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# Mike the Rector writes... June 2016



Dear friends,  
 It was on 5th May 1866, at a meeting of the bishops at Lambeth Palace, that the ministry of Readers was launched within the Church of England. In this 150th anniversary year it's appropriate to reflect on the ministry that Readers exercise in parishes across the Anglican Church. Today there are around 10,000 licensed Readers who lead worship, teach and preach, to build up the Church and make Christ visible. Readers provide a pool of lay people trained in theology and who can bring the gospel to people at work and in the community and so make vital connections between the church and the world in an attractive and authentic way.



Remember Paul's words to Timothy, as he encourages him to share the gospel ministry with others: 'You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.' (2 Timothy 2:1,2).

In this special anniversary year, let's make this our prayer:  
 'Almighty Father, you have called your Church into being in your love and strengthened us for your service. As we give you thanks for 150 years of Reader ministry, guide us, inspire us and make us all a joyful Church, one in heart and mind; for the sake of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

Mike

*PS: Our local group of Readers are holding an 'open' meeting on 6 June at St Luke's, Willaston - 7.30pm (the kettle will be on from about 7.20!), with Liz Shercliff (Director of Studies for Readers in the Diocese). Come and hear about Reader training, expectations and future plans in our diocese and perhaps how you could be involved?*

*More details on this from Ken Sambrook or just turn up!*

# Rose Queen News & Events

Rachel, our current Rose Queen and her attendant Chelsea, have been busy during her last few months of being Rose Queen. She has held cake & plant sales in the



Church Hall and has visited Richmond Village (above & left) where she received a cheque for £226 from some of the villagers who had raised



the money from charity events. In May, along with Diabetes UK, she held a concert with the Wistaston Singers at which nearly £400 was raised for DUK & MacMillan Cancer Support.



L-R: Ken, Rachel & Phil Houghton Musical Director of the Wistaston Singers



Please show your continued support for her final event which will be Celebrating the Queen's Official birthday with an Afternoon Tea. Coffee and Cakes will be served at 1pm - 4pm at 28 Salander Crescent, Wistaston. All proceeds to Macmillan.

## Willaston marks The Queen's 90th Birthday

To mark The Queen's 90th birthday a commemorative tree was planted by Willaston Parish Council on Sunday 17th April on The Spinney, off Coppice Road. The planting was led by Council Chairman, Cllr Maurice Jones and dedicated by Rev. Ken Sambrook.



## Congratulations, Confirmation & Christian Aid



**Jean and Don Savage will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in July.**

They were married at St Mark's Church in Great Wyrley,

Staffordshire on July 14th, 1956. Jean and Don have three children and seven

grandchildren and as a family we are immensely proud of them.

We feel that a sixty years of happy marriage is news worth sharing with their church community! Congratulations, mum and dad.

From Miranda, Mark, Heidi and all of the extended family.

*Editor: and may we as a church add our congratulations to Jean & Don!*



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### **Confirmation Service Sunday 12th June at 6pm**

Our Confirmation Service this year is at St Mary's at 6pm on 12 June. Bishop Libby will be conducting this service and I know, as it's her first visit to St Mary's as Bishop, she will be looking forward to meeting with the congregation. Please make every effort to come and show your support for our candidates. Our candidates this year are Rachel Davies, Will Pettitt, Craig Shaw & Teresa Shaw, please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important occasion. Following the service there will be tea & cake in the hall and there is a sheet at both churches for you to offer help or cakes or both. Many thanks, Mike (Rector).

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**Christian Aid:** thank you to all who distributed, collected, counted and of course gave this Christian Aid Week. The total, as this magazine goes to print, is £1460.00, but that may rise over the next couple of weeks. More info on Christian Aid can be found at: [www.caweek.org/](http://www.caweek.org/) Sarah & Mike Turnbull



**Our Rose Queen for 2016/17 will be Emma Horne.** She will be crowned at the Village Fete on Saturday 18 June at Church Lane Academy. The Sunday before this (12 June) Emma will make her promise at St Mary's at the 10:40am service and Rachel will give her thanks for the year just gone. Emma's chosen charity for the year will be Diabetes UK.

## News for Stepping Stones

We have had a busy few months since the start of 2016 . Along with enjoying regular Wednesday morning play time, singing, biscuits, story and craft time we have had some special visitors. We had fun dancing with Diddi Dance and making music with Laura Holden from `Baby Beats` . Also Becky Daws from `Little Potters` came to help us make presents for Mother`s Day. We will be having a special session all about books and reading on 6th July 2016 . Jane Dickinson from `Usborne Books` will be having a stall in the church hall that you are welcome to browse, and `Frame your Names` (Helen Gillett) will be there on the same day. Finally we will be having our yearly party on 13th July, before we break up for the summer.

Our regular visitors will know that the ladies from the Ladies Afternoon Group have been looking after us with coffee and refreshments since Stepping Stones first started more than 20 years ago. This has now become

too much of a commitment for them; some of the ladies have been helping since Stepping Stones first started!! From all of us we would like to say a massive thank you for all your hard work and dedication. You will be missed, and it would be lovely to see you for a drink and chat whenever you are free to pop in. Further information about what we have been up to, the current programme and future events can be found on our Facebook page (Stepping Stones at St Marys The Virgin, Wistaston, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/125750121090578/>). You can also email us on [steppingstoneswistaston@gmail.com](mailto:steppingstoneswistaston@gmail.com) ; alternatively the Church Office has all the information. It would be great to meet you; just come along any Wednesday morning in term time from 9:30 onwards. And if anybody has a bit of spare time every now and then, any offer to help with tea and coffee, craft ideas or stories, regularly or as a one-off, would be much appreciated. See you soon, Marcia, Silvia and Antje.

# The Way I See It: Our SERVANT QUEEN

IN June the whole country is invited to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday (*see the list of forward dates for what we've got planned*). She has splendidly fulfilled the promise made on the day when her father, King George VI, died and she came to the throne at the age of 27. On that day she dedicated 'the rest of my life, whether it be long or short' to the service of the nation and the Commonwealth. She has certainly proved that she meant what she said. Hers is already the longest reign of any British monarch.

Those years have seen huge changes in the world: the end of apartheid in South Africa, the transition of scores of countries to independence within the Commonwealth, the advent of space exploration and men on the moon, the arrival of the computer and the internet, social media, Twitter and so on. Through it all she has remained a calm, reassuring figure, head of state to 12 different prime ministers and leader of a resilient and growing Commonwealth of Nations.

The Queen has quietly moved with the times. Her rather

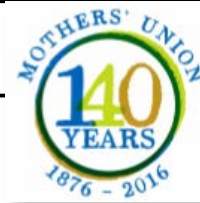
tortured 'royal' accent of the forties and fifties has broadened into a quietly spoken Received English. Uneasy about it at first, she has made herself an effective performer on television. And through it all she has openly acknowledged that her own Christian faith is the bedrock of all that she is and has done. In recent years she has been more willing to talk about that faith, notably in her Christmas messages.



To mark her 90th birthday, the Bible Society has published an attractive illustrated book *The Servant Queen*, setting out largely in her own words the essential heart of that faith. The Queen herself has written a Foreword. The aim of the publishers is that the book should be widely distributed, so that people up and down her kingdom can share her evident enjoyment of a committed Christian faith. Its subtitle is 'And the King she serves'. As advertisers say, 'every home should have one'. *The Servant Queen* is available free from the Bible Society by going to:

[www.biblesociety.org.uk/landing/servantqueen/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/landing/servantqueen/)

## Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



**Over 20 members met at the Rising**

**Sun** for our Spring lunch and everyone enjoyed an excellent meal.

Our summer outing to the National Arboretum is now fully booked and we look forward to a good day weather wise.

The speaker for our June 23rd meeting is certainly different, it is Susan Lester who is a Belly Dancer so that should be really good!!

On August 25th we have our charity coffee afternoon, so please put this date in your diary.

We meet every 4th Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Church Hall, so do come along.

Visitors most welcome.

**We have just celebrated 140 years since the 'birth' of the Mothers' Union** with an afternoon tea event at St Mary's Church

Hall. This was well supported with members from the ladies afternoon group and members from All Saints Mothers' Union

as well as our own Branch. A total of £260 was raised, which will go towards the various projects in this country and overseas, which the charity supports. A big thank you to everyone involved in helping out with the



preparations and on the day, to ensure the event was a success. We will continue to pray for the work of the Mothers Union in supporting families throughout the world.

We look forward to our Social on June 15th in the Church Hall, which will be a bring & share lunch, at 12.15pm. On Thursday, July 14th, we plan to visit our new Prayer Partners in Weaverham for a Strawberry Tea at 2pm.



## Willaston WI

We have had a "sporty" time recently playing dominoes and sharing a tasty supper, scoring points playing darts (we won the trophy!!) and exercising our brains in the County Quiz. Our book club and lunch group have been busy debating and tasting and our bakers have made cakes in preparation for refreshments at the Royal County Show.

In June we look forward to a Social evening at St. Lukes when strawberries and cream will be served mmm!! a coffee morning at St Marys Nantwich when everyone will be welcome and hearing Rina Tillinger speak at our June meeting. Pat Cotton



## From the Parish Registers

*Entries up to 22 May 2016*

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

24 April Olly Mark BIRD  
Oakley Stephen CHEADLE  
22 May Kitty Beth Palmer-Bainbridge  
Jacob Thomas Higginbotham  
Joshua Anthony-Ray Higginbotham



### **WEDDINGS:** May God bless them in their married life together

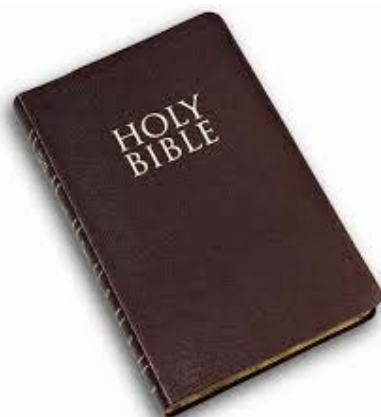
06 May Jay Robert HARDING & Natalie  
Joanne EVANS



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

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

16 March Christopher John DAVIES 61  
18 March David Patrick McDONA 88  
23 March Colin Herbert WILSON 91  
24 March Joyce BAINHAM 90  
11 April Alison Mary BAILEY 67  
14 April Peter SAUNDERS 78  
15 April Fred BUTLER 83  
26 April Roy JENNINGS 79  
28 April Geoffrey DAVIES 82  
03 May Susan WHITNEY 77  
17 May Gwendoline FARRINGTON 94  
20 May Sheila CHALLINOR 76  
24 May Frances Isabelle PURVES 94



**We are planning to have pew Bibles available at St Mary's.** We are able to do this through someone's kind generosity. However, to offset the cost, I would like to invite you to sponsor a Bible for the cost of £10. If you would like to do this we could add a plate into the front of the Bible with a dedication to a loved one. Please see, phone or email Mike (Rector) for further details.

## 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.*

11 June	1pm-4pm Rose Queen Event Annual Garden Party
11 June	3pm-7pm Teddy Bears' Picnic at St Luke's to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday
12 June	Confirmation Service with Bp Libby - 6pm at St Mary's
18 June	1:15 pm Wistaston Village Fete (Wistaston Church Lane Academy)
25 June	1pm Willaston Worm Charming (Willaston Primary Academy)

### The Churchwardens are 'Sworn In' at the Archdeacon's Visitation on 24 May at Coppenhall

Following their appointment at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 24 April our Churchwardens for this year, Di Carter & Simon Bartholomew, were 'Sworn In'. Archdeacon Ian thanked Churchwardens and Sidespeople for all that they do in assisting the smooth running of our churches. Many thanks to the Sidespeople who were able to attend. Also at the APCM we had two new people join the Parochial Church Council for a three year term: Jenny Hall & Tony Ward. Pictured Di & Simon with (centre) Mike Carter our retiring Warden, many thanks to him.



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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 July 2016

## 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 (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.



St Mary's & St Luke's invite you to a

# Teddy Bears' Picnic



to celebrate

**The Queen's 90th Birthday!**

**Saturday 11 June 3pm to 7pm**

**at St Luke's Church Garden**

**Coppice Road Willaston**

**Fun for all ages, with games, activities & prizes!**

**Bring your own chairs, picnic etc - drinks provided**

**Admission free if accompanied by a Bear!**

**£1 if unaccompanied**

**Come & join in the fun & relax in good company.**

**Celebrate!!**

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