

Wistaston Village Fete

On the 21st June Wistaston Community Council organized another fantastic Village Fete on the Rectory Garden. We were blessed with excellent weather and hundreds of people turned out to support it.



Lucy (above right) was crowned as our new Rose Queen accompanied by her attendant, Charlotte. Naomi (right in red cloak) gave her out-going speech and informed us that she



had raised £2700 in aid of Alder Hey Hospital. Poppy, to her left was her attendant for the year. The afternoon was ably MC'd by our very own Ken (left in the lovely hat!) and John White. John gave a moving Tribute to Geoff and Shelia Armitage using words from Rev'd Mike's eulogy at Geoff's funeral. Geoff's last community event was the Village Fete in 2013.



The local uniformed organizations were all very well represented and the Scouts gave an excellent demonstration of tent erecting and camp fires in the arena.

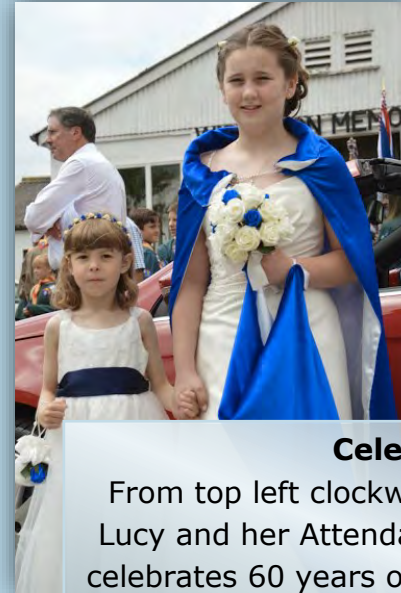


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Celebrations!!

From top left clockwise: Our New Rose Queen Lucy and her Attendant Charlotte, Frank Powell celebrates 60 years of Ordained Ministry and our long service Bell Ringers Frank Morton, John Adams & James Baker.

See inside for further details!



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Midweek Activities			
Mothers' Union	Sue Squirrell	31 Whirlow Road, Wistaston	569803
Stepping Stones	Via Church Office	Church Lane, Wistaston	567119
Ladies Evening Group	Marian Carter	4 Church View Walk Wistaston	568629

Regular Services and Events 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 (resumes 21 Sept)

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

At times the above may change for seasonal or other reasons so please check the website for up to date details.

Morning Prayer - 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 (St Mary's)

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.

- 4 August 9am -7pm St Mary's open for Quiet Prayer & Reflection for Commemoration of the start of WW1
- 15 September 7.30pm PCC Meeting at St Luke's
- 5 October Harvest Sunday at both of our churches - more details to follow

Smile Lines: How prayer reaches God

An anxious mother went to seek help from her minister. "How do we know if our prayers are heard by God?" she asked. "My 10 year old daughter says her prayers every night, but I am not sure they are reaching heaven." Touched by her worry, the minister spent some time explaining to her about God's omniscience and omnipresence....but still the mother looked worried. Finally he asked her why she thought her daughter's prayers would NOT be heard by God. The mother explained: "Because instead of saying 'amen', when she finishes, she says 'click, send'."

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Frank reflects upon 60 Years of Ordained Ministry



Sixty years ago, on Trinity Sunday, 10th June 1954 I was ordained a priest. That's a long time since my potty training! - short for Post Ordination Training.

So what's been learnt through all those years?

First and foremost that you can only take a share in God's work by relying on God's strength, and guidance. Step out in faith, he will challenge and surprise you.

From the start mine was a ministry of renewal. The surprise was how much of it involved the renewal of buildings. St. Peter's Mission church, Derby End, Dudley. The church hall had to be rebuilt, the church totally refurbished. All

completed and paid for in three years.

Then in 1960, Vicar of my first parish, The Good Shepherd, West Bromwich, a time of wholesale Urban Redevelopment. To fit in, it became necessary for us to amalgamate two parishes, demolish two churches, two

church halls and one vicarage, then build a new church and hall in the centre of the new Parish. All this took nine years to complete.

Then it was back from the new to the old. St. Leonard's Bilston. A 1000 seater ornate Georgian building which required total refurbishment and the removal and recasting of the peal of eight bells. Also a new house for one of the Curates, and a new Church Primary School.

Also the establishment of a united Church with the Methodists on a large new Housing Estate. It was one congregation which shared in the C of E Holy Communion, and the Methodist Sunday Service, on alternate Sundays.

After 25 years in the 'Black Country' came a country parish, St. Werburgh's, Hanbury. The urgent job there was to stop the stone window frames from falling on the worshippers, the church tower from collapsing, and to restore the fading murals on the

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chancel and sanctuary walls. In my last parish, St. Mark's Basford Newcastle, we only had to build a new Vicarage. The epilogue was to create a much needed permanent Chapel in the Douglas Macmillan Hospice, Stoke-on-Trent.

There is no boasting intended here, simply a statement of how things developed. Jesus said, 'You can do nothing without me.' Nothing that will last. St. Paul was right when he wrote, 'We have nothing to boast about before God.' It takes God's strength to do God's work. What we learn is that Jesus always enables us when we have faith and trust in him. Not only through individuals but through Congregations and Church Fellowships working together as the Body of Christ, reaching out to share God's grace, his love and fellowship in all sorts of ways.

Experience teaches that it is not always plain sailing. Looking back, there have been setbacks. One that was an especially deep crisis when I all but gave up my Ministry. Then it was that I learned that even when you give up on God, he never gives up on you. The poem, 'Footsteps' is true, there are times when God carries you, but there are also times when, so to speak, he seeks to give you a kick start! Another thing realised in retrospect, it that it was when I

relied on my own strength and judgment, things went wrong. Progress came with Jesus in charge.

The only true peace that can come to this world is the peace of God. 'My peace I give to you' Jesus said. There really is no other. 'I am the way, the truth and the light' he told us, and he is so right. 'All things come from you O Lord, and of your own do we give you.'

We have no reason to boast, what we do have is every reason to give praise and thanksgiving. To God for all that he does. To so many people, to those in the past, and to those still us, whose inspiration, love and friendship, means so much to us. Those who, as we think of them, and all that they mean to us, bring tears of joy and thanksgiving.

Well there won't be another sixty years ahead for us oldies to look forward to. Just death, and maybe Heaven! But surely as Christians, nothing to fear. Having nothing to boast about, no glowing CV to present to God, we merit no reward, but our Father's love and mercy, in which we can have total faith and trust. There is that saying about passing through the gate into a New Year. Surely it applies to death also. As you pass through that gate, put your hand into the hand of God, it will be to you better than a lighted path or a known way.

Frank

From the Parish Registers

Entries up to 22 July 2014

BAPTISMS - welcome to the Church Family

25 May Charlie Kames BATEMAN
 22 June Alice Margaret OLLIER
 Laney Florence CULLEN
 29 June Roberto Basil Charles FORBES

WEDDINGS: May God bless these couples who were recently married

07 June Brett OLIVER & Clairra DAVIES
 14 June Matthew VERLING & Tara PULLAR

FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

03 June Mary Rosalind TAYLOR 80
 06 June Dennis HILL 72
 05 June Edith PHILLIPS 88
 12 June James SLIGHT 82
 06 June Herbert POWELL
 04 July Edna (Betty) Edwards 88
 22 July Michael WHEWELL 76



Bishop Peter came to St Mary's on 15 June to conduct our Confirmation Service.

We had five candidates from our parish and one from All Saints, Crewe. Following the service we had tea and cakes in the Church Hall.

Those Confirmed L-R: Mark, Emma, Rachel, Arthur, Jayne & Mark.

Ladies Evening Group



One of our best speakers, Mr Ray Cowdall, kept everyone amused telling us about his involvement in local amateur musical theatre and drama since the end of the war – very funny. Fingers crossed for a dry day when our members go on our annual outing on July 28th this year to New Brighton. Our annual charity coffee evening will be on August 27th at 7.30pm. This year the charity is Air Ambulance, so do come along and support us. Tombola, raffle and cake stall. In September the speaker will be Mr Ray Stafford telling us about his Queens Award MBE in 2009. New members would be most welcome and in 2015 our meetings will be on the 4th Thursday at 2pm in the Hall.

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

In June, 11 members met up with our Prayer Partners at Christchurch, Wheelock for an afternoon social. This included a Mosquito Drive, raffle, strawberries & meringues which were delicious. The money raised went towards the Mosquito nets. Later in the month it was our turn to host our Prayer Partners for a social lunch followed by a service at St Mary's, conducted by Revd Mike Tumbull with John Axon playing the organ. We then went back to the Hall for afternoon tea and raffle. A total of £60 was collected from the raffle and donations – this goes to the Wheels Appeal. On Saturday July 12 was the day of the Diocesan Family Fun Day out in the Cathedral Gardens. Nantwich Deanery had a stall, advertising the work of Mothers' Union and giving out cartoon quizzes for children to do. There were many stalls and the day was a great success, helped by the warm, dry weather. July 30th is our Outing to Rode Hall preceded by a pub lunch in Alsager (approx 20 of us and sharing cars). We look forward to a quiet month in August and then our speaker in September will be Mrs Joan Colwell, talk entitled: 'Thanks Mr Lever'. This is followed by the Deanery Quiet afternoon service on September 25th, which this year will be at St James, Audlem; lifts will be available.



Willaston Womens' Institute

In July John Wilson from The Liverpool Seafarers Centre spoke of the lives of seamen during lengthy voyages working long hours for low pay, their needs when they arrive in Liverpool and the help and support provided by the Centre. The help includes enabling communication with home and family (this is not available on the ships), access to medical treatment and providing warm clothes. A suitcase filled with woolly hats knitted by our creative members was donated to the Centre. In August Worleston WI Drama Group will be performing "Not Strictly Dancing" Meeting details from Judy Jones tel; 01270 567015

Long Service Bell Ringers!

This year marks the 60th anniversary of John Adams and Frank Morton and the 55th anniversary of James Baker commencing as Bell Ringers at St Mary's, Wistaston. John



Pictured left to right: John, Frank & James

and Frank were tutored by Derek Smith who took over as our Captain in 1954. Prior to Derek the Tower Captain was Albert Crawley, he moved away to live with his son in Barrow in Furness but

from time to time visited Wistaston and noted our progress. Derek Smith moved to Wilmslow in 1957 and so the running of the tower was taken over by Frank. He in turn tutored James Baker thus keeping the tradition. The first outing from Wistaston church to ring in other towers was in September 1955 and ringing took place at Ightfield, Calverhall, Stoke on Tern, Chetwynd, Tea in Newport (Shropshire) and further evening ringing at Broughton (Staffordshire). Many Bell Ringing outings have taken place since those early days around various counties. All three are still Bell Ringing and enjoy everything appertaining to the art.



New Printer for our Magazine

Following the sudden closure of Cowdalls Printers just before the last edition was due to be published we are grateful to Bazaar Printers for stepping in to print that edition. However, from this edition we have a new printer, Inprint Colour Ltd (based in Crewe). Inprint have also taken over the printing of the Chester Diocesan News (CDN) and they will insert this into our magazines at source. The only difference being it is not stapled in. On the months that we don't have a magazine copies of the CDN will be available in both churches.



St Luke's Church is due to be painted week commencing 18 August and it will take 2 weeks. This means that we won't be able to have a service on Sunday 23 August (St Luke's folk are invited to join with St Mary's for the 10:40am service).

However, to compensate for this, there will be a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 31 August, which is a 5th Sunday, when we don't normally have a service.

Life Issues: Due to special services and other things Life Issues has been suspended for the past few months. It will return on 21 September, 6.30pm, at St Luke's.

World War One Commemorations

St Mary's

On Sunday 3 August we will hold a special focus within the 10:40am service when the names of those on our War Memorial will be read out loud and remembered along with the laying of "knitted" poppies at the Memorial. On Monday 4 August St Mary's will be open all day from 9am for quiet prayer and reflection concluding in the evening with a short service - please see the Notice Sheet for further details.



Chester Cathedral

The main diocesan focus will be on a service in the Cathedral, at 11am on Sunday 7 September, at which the Bishop of Chester will preach. This will incorporate the annual service for the Cheshire Regimental Association, which is usually held at this time, but with a special focus on the centenary of the outbreak of the War, and the Cheshire Regiment's involvement in it. The Cheshire Regiment, of course, recruited from across the County of Cheshire, which is essentially the area of the Diocese.



Youth Event & News

Naomi reflects on her year as Rose Queen:

My year as Rose Queen started in June 2013 when I was crowned at the Village Fete and held a Chocolate Tombola and Treasure Hunt which went down very well with everyone. I have organised other events during the year including cake stalls after church, being guest of honour at Ken & Sheena's Wistaston Garden Party attended by the Mayor, attending the Wistaston annual Duck Race, a stall at the St Luke's Christmas fair, a family portrait session, organising a Quiz Night in the Church Hall, a Ukulele concert by Ukebox enjoyed by over 140 people and finally a sponsored cycle ride from St Mary's church, Wistaston to Chester Cathedral.

Thank you for all your generosity over this year and I am pleased to say that I have raised a grand total of £2,720. I was able to hand over a BIG cheque for this amount to my nominated charity, Alder Hey Children's Charity.



"Yes" to Women Bishops!

The Church of England General Synod has now (14 July) given its final approval for women to become bishops in the Church of England. The vote on the measure was carried by the required two-thirds majority in the three constituent Houses - of Bishops, Clergy and Laity.

The voting results were as follows:

- House of Bishops: yes 37; no 2; abstentions 1
- House of Clergy: yes 162; no 25; abstentions 4
- House of Laity: yes 152; no 45; abstentions 5

This means the first woman bishop could potentially be appointed by the end of the year.