



Christian Life

The parish magazine of St Mary's & St Luke's
Serving the communities of Rope, Willaston & Wistaston.



After a cancellation on Saturday 9 September due to the heavy rain the Wistaston Annual Duck Race and Model Boat Race, run by the the Wistaston Community Council, took place on Saturday 16 September at Joey the Swan. Well done to our Rose Queen, Jess, and her attendant, Elise, who battled the cold to choose the winner of the Model Boat building competition and start the Duck Race.

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Guides	Helen Pegg	9 Tabley Road, Wistaston	560096

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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...
October 2017



Dear Friends,

***'The earth is
the Lord's, and
everything in it,
the world, and all who
live in it.'* Psalm 24. 1**

Harvest is a time when we traditionally give thanks to God for all the goodness he gives to us. Primarily a time to remember the fruits of the earth which we enjoy and sustain us physically, but also a time to give thanks for God's love which sustains us spiritually.

The Psalmist in the opening line of Psalm 24 (above) sets all things in context: the earth and all that is in it belong to God. In that sense, we who live on earth are stewards of all the goodness God has bestowed upon us, it's not ours to own, it's not ours to abuse or waste, it's ours to enjoy and to protect for future generations. Something humankind hasn't been that good at doing through the past couple of centuries.

What should our response be to this goodness that God has given to us through his earth? At this point I could reel off some ideas, but to help you enter into this, I invite you to be quiet for a

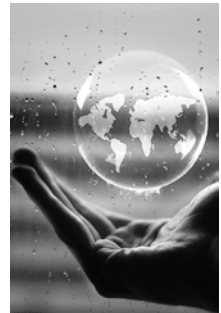
moment, focus on the verse above, then in the space below write down what you feel your response should be.

My
Response...

Together as a church we will (or did – depending on when you read this) celebrate Harvest on 1 October, but perhaps we should bring this celebration into our daily lives more? Perhaps we should acknowledge more often in our lives that all we have we have through God and his goodness to us and we should remember the words of the Psalmist who sets all things in the correct context.

With all my best wishes for Harvest-time and beyond,

Mike



The joys of life in rural Nepal

I came home from my 2 and a half month trip to Nepal on 30th August. Since getting back I have managed to run a couple of sessions to talk about my trip; one for the Junior Church and one for the Brownie group at St Marys. All too quickly it is now time for me to return to University. I want to tell you all about the work I was undertaking in a future article for the magazine but in the mean time I thought I would share a piece with you all which I wrote for

the Raleigh International blog during the final weeks of my time in Nepal.



If you had told me a year ago that I would be living in rural Nepal for 2 ½ months in 2017, I would never have believed you. Partly because I couldn't think about being away from my family for that long, but also because I didn't think I could cope

with living in a different environment away from everyday luxuries of home.



A typical rural house



The 'kitchen', separate from host home

Life here in Nepal is not completely basic, but it lacks some of the comforts of my own home. Aside from the obvious luxuries such as internet or a sofa, trivial things make it very different also. For example, I shower under a tarp shelter with a bucket and the electricity sometimes cuts out because of the monsoon. However, the joys here make the challenges so worth it. It's the intangible connections you make and other aspects that make it an overwhelmingly positive experience.



A temporary shower, constructed of bamboo and tarp

The first has to be the views. We are based in Makwanpur and so, unlike the Gorkha teams, we don't get see glimpses of the Himalayas. Nevertheless, the views are spectacular with rolling mountains as far as the eye can see, all covered in thousands of trees. You can see where nature has carved away rock and streams dot the landscape. I will miss doing mundane tasks with such a spectacular view.



Local community members using an ox to plough their fields

Another thing, is the joy of being away from some of the infrastructure of home. Although sometimes a hindrance, the lack of big roads and internet means there's much less light and noise pollution, while allowing a respite from the world of social media. As I write this all I can hear is the constant whirr of insects and the odd shout of Nepali! The lack of infrastructure means we have to walk, including up some very steep slopes, and this has led to another joy – I have got a lot fitter and healthier!

The biggest joy is the people here; both the team I work with and the locals. The local community always have a smile, paired with a 'Namaste' when you meet them anywhere. They have an admirable work ethic and inspiring stories. Each of their characters have made this trip for me. Secondly, the team. I have met people I will no doubt keep in contact with for many years to come. We have all learnt from each other and spending so much time together means we have become very close. I will miss all these joys, I will miss our community, and I will definitely miss Nepal when we fly home. The home comforts will be great, but I will never forget those intangible connections.

Written By Charlotte

Stepping Stones

at St Mary's Wistaston



A morning of activities for pre-school children and their parents or carers, including Craft, Stories and Christian songs. All welcome!

**2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month during
Term Time at St Mary's Church Hall
9.30am to 11:30am**

You would also be most welcome to join us each Sunday at St Mary's Church. The service begins at 10:40am and we have a mixture of Junior Church (Sunday School) and All Age Worship – please see our website for further details.

To find out more about Stepping Stones please see the St Mary's Website or call the Office.

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Junior Church News

Junior Church will be meeting on the following dates in October through to December. During this time we will be preparing for the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve!

Dates:

01 October (Harvest), 15 October, 05 November, 19 November, 03 December & 17 December



Sarah & I called in to see Jean Rowlands recently at the Nursing Home where she now lives. We were at a wedding nearby and took the opportunity to call and see her in Aughton. We gave her all our best wishes.

Saturday 14th October 7pm - Wistaston Scout Group Fund-raising **Ladies Fashion Show, St Mary's Church Hall** Wistaston - Tickets £5, Raffle, Refreshments available via wistastonscout-group@outlook.com or A T Welch (Nantwich).



Men's Group – 7.30pm Friday

13 October 2017

Please join us at the Barrel & Tap (Hospital Street, Nantwich) and we will then go for a meal [either pizza or Thai].

Open to all men over the age of 18. Feel free to bring male family and friends. No need to RSVP.

Howard



Ladies Afternoon Group & Mothers' Union



Our joint summer outing with the Mothers' Union in July proved to be very enjoyable. We had a swift and comfortable journey to Llandudno where the sun shone brightly for us all day. It was good that the visit proved to be pleasantly nostalgic for many of us.

I should like to thank all who supported our annual coffee afternoon in August which was in aid of Leonard Cheshire Disability. Our members worked hard to organize a successful social event which raised £325. We were particularly pleased to be joined by several carers and residents from the Home in Sandbach who enjoyed their time with us.

Our next meeting is on 28th September when Mr Tony Bostock will be talking about Cheshire Villages.

On 26th October Mr Brian Hallworth will be taking us on a musical journey Down Memory Lane. We meet every 4th Thursday of the month at 2pm in the Church Hall and new members are very welcome.

Audrey

After a summer of various events and activities which we have all enjoyed, we have just welcomed Mike Horne, giving a talk about Fostering, which some of you know he and Christine have done for many years. This was a very interesting, and at times moving insight into what goes on and we thank them for what they do.

Our next meeting is on 18th October and will be a talk on 'Birds of the Bible' by an MU Speaker, Mrs Bridget Anton.

At the time of writing this, the speaker for November is not yet decided, so come along and be surprised!!

December 13th is the usual joint Carol Service with the Ladies Afternoon Group. This will be followed by tea/coffee and mince pies in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. **Sue**



Willaston WI

On a wet September evening we were entertained by Lyn Hand as she told of her experiences as a Tour Guide, escorting international visitors on walking tours around Chester and coach tours around North Wales. She spoke of the unusual questions asked; "where's the chippy?" and "what is a chippy?" and the security surrounding some visitors. A party of Russian guests had KGB agents with them and the Crown Princess of Thailand was shrouded in secrecy everywhere she went.

We held a successful coffee morning in August raising much needed funds. **Pat Cotton** 01270 664030 for meeting details.

From the Parish Registers

Registers up to 22 September 2017:

BAPTISMS: Welcome to the church family

23 July Ida-Louise Ann GRIFFITHS
Joshua David NEWLAND
31 July Joshua Ashley GILLETT
Joshua David APPLEBY
Riley Ashton JONES
27 August Hermione Niamh STOCKTON
10 September Aaron James MACDONALD



WEDDINGS: May God bless them in their married life together

Saturday 29 July Craig Michael CHESTERS & Rachel Elaine HADZIK



FUNERALS: May they rest in peace and joy

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

26 July	Sheena Marion SAMBROOK	75
27 July	Geoffrey MORETON	90
31 July	Kathleen Joan BULL	92
31 July	Robert Kneale KELLY	81
17 August	Arthur Gordon HEWITSON	94
24 August	Shelia JUDGE	89
31 August	Edith Winifred BAXTER	66
01 September	Charles William WHETNALL	92
18 September	Jennifer Anne FORBES	68
18 September	Ada Elizabeth MARTIN	83
20 September	Cyril SAMSON	90



The donations amounting to £850 were gratefully received by Wilf Capper in memory of his wife Jean Capper following her funeral at St Mary's on 22 June 2017. The donations were split between Station House, Diabetes UK & Macmillan Cancer Support.



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.**

- 01 October Harvest Sunday – St Luke's 9am, St Mary's
10:40am & 6pm
Harvest Lunch in the church hall after St Mary's
service
- 29 October Bible Sunday
- 05 November 6.30pm (St Mary's) Commemoration Service
- 12 November Remembrance Sunday marked at both churches
- 25 Nov St Luke's Christmas Coffee Morning & Fayre:
Times tbc
- 03 December Advent Sunday

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer has moved! It's now at 9:15am on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday.

The Wednesday Holy Communion remains at 10am. Can't make it to Morning Prayer? You can join in at any time via the Church of England website (bit.ly/cofeprayer). From there you can also download the free App for Apple & Android smartphones.

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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 November 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 & Thursday 9.15am 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.*

Operation Christmas Child



Once again this year we invite you to make a child's Christmas better by donating a Shoebox to Operation Christmas Child (OCC). Last year we sent 65 boxes via OCC to children in Belarus - can we do more this year?

We have all the resources you need to build your box. From the beginning of October there will be leaflets in both churches explaining how to pack your box and what to put into it and we will have 'Go Boxes' available (flat pack shoeboxes made for the job) for 50p each.

Drop Off & Collection dates are still to be confirmed and will be on the Notice Sheet & our Website/Facebook as soon as we have them. As a rough guide the collection date is usually around the 20 November - we normally welcome boxes into church a couple of Sundays before this.

For more info please go to the OCC website (bit.ly/shoobox2017L) or pick up a leaflet from church or the office.



*"While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest, And
cold and heat, And summer
and winter, And day and night
Shall not cease." Genesis 8:22*