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'Even Solomon in all his
glory was not clothed
like one of these.'

Matthew 6:29

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Ladies Afternoon Group	Kath Jones	9 Dovecote Close Wistaston	666238



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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.

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.

- 07 June Confirmation Service with Bp Willie - 6pm at St Mary's
- 20 June Wistaston Village Fete (Wistaston Church Lane Academy Grounds)
- 27 June Willaston Worm Charming (Willaston Primary School)
- 04 July Music Night fundraising event in the Hall, for Sam Barker & Matty Astbury to go to Cambodia in the Hall, Tickets via the church office: £5

St Mary's & St Luke's Mens' Group



Did you know that the Mens' Group at Church now has a page on the Church Website?

Why not take a look and see what is planned? Any ideas/suggestions for the group please let Howard know through the online form.

stmaryswistaston.org.uk/mens-group.html

"Man shall not live by chips alone!"

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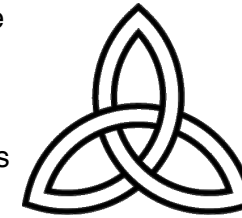
Your contributions to Christian Life are always welcome. Please pass your items for the next edition direct to the editor on revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk or via the Church Office by:- 15 July 2015



**Mike writes...
Trinity 2015**



Symbols are a very important part of our daily lives. What is it they say? "A picture can paint a thousand words". We take so many symbols for granted day by day as we go through our daily lives. Some are there to warn us of danger or hazards and others are there to give us information. I guess the biggest use of symbols in place of words is on the roads, drivers will know (or at least should know!) from a sign just what speed they can safely do, be informed of a hazard, or merely be told if there is a place of historic interest nearby. All of these, and many other non road symbols, help us in our daily lives. Quite simply symbols replace the need for a lot of words or even help when there may not be the correct words to display.



God can be three coexisting persons is a struggle for us to take in. In fact, many theologians and preachers (myself included!) have struggled over the centuries to find the right words to inform people of the nature of the Trinity - as they say, "Much ink has been spilt". I have often come down to using something visual like: a tripod, one tripod but three legs that make it work, or, an egg, we speak of an egg yet it is made up of a shell, white and yoke! You begin to get the picture. When we see something, when we can visualise something, when we see a symbol, it can point us in the right direction to understanding things.

So take a fresh look at the symbol above, reflect on the nature of God as Trinity and upon the enormity of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and then be amazed! Amazed that this God whom we have just reflected upon, who is out of our thought register, whom we struggle to fit into our worldview, is the same God who created and loves you. Wow!!

I wonder what you see when you look at the symbol above? It is one of the most commonly used symbols to represent the Trinity, that is God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three Persons, One God. The Trinity is one of the great mysteries of our Christian faith - as human beings we struggle to take in the enormity of God, that

Mike

Would you like to help lead public worship?

Great! Then join us on: "Leading Public Worship"
A 4-week course to help people think about what we're doing when we lead worship. Attendance doesn't authorise you to lead public worship, but it's a great way for those who have been involved in leading for a while, or who would like to be more involved in that, to reflect on what leading others in worship is about and become better equipped for the job.

Please talk with your Vicar to see if this is a good idea for you.

Dates: Mondays 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th June Time: 7.45 till 9.15pm

Venue: St Chad's Wybunbury (there's large car park at the back) note this is NOT the same as the Tower in Wybunbury.

The course will be led by Rev Michael Leyden and Rev Helen Chantry. If you would like more info please ring Helen on 01270811543 or email helenchantry@btopenworld.com. There are booking forms in both churches.



Christian Aid Week

£1736.00 was raised this year for

Christian Aid Week through our door-to-door collection (which is a £236 increase on last year!). According to the Christian Aid Website that would buy 12 Life Changing Cows!!

Thank you to all who collected, gave & counted - what a fantastic effort! If you haven't had a chance to give then it's not too late give online at: <http://t.co/ZqBHix3uS>

From the Parish Registers

Entries up to 28 May 2015

BAPTISMS: *Welcome to the church family*
22 March Wren Annice MITCHELL
Richard Underwood ADAMS
Ellen Elizabeth Adeley BOOTZ
29 March Douglas Jack STOCKTON
Eva Elizabeth CAMPBELL
Dougie Ted SHAW
Sophie Michelle PARKER
26 April Ella Louise ROBINSON-PARRY
Isabelle Ann ROBINSON-PARRY
Jayden Alan BROOMHALL



WEDDINGS: *May God bless them in their married life together*
6 May Nicholas Alexander Piers Sascha BUSS &
Adele Louise NORMAN



FUNERALS: *May they rest in peace and joy*
(at church, or taken by minister of this parish at the crematorium)

23 March	Eileen Jennifer SHIRT	71	
24 March	Malcolm Denholm WRIGHT		65
30 March	John Michael KINSEY	75	
7 April	Joyce SIMPSON	82	
13 April	Marjorie Joan Thomson SIME		86
27 April	Ronald Edward MITCHELL	92	
28 April	Joan Audrey PUGH	87	
5 May	Peter Harvey GREENHALGH		71
7 May	Yohanna MACINTYRE	81	
18 May	Michael WYCHERLEY	81	
19 May	Shirley HARVEY		
21 May	Leslie Bernard WOODBRIDGE		71
28 May	Lydia Mary WILKINSON	98	
28 May	Katharine Grace ASTBURY		47



Ladies Afternoon Group

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families



Our annual lunch was held at The Rising Sun and 31 members

attended which was excellent, and everyone enjoyed it. On May 28th 'A Walk through Wistaston' is the title of a slide and talk show by Mr John White and on June 25th 'My Part in Defeating Hitler', a talk by the very entertaining Mr Ray Cowdall.

The venue for our Summer Outing in July has been arranged for July 27th. Further details later. Everyone is welcome to our meetings on the 4th Thursday at 2pm, in the Church Hall.

A total of £190 was raised at the recent Afternoon Tea fundraising event at St Luke's. This will be sent to one of the projects supported by the Mothers' Union. Thanks to everyone involved in making the day a success. A few of our members attended the Diocesan Festival at Chester Cathedral on 12th May when the new Chaplain Revd Canon Chris Humphries, was commissioned. On May 20th the Speaker will be a Becky Hurst from Christian Aid and in June, we will be looking forward to our Social Lunch with our Prayer Partners, on 17th at 12.15pm. This will be a bring and share lunch. Our summer outing this year will be to Port Sunlight, on Tuesday 14th July. The cost is £16 per person, which includes the coach, museum and guided tour on the coach in the afternoon. Exact timings nearer the date. Cheques made payable to The Mothers' Union.



Willaston WI

We recently heard from Dalton Boot (orthopaedic surgeon) about his life's work in Cambodia, treating victims of polio and raising funds to build hospitals, improve standards of medical treatment and train medical staff in this very poor country.

In June Camilla Duchess of Cornwall will host a Buckingham Palace Garden Party and Mary Brookshaw was thrilled to be chosen to represent our WI. at this centenary celebration of the NFWI.

We are busy baking cakes to be served at the Cheshire Show and looking forward to a Social Evening and a Cream Tea hosted by Jennifer Jones

Pat Cotton

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We had our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 26 April.

Thank you to all who attended and share in a marvellous Bring and Share Lunch.

The results of the elections were as follows:

Mike Carter & Simon Bartholomew were appointed as the Wardens for the coming year. Thank you to them for the past year and we look forward to having them as our Wardens for a further year.



We had nine spaces on the PCC and there were six nominations. Elected to the PCC for three years were Sylvia Davey, Marcia Bootz, Margaret Shephard, Peter Brookfield, Daphne Gregory & Joy Chaplow. Thank you to them and to all who serve on the PCC through the year.

We finished off the meeting in a fun way as Lucy, our Rose Queen, ran a Beetle Drive - see, church meetings can be fun!!



Smilelines...

Techie trouble

The vicar at our local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone."

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."

With Petertide ordinations in mind...

First friend: 'It took me forty years to discover I had not the gifts for Holy Orders.'

Second friend: 'Goodness, whatever did you do when you found out?'

First friend: 'It was too late to do anything. By then I was a bishop!'

6 top tips for reading the Bible

The Bible isn't an easy book to read, but it's worth sticking at, said theologian Dr Paula Gooder. Speaking at the Christian Resources Exhibition at London's ExCeL Centre, Dr Gooder said, 'The Bible can seem overwhelming, boring and difficult, but a few basic tips can help you understand it more straightforwardly.'



Dr Gooder's 6 top tips for reading the Bible

1. Understand the historical context in which the Bible is written. Even the newest bits are 2,000 years old. So start asking yourself questions about it and Google the answers.
2. Read things in context. It's easy to take verses, or sometimes whole stories, out of context, by reading them by themselves.
3. Read what's actually there, rather than what you think might be there. This is particularly true for famous verses. So slow it down and chew it over.
4. We all bring our own experiences to the Bible. So, it's really helpful to read the Bible with other people, either in a home group or a prayer triplet, to gain other people's perspective on what they think the Bible says.
5. Don't read it from start to finish like a novel. It isn't one.

Start with the bits that you can get on with: Mark might be more interesting to you than Hebrews, Genesis more so than Leviticus.

6. And finally, don't beat yourself up if you're struggling. The Bible can be a difficult book, but it doesn't have to be. If you keep going you will get a revelation!



Rose Queen 2015/16

Our Rose Queen for this year will be Rachel Astbury. Rachel, accompanied by her attendant, Chelsea Horne, will make her promise in church on Sunday 7 June at the 10.40am service and will be crowned at the Wistaston Village Fete on Saturday 20 June which this year will be at its new venue of Church Lane Academy school grounds.

Christian Aid Sponsored Swim update: we have been informed that the amount raised was the wonderful total of £4037.15! That makes £24,222.90, when the EU multiplier is taken into account. That really is amazing so - great big thank you to all who swam, sponsored, or helped.

BLESTIVAL (formerly Quinta)

In May two of our young people attended the Diocesan Youth Weekend at the Quinta in Shropshire called Blestival! Ella & Emma, along with Sarah Turnbull, had a marvellous weekend of fun, fellowship, worship and, as anyone who's ever been to Blestival will know, Messy Games, with 40 other young people from around the diocese. The theme of the weekend was looking at Christian Festivals like Easter & Christmas.

Soul Survivor

Howard & Frances Barker, along with Sarah Turnbull, are looking into a day trip to Soul Survivor (at the Stafford Show Ground) for upper high school, sixth form and university age young people. It looks like it will be on Sunday 26 July. For more info on Soul Survivor go to soulsurvivor.com and for more info on what is being planned and show your interest get in touch with Howard or Frances: hjfbarker@yahoo.co.uk