (18 Feb) Communion services we have at St Mary's, 10am & 7:30pm.

Whatever you do this Lent I hope that it helps you prepare for the great celebration of Easter as we will once again proclaim the Risen Lord!

*Mike*





## The New Bishop of Stockport

The new Bishop of Stockport – and the first woman bishop in the history of the Church of England – is the Revd Libby Lane. Libby’s appointment was

announced on Wednesday 17 December.

Aged 48, Libby is married to the Revd George Lane, 46, who is the co-ordinating chaplain at Manchester Airport. They have two adult children.

Libby was consecrated as the 8th Bishop of Stockport at a ceremony at York Minister on Monday 26 January 2015.

The Bishop of Chester, the Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster, said: “Libby has had a varied and distinguished ministry, and is currently a first-rate parish priest. She has already demonstrated her ability to contribute nationally through her representative role in the House of Bishops, on behalf of the north-west England dioceses.

“As the first woman bishop in the Church of England she will face many challenges as well as enjoying many opportunities to be an ambassador for Jesus Christ. I have no doubt that she has the gifts and determination to be an outstanding bishop.”

**Bishop Libby will be with us at St Mary’s on Sunday 7 June at 6pm for our Confirmation Service.**



### Christian Aid Helpers

Sarah and Mike (Turnbull) are looking for a person, or persons, to help with the preparation of the Christian Aid Rounds. This would involve, in early May, bundling the Rounds into bags along with other leaflets etc. If this is something you could help with please let Sarah or Mike know. 01270 665742 or mfturnbull@gmail.com

## From the Parish Registers

*Entries up to 22 January 2015*

### BAPTISMS: Welcome to our church family

23 November	Poppy CUNLIFFE
30 November	Mathew Timothy VERLING
	Harry David PULLAR
	Albie Christopher Loue DOYLE
6 December	Jake Kenneth GALLAGHER
	Lewis Vaughan GALLAGHER



### WEDDING BLESSING:

6 December Katie & Jez GALLAGHER



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

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

4 December	Neil McWALTER	77
10 December	Ronald THORLEY	76
16 December	Kathleen Mary McCARTHY	79
15 January	Dennis HARDERN	84
15 January	Joan Isabela MANLEY	88
19 January	Betty Barbara GREEN	87
20 January	Jonathan Joseph AMES	91
22 January	Pearl Phoebe MIRANDA	88



### Prayer for February - By Daphne Kitching

Dear Lord,  
February can seem such a bleak, mid-winter month, often flavoured with 'flu and bad weather. But actually, the days are lengthening. There are snowdrops and other signs of new life, if we look expectantly. Spring is beckoning. Open our eyes, Lord, to see the wonders of your creation, even in February. May we appreciate the rhythms of the seasons you designed for us, and rejoice in the hope you have given us in Jesus, who came to wonderfully re-create, to make all things new, by his death and resurrection. Thank you Father for life-signs in February - and thank you especially for the new life-sign of Jesus. Amen.

## Ladies Afternoon Group



At the start of a new year and under a new name, our first meeting will be our A.G.M

on Thursday, January 22nd at 2pm in the Church Hall.

On February 26th we have a talk by Nicola Cooke, 'Love Food or Hate It'.

Our Lent Service will be at 2.15pm on Thursday, March 26th in St Mary's, followed by refreshments in the Hall.

Dates for your diary are the Lent Lunches on February 25th, March 11th and March 25th. Looking forward to a good attendance.

**Mothers' UNION**  
Christian care for families

Members are currently looking forward to our 'Christmas' meal at the Crewe Arms on January 21st. This will be followed by an enrolment service on Wednesday, 4th February at St Mary's, during the Holy Communion service at 10am. Jenny Hall will be commissioned as our Branch Leader and we will enrol two new members: Jean Watson and Marian Carter; as well as welcoming 'officially' Betty Russell, who joined us last year from Bangor Diocese. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to join (and carry on the work of) the Ministry of Mothers' Union.

February 18th will be our A.G.M. No meeting in March but the Deanery Lady Day Service will be on Wednesday, March 25th at 11am at St Matthew, Haslington, followed by a Bring & Share Lunch. Lifts will be available for those members who need transport. If you wish to know about what we do please do ask Jenny, Sue (Secretary) or Daphne (Treasurer). There are also leaflets and programmes in the Porches of both Churches.

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## Willaston WI

We held our January meeting on a cold and stormy night and 60 members were treated to an informative and very humorous evening entitled "It's not what you say, it's the way that you say it"

We were taken on a regional tour of Britain by Derek Poulson who spoke in each regional dialect explaining their origins and using well known greetings and phrases in a very entertaining way. A happy meeting with lots of laughter.

At our February meeting Meeting Jones will talk of "40 Years in Education". For details contact M. Monks tel: 01270 623062

## 'A Grand Day Out' - Saturday, 28 March 2015 10.30am-5.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Wistaston

A Grand Day Out is a fundraising event to celebrate the life of Ceri Palmer Howells, an amazing young lady who was a former Wistaston Rose Queen and active member of the local community. Ceri died suddenly in March 2014 at the young age of 22 years from sudden arrhythmic death syndrome S.A.D.S. This is a little known condition that causes at least 12 young people to die



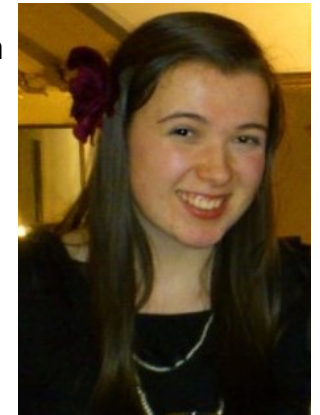
every week in the UK.

Ceri's family are keen to support the work of Cardiac Risk in the Young - CRY, a charity that funds research into the condition and helps support bereaved families.

The day will feature great food, fun activities, a grand prize draw and an opportunity to find out more about the work of CRY and how you can help.

Tickets are £5, which includes entrance to the event and a cream tea or savoury option. Tickets are available from St Mary's Church Office, 01270 567119, office@stmaryswistaston.org.uk, Ceri's website: [www.ceriabigail.org.uk](http://www.ceriabigail.org.uk) or direct from Robert and Alison Howells on 01270 569327.

If you are unable to join us but would like to donate, we are happy to receive donations to Ceri's memorial fund, which is in aid of the vital work of CRY. For more information about CRY please go to [www.c-r-y.org.uk](http://www.c-r-y.org.uk).



**Our Branch Leader Jenny Hall writes:**

The Mothers' Union is an international Christian charity with over 4 million member in 81 countries worldwide. The members are not all mothers or even all women, but single, married, parents, grandparents or young adults just beginning to express their social conscience, who are confirmed in the Christian faith and support our Vision and Aims and Objects.

The organisation provides a network through which members can serve Christ in their own community - through prayer, financial support and actively working at the grassroots level in programmes that meet local needs. We lobby local and national governments on issues affecting family life and campaign to challenge legislation that neglects the vulnerable and marginalised. We are also represented at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women since 2000.

In the Chester diocese our members helped to establish the Macclesfield Contact Centre for families that are divided. We attend Wedding Fairs, provide a Mother and Baby Facility at the Cheshire Show, run Parenting Courses, help visitors to the Young Offenders Prison at Thorn Cross, fund the Away-from-it-all holidays for families who have experienced domestic violence or who may just need time to reassess the family unit. Two of our deaneries run the Virtual Baby scheme which are

taken into schools (year 10, 14 to 15 year old girls and boys), the children explore the reality of looking after a baby for the weekend.

We have received funding from Comic Relief for the Literacy and Financial Education Programme this enables some of the most marginalised communities in the world to meet Millennium Development Goals of reducing poverty, increasing the participation of women and girls in education and employment, tackling HIV/AIDS and improving family health and relationships. The groups are open to everyone, crossing the boundaries of religion, age, gender or tribe. Thus offering opportunity for business development, and setting up community savings and loan groups, as well as participating in household decision making, community politics and leadership.

The "Buy buy Childhood" campaign has been ongoing since August 2010 to challenge the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood as we believe that children should be valued as children not as consumers, yet marketers target children in order to reach the household purse. Our CEO, Mr Reg Bailey was asked by the Prime Minister to look into this aspect and we are now seeing the recommendations of the Bailey Review being implemented. It has gained support from across the different party MP's, engaged with regulatory bodies, advertising and media organisations and other charities concerned about the issue.

We had another great Rose Queen Event as the Brownies put on a Panto. What was really special about this was that it was a Panto that was written many years ago by June Wallace for her Brownie Pack and it was performed in memory of her to raise funds for our Rose Queen's



charities.

The Church Hall was packed with parents and folk from church and the Brownies did an excellent job - it was that good that they performed it twice!



Money was raised through the evening for Lucy's charities. Well done to everyone!



**Christian Aid Sponsored Swim 2015**  
**This will be held at Crewe Swimming Pool in Flag Lane on Saturday 7 March, 6pm to 8pm**

We are hoping that we will have a team once again from St Mary's - if you would like to take part then please let Sarah Turnbull know as soon as possible. There will be a team Sponsor Form in Church during February.

*The proceeds this year will go to a project called Food for Change and will help increase food security for communities in Northern Burkina Faso.*

*The EU is match funding this project 1:5 so for every £1 raised £6 will go to the project.*