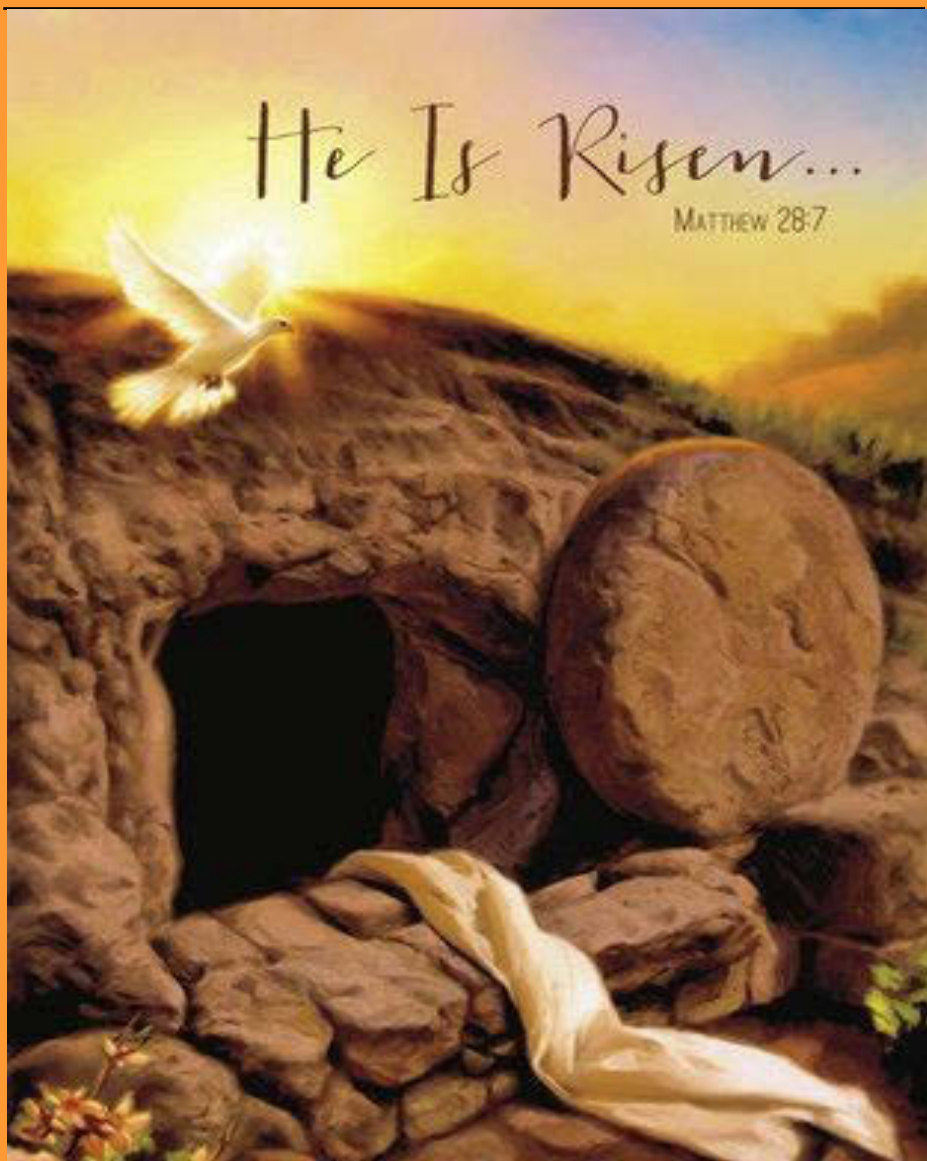


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Junior Church	Sarah Turnbull	The Rectory, 104 Church Lane	665742
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Brownies	Julie Croft	19 Rectory Close, Wistaston	666053
Guides	Helen Pegg	9 Tabley Road, Wistaston	560096

Midweek Activities

Mothers' Union	Jenny Hall	1 Edinburgh Road, Wistaston	568300
Stepping Stones	Via Church Office	Church Lane, Wistaston	567119
Ladies Afternoon Group	Marian Carter	4 Church View Walk Wistaston	568629



Mike

writes...



Easter 2017

Dear friends,

As we head into to April we have lighter nights, better weather (I can hope!) and we see the natural world coming to life all around us once again. It is certainly the season of new life, something that's reflected by the events of Easter Day and the resurrection.

However, for the first couple of weeks of April we are still in Lent, through Holy Week, the week that leads up to Easter day, we begin to think about the events leading up to that first Good Friday. I always find it an emotional and challenging week, the readings set for each day take us slowly, but surely, towards Maundy Thursday and the crucifixion on Good Friday. A solemn time that leads to the celebration of Easter Day! Sometimes we need a period of solemnity to appreciate times of celebration. We have services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day to help you fully enter into Holy Week and the celebration of Easter - details are in this magazine.

What though does the resurrection mean to us? What difference does it make in our daily lives?

As Christians, these are questions

well worth asking ourselves. For me, as God was willing to give his one and only son so that I may have eternal life, it makes me want to share that, maybe that's why I became a vicar! Seriously though, I feel that we should **share the grace that we have been given through God's love**. So how do we do that?

Well, some people from our church have been following the 40 Acts programme (40acts.org.uk) and through Lent, they have taken a daily challenge, for example Day 27 was: 'We've come to expect bargains. And we love a two for one or a 'buy one get one free'. But how often do we use them as an opportunity to share with others?'. Thought provoking and it can make a difference. As we head into May in may be that you'd like to get involved in Christian Aid, admin, collecting, counting, all a way of sharing God's Grace!

I'm sure you can think of other ways of showing your gratitude for what God has done for us through the death & resurrection of his son Jesus. I hope you continue to have a holy and meaningful Lent and an excellent celebration of Easter when it comes.

Have a fantastic Easter!

An update re Ceri Palmer née Howells Memorial Fund for CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young)



Robert, Alison and Joel would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has supported this vital cause, since Ceri died on 28 March 2014. She tragically died in her sleep of a sudden arrhythmic death (SADS). CRY know that at least 12 young people are dying of this hidden condition **every week** in the UK alone. **80%** of people who die from this condition often exhibit no obvious symptoms prior to the event.



Various fundraising events have been held so far such as 'The Grand Day Out' when well over £2000 was raised, a Weleda Ladies Pampering Event, a Harp Duo concert at Richmond Village and also funds from Richmond Village's Christmas Raffle, a Decibella Ladies Choir concert, CRY Cake Bakes in various venues, the Macclesfield Half Marathon (ran by Ceri's Aunty) and the CRY Heart of London Bridges Walk, to name but a few.

Currently the Head of 6th Form, John Harrison, at Malbank High School (where Ceri was a student) is training for the Wilmslow Half Marathon for Ceri's Memorial Fund. If you would like to donate to John's Just Giving Page this is the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/John-Harrison-Malbank>

To date at least £8,000 has been raised in Ceri's memory. A CRY Memorial Heart Screening (for 14-35 year olds) will be held at Malbank High School in Nantwich in June 2018 and a further one at South Cheshire College, date in 2018 TBC. Dates, venues and information about CRY Heart Screenings are posted on www.testmyheart.org.uk These screening sessions have been proven to reduce the risk of death from the condition by almost 89%.

This much needed service is funded purely by donations and funds raised by bereaved families and supporters. Many young lives are being saved by CRY's vital work, one of whom is a student who is studying at South Cheshire College, who discovered they had a serious hidden heart condition at a local screening last year and subsequently were fast tracked into NHS Cardiology services to require the correct treatment to save their life.

CRY is campaigning to ask MPs to recognise the significance of at least 12 young people dying every week of young sudden cardiac death. We strongly urge you to contact your MP to request they sign a pledge to support a National Strategy for the Prevention of Young Sudden Cardiac Death to help save young lives as in the following link:

<http://www.c-r-y.org.uk/about-my-pledge/>

We are holding a Fashion Show in aid of CRY and local heart screenings.

Friday 19th May, 7.30pm at Malbank High School.

Tickets are £7 which includes drinks and a light buffet.

Please buy tickets by emailing: alibagshowells@gmail.com or 07890 925319 See you there!!

Rose Queen Update



Emma, along with Chelsea, Christine and Mike - and Emma's assistant Emily, together with Poppy, Heather, Chris, Dane & Joy - and everyone else involved this year, has made **£3,670** towards the charity Diabetes UK so far!!



Well done to everyone involved and their (very!) hard work and to everyone who has supported events with your kind donations. There is one more event to come before

Emma hands over her crown:



Saturday, 27 May, 3-6pm

Tea Dance

In the Church Hall

Mothers' Union members will be hosting a
**Traditional Cream Tea at St Mary's Church Hall on
Wednesday, 17 May, from 2pm.**



Price £4 to include tea, homemade scones with butter, cream and jam.

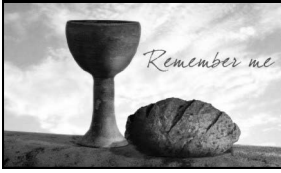
Proceeds will go to the work of the Mothers' Union, Worldwide. *These Projects include: Britain & Ireland Fund, Relief*

Fund, Overseas, Literacy, Wheels Appeal, Holidays Away and Virtual Babies.

Do come along and join us for friendship and a chat. This is open to everyone - bring a friend. There will also be a raffle.

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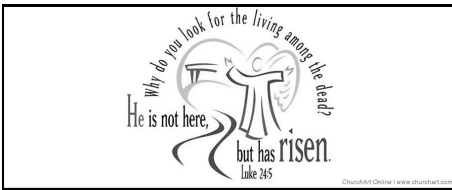
Easter Services - please join us.....



Maundy Thursday (13 April) – 7pm Holy Communion at St Luke's

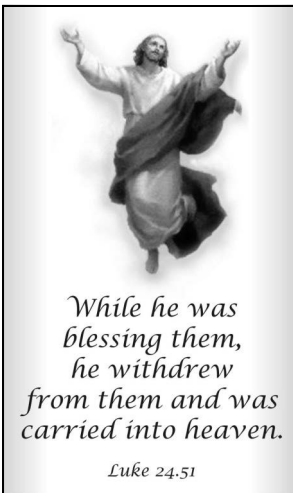


Good Friday (14 April) – 11am All Age Worship ::
2pm An Hour at the Cross
both at St Mary's



Easter Sunday (16 April) – Holy Communion 9am St Luke's & 10:40am at St Mary's

And looking ahead... Ascension Day (25 May) - 7pm Holy Communion at St Mary's



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Junior Church News

Christian Aid Sponsored Swim: many thanks to all who sponsored Team St Marys(!) we were able to raise, just from our own church, an incredible £611.00. Thanks to the swimmers and we will let you know the total raised on the evening when that info is available.



Big Church Day Out

For the first time there is a Big Church Day Out 'north' taking place on **2-3 June 2017** at Capeshorne Hall near Macclesfield. If you are interested please see Mike (Rector), or please pick up a leaflet in the Church porch or go to: bigchurchdayout.com. Just make your own booking via the website and let Mike know.



Christian Aid Week 14 - 20 May 2017

Once again this year we will be collecting Christian Aid through St Mary's & St Luke's. If you would like to be involved this year (and it doesn't have to be collecting as we have other opportunities to help) please see Sarah or Mike Turnbull for more information.

Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



Mr Richard Holmes from the YMCA gave us an excellent talk at our February meeting.

He explained the diversity of ways in which the YMCA invests in the future of young people in need of help. The talk prompted a variety of questions from members and we were happy to make a donation from our funds towards this excellent work.

Following our Lent Service, held on 23 March, our next meeting will be the Annual Spring Lunch at the Farmers Arms, Ravensmoor (CW5 8PN) on 27 April.

Our final Lent lunch is on 5 April and we thank all those, who under Sheena's guidance, have worked hard to make these occasions such a success.

On 25 May Mr Tony Bostock will be giving us a talk on Cheshire villages. We meet on 4th Thursday at 2pm in the Church Hall.

Audrey Astbury

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the Deanery

Lady Day Service at St Barnabas with a B&S Lunch.

Our meeting on 19 April will see Mike Turnbull giving a talk about EASTER.

May 17 will be our annual fundraising event, which this year will be a Traditional Cream Tea with scones, in the Hall at 2pm. See details on page 5. Hope to see you there - it's open to everyone, bring a friend.

We will then look forward to the Social Lunch in June (21) which will be a shared lunch with our Prayer Partners. 12.15pm in the Hall.

We have been blessed with a Legacy from Mrs Jean Walsh, who was a member of the Mothers' Union. The bulk of this will be sent to Chester, so it can be distributed evenly between the MU Projects: *Britian & Ireland Fund, Relief Fund, Overseas, Literacy, Wheels Appeal, Holidays Away and Virtual Babies.*

Sue Squirrel



Willaston WI

"Oh what a Carry On" said Frederick W Jones when he talked of his career as a toastmaster at the "perfect day" a wedding. Despite months of planning and expense, things can and usually do go wrong but the bride, groom and their families all have a happy day, eventually!!

In March, 5 of our members took part in Desert Island Discs, showing a book, song, luxury item (toothbrush, wellies? scissors, chocolates and a hammock) and memorabilia. A fabulous, fun evening.

In April Edinburgh Woollen Mill are giving a fashion show.

Tel: 01270 664030 for details

Pat Cotton

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 20 March 2017:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

29 January Gabriel James BACKHOUSE
29 January Jacob Alan Mellor SMITH
29 January Roger James Mark KEELING
29 January Holly Alexandra YUILL
29 January Myla Annie YUILL



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

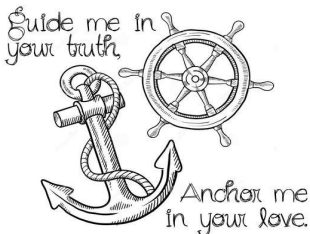
04 March David Mark SANDERS & Lindsay Clare HOBSON
10 March Ross Joseph NEWLAND &
Samantha Louise DEAN



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

24 January Marjory Jean WARDLEY 71
26 January Joan CARTER 80
30 January Kathleen CRIMES 91
17 February Ruth Mary BENBOW 90
27 February Violet Dorothy PROCTOR 88
03 March Eric Samuel YEOMANS 94



Be still
and know
that I am
God
-PSALM 46:10



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.**

09 April	12:15pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting following the morning service at St Mary's
14 April	Good Friday
16 April	Easter Sunday
17 May	Traditional Cream Tea, 2pm in the Hall (MU hosting)
22 May	Archdeacon's Visitation 7:30pm at St Mary's Nantwich
25 May	7pm Ascension Day HC at St Mary's
27 May	Rose Queen Tea Dance in the Hall, 3-6pm
11 June	Confirmation Service with Bp Peter - 6pm at St Mary's
17 June	Wistaston Village Fête
24 June	Willaston Worm Charming
24 June	7:30pm Midsummer Ball in the Church Hall

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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 sue.squirrell@thedrey.co.uk or via the Church Office by:- 15 March 2017

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 Mon, Tues - Friday changing to 9.15am in the near future - please see weekly Notice Sheet

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.*

St Mary's Wistaston with St Luke's Willaston Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 9 April 2017 following the morning service at
St Mary's (around 12:15pm) in St Mary's Church Hall

What is it & who's it for?

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is effectively the AGM of the church. It is a legal requirement for a charity to hold one, but more than that, it gives an opportunity for the church to come together and rejoice in what we've been able to do in God's name over the past year.

Two weeks before the APCM a Trustee and Financial Reports booklet will be available at both churches and online. This has information and reports to keep you informed on the what's been happening at church over the past year. The report also has an examined set of accounts for the previous year.

The APCM is for all those who attend our churches on a regular basis. Only those who are on the Electoral Roll of the church can vote, if there are any issues to vote upon, but all are welcome to attend.

We usually finish the APCM with a Bring and Share Fellowship lunch, a great opportunity to share a meal together and enjoy each others company more than we do each Sunday.

If you are on the Electoral Roll of the church, and have been for at least 6 months, then you might be interested in one the following offices within the church who are elected or appointed at the APCM.

Forms for each of these are available at both churches

PCC

Members of the Parochial Church Council are Trustees of the church under Charities Commission law and make decisions to do with Mission, Ministry, Finance & Maintenance

Deanery Synod

Deanery Synod is often seen as the link between PCC's & the Diocesan Synod. It also thinks about ways to work together within the Deanery

Sidesperson

It's more than just giving out books! Sidespeople play a vital roll each Sunday by assisting the Wardens in welcoming people into church and making sure that everything runs smoothly



Brief APCM Agenda - a full agenda can be found in the Trustees Report

Apologies for Absence Minutes of the APCM 2015

Formal Reports

Elections and Appointments as below

- PCC Members - 8 places vacant
- Deanery Synod - 3 places vacant
- Sidespeople - we are in desperate need of more Sidespeople - please see one of the Wardens to find out more

Time for Questions & AOB

Following the APCM there will be a Bring and Share Lunch - please bring food to share, stay and enjoy