

*Christ Church  
Willaston in Wirral  
Parish News*



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*April 2026*

## Safeguarding Statement for the Parish Church



At Christ Church, Willaston-in-Wirral, we take our duty and obligation to safeguard and protect all people extremely seriously and we have adopted the National Church of England's robust safeguarding procedures and guidelines.

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0300 303 1056 or email: [safespace@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:safespace@victimsupport.org.uk)

Alternatively, you may contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Anne Hughes:  
[aswillaston@outlook.com](mailto:aswillaston@outlook.com)

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted at:

[safeguarding@chester.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@chester.anglican.org) or on **01928 718834** (option 4)

Our Safeguarding Policy is available for all upon request from our Parish Safeguarding Officer.

For out of hours support, please contact thirtyone:eight on 03030031111

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### Christ Church Willaston

For all enquires re: **Baptisms / Christenings,**  
**Weddings, Marriage Blessings,**  
**Renewal of Vows and Thanksgivings,**



please contact the clergy or churchwardens

This is the first copy of the Willaston Parish News as an online publication. Many thanks to those who are trying to make its transition a success.

One good feature is that, with most computers, there should be the opportunity, if required, to enlarge the page on screen or listen to the content using the read aloud function similar to that illustrated below - which is usually found on the tab of a pdf (an A with two or three 'sound waves' to its right). Many different voices should be available, but, sadly, only a few have mastered the art of announcing Willaston well! Should you have difficulty accessing the magazine please ask for help.

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**The MU Knit and Natter Group** meets most second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. We meet and work on various knitting projects.

Please feel free to join us in March.

Check with the organisers for more details and venues



# WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY HUB



## **“where community meets faith”**

Our community hub can offer a large space for hire in our recently renovated Nave complete with an AV system, under floor heating and refreshment area.

We also have a meeting room for hire for up to 12 people.



Christ Church Willaston  
Neston Road  
CH64 2TL

**BOOK ONLINE:**

**[www.willastonchristchurch.com](http://www.willastonchristchurch.com)**

## Prayers for a Peaceful Easter

### An Easter Prayer from Mothers' Union

Risen Lord,  
fill us with new life  
through your resurrection power  
that we may share your love  
with those who live in darkness;  
that we may share your peace  
with those who live in fear;  
that we may share your joy  
With those who live in sorrow.  
Risen Lord, live in us  
that we may shine  
with the light of Christ.

*[Lent & Easter Prayers - Mothers' Union Diocese of Chichester](#)*

### The Stations of the Resurrection

‘Through Lent and Passiontide there has been a long tradition in the Church of meditating on the events of the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, called the Stations of the Cross.

In the latter part of the twentieth century a complementary devotion emerged, possibly from the Iberian Peninsula, called the Stations of the Resurrection or the Stations of Joy. They provide much-needed resources for the celebration of the Great Fifty Days.’

[Easter | The Church of England](#)

*This prayer is taken from the seventh station; Jesus' appearance to the disciples based on the Gospel according to Luke (24.36-43):*

We praise you and we bless you,  
our risen Lord Jesus, King of glory,  
for in your birth you were proclaimed the Prince of Peace,  
and in your resurrection you breathe into your people  
peace beyond this world's understanding.  
Be present, Lord, this day  
with those whose lives are disfigured by conflict  
and those whose hearts know no peace.  
To you, Lord Jesus,  
true bringer of the peace of heaven,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen**



## **Mothering Sunday**

Two successful Mothering Sunday services were held on the 15<sup>th</sup> March where presentations of small daffodil posies were made to the mothers and carers present. Canon Lyndon gave thanks to all those who prepared them (many thanks to Liz Hardman who organized that) and those who made the service possible. The young mothers visiting Places of Welcome on the following morning were also delighted to take a posy.

## **Holy Week and Easter Services**



*Come Worship With Us!*

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday**

9.00am. Parish Eucharist  
10.30.am. All Age Worship

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Maundy Thursday**

7.00pm. Maundy Thursday Eucharist

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: Good Friday**

10.00am. The Way of the Cross

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Sunday**

9.00am. Parish Eucharist  
10.30am. All Age Worship with Easter Egg Hunt

**All are Welcome to Attend at Christ Church Services**

### **Weekly Half-hour Prayer Group**

Tuesday 5.30 - 6.00pm.

A weekly half hour Prayer Group will take place to pray for various current topics.  
Please contact Chris and Mike Smith for details of times and venues.

'Say One for Me ' cards are available at the lychgate

## Diary April 2026

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	1730	MAUNDY THURSDAY Parish Eucharist	Christ Church
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	1000	GOOD FRIDAY The Way of the Cross	Christ Church
4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	0930-1130	Willaston Country Market and Coffee Morning	Memorial Hall
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday		EASTER SUNDAY <i>A JOYFUL AND PEACEFUL EASTER TO ALL</i> For Church services see p.13 and p.24	
		1030	Friends of Willaston Meadow	WillastonMeadow
		1500	Service at Weatherstones	Weatherstones
6 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	0900	EASTER BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY Places of Welcome No Monday Club	Christ Church
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	From 1000 As advised	Friends of Hadlow Road Station Gardening Day Prayer Group	Hadlow Rd. Stn. As advised
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	1930	Rotary Club of Willaston & South Wirral	The Nag's Head
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday			
10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday			
11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	0930-1130	Willaston Country Market	Memorial Hall
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday		For Church services see p.13 and p.24	
		1000-1300	Friends of Hadlow Road Station Pop up Café	Hadlow Rd. Stn.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	0900	Places of Welcome	Christ Church
		From1000	Monday Club	Memorial Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	1400-1600 As advised	MU Knit and Natter Prayer Group	As advised As advised
		1930	Christ Church Men's Group: Stay Local; <i>starting at the Red Fox, Thornton Hough</i>	Thornton Hough
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	1930	Alpha Course	Christ Church
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	1930	Hadlow Green Singers Restarts	Memorial Hall
17 <sup>th</sup>	Friday			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	0900	N&DCT Prayer Breakfast	Neston Methodist Church
		0930-1130	Willaston Country Market	Memorial Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday		For Church services see p.13 and p.24	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	0900	Places of Welcome	Christ Church
		From 1000	Monday Club	Memorial Hall
21 <sup>st</sup>	Tuesday	As advised As advised	Willastonhey W.I Ramble Prayer Group	TBD As advised
		1930	Willaston & District Horticultural Society: talk; <i>Astronomy and Gardening - Michael Bode</i>	Memorial Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wednesday	1930	Alpha Course	Christ Church
		1930	Rotary Club of Willaston & South Wirral	The Nag's Head
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thursday	1930	Hadlow Green Singers	Memorial Hall
		1930	UpLIFT: talk; <i>The Northern Lights Charity</i>	Christ Church
24 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	1930	Friends of Hadlow Road Station AGM	Memorial Hall

25 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	0930-1130	Willaston Country Market	Memorial Hall
	1930	Rotary Club QUIZ Night	Memorial Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		For Church services see p.13 and p.24	
	1000-1300	Friends of Hadlow Road Station Pop up Café	Hadlow Rd. Station
27 <sup>th</sup> Monday	0900	Places of Welcome	Christ Church
	From 1000	Monday Club	Memorial Hall
	1400-1630	Mobile Library	The Nag's Head
28 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	1400-1600	MU Knit and Natter	Christ Church
		As advised Prayer Group	As advised
	1930	Willastonhey W.I.: <i>speaker; Brush up your Shakespeare - Coral Greenwood</i>	Memorial Hall
29 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	1930	Alpha Course	Christ Church
30 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	1930	Hadlow Green Singers	Memorial Hall

**Prayers April 2026:** *Please continue to pray for our Parish and its people. Requests for specific prayer can be made in confidence to church at any time.*

<b>S</b>	<i>Please pray for</i> 	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b> A Peaceful Easter for All	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> All Clergy Serving the Diocese	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b> Willaston Methodist Church	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b> Christ Church Willaston
<b>M</b>		<b>6<sup>th</sup></b> Places of Welcome	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> The Ladies Choir	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> The Monday Club	<b>27<sup>th</sup></b> The Mobile Library
<b>T</b>		<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> The Prayer Group	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Christ Church Men's Group	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b> The Horticultural Society	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b> Willastonhey W.I.
<b>W</b>		<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Friends of Hadlow Road Station	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b> Mothers' Union	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Christ Church Alpha Course	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> Willaston Students
<b>Th</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> The Community Hub	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b> The Homeless and Hungry	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> Hadlow Green Singers	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b> UpLIFT	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b> Guiding in Willaston
<b>F</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Willaston Pharmacy and Surgeries	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b> Emergency Service and Health Workers	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b> Willaston Memorial Hall Trustees	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b> Willaston in the Past Group	
<b>S</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Willaston Country Market	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b> Friends of Willaston Meadow	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b> Willaston Farmers and Businesses	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b> The Rotary Club	

## The Alpha Course at Christ Church

On April 15<sup>th</sup> the Alpha Course begins at Christ Church. Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.



Alpha is for everyone, no matter their background or beliefs. Whether you are new to exploring faith or simply open-minded about it all, Alpha is for you.

Everyone brings different thoughts to the table, and at Alpha they seek to create a space that's open for everyone to find what faith means for them.

Alpha is a space to explore different parts of the Christian faith in a relaxed and friendly environment. Each session covers a different topic, like prayer, the Bible, who Jesus is and loads more.

Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited.

– adapted from the Alpha website: [What is Alpha? — Alpha UK — Explore the Christian faith](#)

## Mothers' Union and Guiding Displays in Christ Church



There have been two recent tabletop displays in Christ Church; one from Mothers' Union, (shown above) giving information about Marriage, Baptism and Children, the second, Girl Guiding's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 'Thinking Day' this February.

The interesting display from Mothers' Union is still available to view.

There is a picture of the lovely, colourful Guiding display on page 22 showing the Girl Guiding in Willaston information which could stir many memories for those who benefited from and grew in the Guiding organisation - recently or a longer time ago. Many thanks to Sheena who took so much care curating the display. It was much admired and appreciated.



## Christian Aid Week: May 10th -16<sup>th</sup> 2026

Whilst last year's Christian Aid week fundraising focused on problems of rural, mainly female, farmers in Guatemala, this year they are highlighting the problems of largely female carers in urban Africa, specifically Kenya.

Their illustration is the informal settlement of Dagoretti in Nairobi, where many parents wake each morning knowing they must earn money that day because, if they do not, their children may not eat that night. Many families in Dagoretti manage just two meals a day but some manage only one.

Recently widowed grandmother Fridah Moraa lives with her children and grandson in a rented corrugated metal shelter. There is no running water and space is extremely limited. She is the sole provider for her family. Rent, school costs, water and (without a rural farm) food all depend on what she can earn. Pressure is constant.

To support her family, Fridah sells vegetables at a market stall. With no refrigeration or storage, she must travel long distances to buy produce, six days a week. Some days she earns enough but some days she does not.

However, now, through training from the Christian aid partner group 'Beacon of Hope', and with tools and seeds, Fridah has learned how to grow food in small city spaces. She uses cone gardens, makes compost and conserves water.

At the end of a narrow alley near her home, Fridah now tends her own urban farm where she grows fresh kale, tomatoes and indigenous vegetables. Some feed her family and some she sells.

For Fridah, this means more than simply food. It means stability and choice; there is food and sometimes money. She can now plan and buy things she needs.

It is very hard, but Fridah's faith sustains her through difficult days. It strengthens her resolve to keep going and to provide for her children.

Her urban farm is small, but it carries big hopes. Hopes for education, independence and a future beyond daily uncertainty.



Adapted from the Christian Aid Website [Growing hope in a small city space](#) | Christian Aid Week



Thy Kingdom Come  
**God with us**  
14<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

[thykingdomcome.global](http://thykingdomcome.global)

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray at the conclusion of the Easter Season, from Ascension to Pentecost, for more people to come to know Jesus.

This year's Thy Kingdom Come is all about the presence of God through His spirit; God with Us in the everyday – in the joys and sorrows of life.

From the story of Ruth to the story of Gideon, from the story of Elijah to the story of the early church who waited for the promised Holy Spirit to come - over the 11 days- they explore a different Bible story each day, demonstrating God's transformative presence, power and love at work in the lives of people and places.

There are many resources to help; including the Nirvana written by the new Archbishop, Sarah Mullally, a prayer journal, ideas for daily prayer, children's resources, and resources for engaging with the Lord's Prayer.

These are available from the website:

[Resources | Thy Kingdom Come](#)

## World Day of Prayer Service

On Friday, 6th March, we celebrated The World Day of Prayer at Willaston Methodist Church - together with many thousands of other churches right around the world throughout the 24 hours of that day.

The service was brought to us by the Christian women of Nigeria, who taught us a great deal about their exuberant faith, despite the many challenges they face - burdens of poverty and despair, together with often severe opposition.

We were able to join in with them in offering what we have in praise and thankfulness; knowing that we, too, are invited by God: *"I will give you rest, Come."* (Matt. 11. 28-30).



*Photo Courtesy Lynne Vaughan*

The table had a Bible and candles at the centre on a beautiful African tapestry, together with artefacts from Nigeria:- a calabash containing fruit to represent the abundance of vegetables and fruits which can grow, a jar of oil to remind us of Nigeria's rich mineral resources; a black cloth to represent the burdens of poverty and the thousands of widows in the country, some of the consequences of internal conflicts. School books showed us how religious persecution has had an impact on the education of girls, and stones symbolised the heavy burdens of injustice and poverty.

The service asked us to consider how, working together with Jesus, we can transform burdens into opportunities for growth and positive change.

Afterwards we enjoyed delicious refreshments and fellowship with friends from all the churches in the area.

***Lynne Vaughan***



# PLACES OF WELCOME



Every Monday  
9-11am

Christ Church,  
Neston Road,  
Willaston  
CH64 2TL



A Place of Welcome offers somewhere everyone can go for a FREE hot drink, a biscuit (or cake) and most importantly a friendly face to welcome you.

Open to all age groups including little ones.

**We look forward to welcoming YOU.**

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## **EMERGENCY FOOD FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN FINANCIAL CRISIS**

***The foodbank has an urgent need for:***

***Pasta in Sauce, UHT Juice, Tinned Meat, Curry Sauce, Tinned Fruit and Crackers as well as these non-perishable items: Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Fish, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Potatoes, Custard, Instant Coffee, Cuppa Soup, Instant Noodles, Packet Soup, UHT Milk, Instant Pasta, Biscuits and Small Treats, Jams and Spreads, Toiletries, Shampoo and Feminine Hygiene items.***

*(Stocks of pasta and cereal and beans remain high)*

*Items can be donated when the church buildings are open.*



## **Willaston Methodist Church**

*Care, Share, Empower*

It is hard to believe that Easter is fast approaching, but lovely to see the spring flowers appearing and the evenings getting lighter.

### **Services for March**

5 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am.	Dr Judy Ford
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am.	Mr David Smith and Mrs Carol Savage
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am.	Rev Gwynfor Evans - Communion
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am.	Rev Noel Sharp

### **World Day of Prayer Service**

Thank you to all who attended this years' service on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, at the Methodist Church in Willaston.

Everyone enjoyed the service which was prepared by the women of Nigeria and the It was lovely to see so many in church and chatting over the refreshments that were served after the service.

### **Schoolroom Hire**

A reminder that we still have times when our schoolroom is available to be hired. It is a warm, welcoming space suitable for meetings or classes at a very reasonable cost.

Please contact me for details.

*A warm welcome is extended to all at our services.*

*Carol Savage*

Tel: 0151 394 3335 [carol.savage2@outlook.com](mailto:carol.savage2@outlook.com)



## **Friends of Hadlow Road Station Community Group**

### **Pop Up Café Season 26**

Friends of Hadlow Road Station (FHRS) will have held their first café of the 2026 season on Sunday 15th March from 10:00 to 13:00; Simon Le Barber on hand to entertain the customers and volunteers. It is great to be back and to see all the familiar faces

and many new ones.

### **New Coffee Supplier to our Pop Up Cafés**

FHRS are proud to announce that the Elephant Collective in Neston has kindly offered to sponsor our cafes for 2026. This is a wonderful link formed with local suppliers and is a testament to the support local businesses give to such enterprises as ourselves.

Billy from the company wrote;

*"We're really proud to be supplying coffee to the monthly pop-up café run by the Friends of Hadlow Road Station. There's something genuinely special about seeing passionate people bring a historic space to life, and we love being a small part of that. We can't wait for all of their members (and visitors) to get stuck into Elephant Roastery coffee - brewed, shared, and enjoyed exactly how it should be."*

They will be supplying all our coffee for the new season.

#### **Dates for the next Pop Up Cafés are:**

**29<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April,  
17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May  
14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Deep Clean of Kitchen**

The kitchen at the station has been fully deep cleaned by a group of volunteers in preparation for our first café of the season. The Ticket Office will also be cleaned and prepared ready for the new year ahead.

### **Gardening**

A team of volunteers turned out for the monthly gardening sessions in February and March, making sure that all the beds, planters and surrounding areas are ready for a new growing season. There are plans in place for the season ahead and we look forward to everyone enjoying the environment at the station.

**Dates for the next few gardening sessions are**

**7th April, 6th May, 2nd & 17th June – start time 10:00**

### **Signal Box Steps and Platform**

We are going to have to undertake some significant work on the steps up to and the viewing platform to replace some rotten sections of timber. The current set up is perfectly safe – we are just going to need to future proof the items for the years ahead.

### **Date for your Diaries**

**On Friday 29th May 2026** from 10:00 we will be presented our King Award for Voluntary Services (KVAS) by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, Lady Redmond. There

will be an awards ceremony at the station from 10:30 – 11:30. We hope to see as many people as possible at the station for this very special event.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on **Friday 24th April** from 7:30pm in the Main Hall at the Memorial Hall.

FHRS took part in two local events in order to promote the station and to form links going forwards;

14th March Railway History Day at St Barnabas Village Centre Church Square, Bromborough, CH62 7AB held by The Thomas Brassey Society. Thomas Brassey was the original company who installed the track at Hadlow Road Station. The event is open from 1000 – 1600

21st March Wirral History and Heritage Fair, held at Hulme Hall in Port Sunlight from 1000 – 1600 with our friends from Willaston in the Past

We are always looking for new volunteers in whatever capacity you can help us. So if you would like to join our merry band of volunteers please do get in touch and we look forward to working with you to keep the wonderful station and its surrounding environment a pleasure for all.

**Paul Cox**

### **Willaston Surgery Patient Participation Group.**

I am seeking your support to object to the proposed development by Redrow Builders of 160 new houses on land south of Mill Lane. The reason for asking for your support is that this development will likely lead to about 500 additional patients seeking to join the practice. In view of the existing difficulties in getting an appointment this development will likely overwhelm the surgery.

At the moment, no planning application has been submitted, Redrow is in a pre-application consultation. I would encourage you to submit formal comments once the application is live.

**John Woodrow, Chairman, Patient Participation Group**  
01513273260 and at [johnwoodrow@btinternet.com](mailto:johnwoodrow@btinternet.com) .



**Charity No 520090**

### **Trustees of the Memorial Hall**

The next meeting of the Trustees of the Memorial Hall will be held on:  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7 p.m.**

For any enquiries about the meeting please contact the Secretary:  
e-mail: [doreen.francey@btinternet.com](mailto:doreen.francey@btinternet.com).

## Friends of Willaston Meadow

It is lovely to see Spring returning to the Meadow, with lots of flowers blooming – including snowdrops, daffodils and primroses. The birds are in full song and mallards have returned to both ponds, following the difficult dry summer last year.

Our volunteer team has recently pruned the fruit trees in the orchard and built a dead hedge at the entrance to Jackson's Pond. This is to encourage people (and dogs!) to use the footbridge so that the area by the pond can be developed into an area for nature. Over the next few weeks, we will be managing this area, removing unwanted plants such as brambles and docks and putting in more wildflowers.

Our next sessions are scheduled for **Sundays 5<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May**, weather permitting. Anyone is welcome to join us. We meet by Jackson's Pond at 10.30am and usually work until around noon.

You can visit our website at

<https://sites.google.com/view/friendsofwillastonmeadow/home>.

We also have a Facebook page: /friendswillastonmeadow.

For more information, please go to either of these or ring Sarah Shannon on:

07948 604568.

**Sarah Shannon**



### Hadlow Green Singers

*SINGING IS GOOD FOR YOU!*

The village mixed choir warmly welcomes all singers whatever their musical experience. We rehearse on Thursdays, 7.30 to 9pm in the Memorial Hall.

By the time you read this, we will have presented our Spring concerts. Rehearsals for the Summer concerts (17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July) will start on **16<sup>th</sup> April**; again, we will be singing a variety of music. If you fancy trying us out, do come along! See our website ([www.hadlowgreensingers.co.uk](http://www.hadlowgreensingers.co.uk)) and our Facebook page (Hadlow Green Singers).

**Chris Wells, Chairman**

## The Ladies Choir

For details of the times and dates of the Ladies Choir's meetings please contact:

Angela on 0151 3275108 or Margaret on 0151 3193782

### **Willaston Mobile Library Dates: April – June 2026**

**2.00pm - 4.30pm at The Nag's Head**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May,**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June \***

*\*Please check the website for any changes to dates.*

*There is no service on 6<sup>th</sup> of April which is a Bank Holiday.*



## Parish of Christ Church Willaston-in-Wirral Men's Group

We are a group of men, of all different ages, some of us are married and some of us are not. Most of us live in Willaston and surrounding areas. We meet together for fellowship and, as most of us are Christians, we also meet to support one another in our faith. We generally meet during the second or third week of the month, alternating between a Tuesday / Thursday evening. Our usual pattern of meetings is one month we'll meet in church (finishing no later than 9.00pm), for a short service, followed by a talk, then the next month, we have a pub-social and so on. You do not need to live in Willaston to join us, and you don't need to be Christian either. Equally, you need not come to every meeting – come to what you want to and don't worry about the rest! You will be very welcome wherever and whenever you chose to join us! We really look forward to seeing you!

**Tuesday 14 April 2026:** Visit to the Red Fox, Thornton Hough. Depending on the time, we may visit the Seven Stars in the Thornton Hough Village. No public transport from Willaston – please try to car share.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026:** (*Ascension Day*) We meet with the other members of the church for our annual Ascension Day Holy Eucharist service, which begins at 7:30 PM in the Parish Church.

*Please check the website for any changes to dates.*

For general enquiries, please contact - Stephen Harrington 327 6854,  
Alan Roberts 327 4600, or Canon Lyndon Bannon 334 9931



### Mothers' Union

It was wonderful to see so many members at the Lent Reflection last month and for all the thoughtful contributions. Thank you to Gwynfor and Jim for very kindly leading us.

As I write, I am very much looking forward to our meeting **at 1.30pm on Monday 30 March in church** when we will welcome MU Chester Diocese President, Di, who will bring with her the York Province Prayer Time Capsule, which is to be presented at the MU 150th Anniversary Service in St Paul's Cathedral on 10 June.

This meeting will replace our usual April meeting.

Wishing everyone a Happy 150th Anniversary Year!

**Viv, Branch Leader ([viv.ley@ntlworld.com](mailto:viv.ley@ntlworld.com))**

Tickets will soon be going on sale for our quiz on **April 25<sup>th</sup>** in the Memorial Hall. You will need to buy your tickets in advance; so get a team of up to 8 people together ready for a fun night. Tickets are £12 per person and include a light 2 course meal.

As usual there will be a bar.

All profits will go to the Your Willaston "Light Up Willaston" fund to replace the lights on the beech tree on The Green. See [www.yourwillaston.com](http://www.yourwillaston.com) for more details (scroll down the home page). Contact Anne for tickets at [annehughes1963@outlook.com](mailto:annehughes1963@outlook.com)

In the summer, we are hoping to initiate a plant and seed swapping event to coincide with the gardens open day. In addition, we plan to combine regular plant swaps with our book sales on occasional Saturdays.

Willaston & South Wirral Rotary Club is your local branch of Rotary Great Britain & Ireland. Members raise money for charity, are involved in activities within the local community and enjoy a healthy social life. We are an informal, non-traditional club. Membership is open to anyone aged 18 and over.

If you are interested in joining, then please contact [willaston.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:willaston.secretary@gmail.com) or ring Fiona on 0151 3843081.

Alternatively, you could drop into our next meeting, these are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at the Nag's Head. You can also find us on Facebook.

***Fiona Mosely***

**UP LIFT**

### **Ladies In Fellowship Together**

We are a group of Christian ladies from Christ Church, Willaston, who meet together monthly to provide each other with friendship and fellowship. In strengthening our fellowship together, we are helping one another to share in the love and joy of knowing Christ. We generally meet on the second or third Thursday of the month. You do not need to live in Willaston to join us, and neither do you need to be a Christian!

**Thursday 23rd April 2026, 7.30pm:** A talk about the work of Northern Lights ~ Charity taking children with life limiting illnesses to Lapland. Donations welcomed to Northern Lights. Talk & refreshments at Christ Church, Willaston.

**Thursday 21st May 2026, 7.30pm:** Bread Talk by 'Ma Baker' followed by lots of bread tastings. Chargeable event (details to follow) at Christ Church, Willaston

*Please check the website for any changes to dates.*

For more information, please contact - Helen Heath 07477582577 or  
Claire Bannon 334 9931

## Willaston and District Horticultural Society

As the daylight hours get longer, April is a busy month for gardening, requiring protection of young plants from frost, active sowing of hardy annuals and vegetables and feeding perennials, planting potatoes, mulching beds to suppress weeds, and cleaning patios to prepare for warmer weather.

At the Horticultural Society, on **Tuesday 21st April** we have Michael Bode, who designed a garden for Chelsea Garden Show, speaking about Astronomy and Gardening. Starts at 19.30. A plant stall will be at the meeting plus refreshments

**On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, at 10.00 till 12.00** we have our coffee morning. This includes the children's competition and sale of plants from a local nursery at a discounted price, cakes stall, bottle stall, and guess the amount of sweets in a very large container. Also, refreshments!

Membership is now £10 per year this includes free refreshments at the meetings and 10% off plants at Burleydam, Carr Farm and Premier Plants.

We also have a Facebook page and notices on the community boards in the village about what is on.

If you would like to join us, please contact me on 07786982845.

Happy gardening

*Valerie Brizell*



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME  
Garden Open For Charity

# Willaston Grange

Hadlow Road, Willaston,  
CH64 2UN

**Saturday 13 June**  
**12 - 5pm**  
Adults £6 Children free

 WHEELCHAIR ACCESS  DOGS WELCOME  PLANTS FOR SALE  TEAS  ACCEPTED

More information at [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)



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## Willastonhey W.I.

### WI Monthly Meeting:

Our latest guest speaker was Jim Holmes, a humanitarian documentary photographer. Jim worked for a variety of news agencies reporting on many of the world's natural disasters.

For our talk, he mainly focused on his tourism work in the far east where he lived with his family for twenty years. Jim has written a number of travel and tourism books.

### Out and About:

**Rambling:** A pleasant winter walk around Willaston was enjoyed by all. Warm welcomes were given from Reid's Café at coffee time and the Nag's Head for lunch.

**Bridge Drive:** Once again, our annual Bridge Drive was a great success. The WI ladies delivered a delicious afternoon tea of sandwiches and homemade cakes and scones. The raffle raised £243.00 for Claire House.

**Games Afternoon:** Scrabble was the chosen game – a fun and sociable afternoon.

### Upcoming events:

Bidston Observatory: **Tuesday 14th April.**

Rambling: **Tuesday 21st April** – TBD.

Games Afternoon: **Thursday 23rd April** 2.00 p.m. Memorial Hall – TBD.

Hat Museum Stockport: **Thursday 23rd April.**

Group Meeting: **Friday 24rd April** - *1 From Here to Absurdity*. Gladstone Village Hall.

W.I. Monthly Meeting: **Tuesday 28th April** - Guest speaker will be Coral Greenwood - Brush up your Shakespeare.

We will also holding our weekly/fortnightly activities of knit and natter, walking netball, bridge and darts.

Our meetings are held on fourth Tuesday in the month starting at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. All welcome. Please visit our website [www.willastonheywi.weebly.com](http://www.willastonheywi.weebly.com)

For further information email [willastonhey@gmail.com](mailto:willastonhey@gmail.com)

**Sandra Humphreys**



### Willaston Country Market:

Saturdays, 9.30-11.30am

The Memorial Hall, Willaston.

**4<sup>th</sup> April EASTER MARKET & COFFEE MORNING**

Happy Easter to all our customers.

We hope to see you to share our Easter Bakes

- Hot Cross Buns, Simnel Cakes., Easter Cakes.

Lovely gifts, spring flowers, plants and bulbs too.

**Why not come along and enjoy a coffee and slice of homemade cake**

**Contact Jackie for orders for Easter and further details on 01517216285**

**Mobile: 07957926149, email: [jackiejenkins1896@gmail.com](mailto:jackiejenkins1896@gmail.com)**

**Jackie Jenkins**



## Willaston in the Past

Willaston in the Past aims to record and disseminate information about the history of the village.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March** at the Methodist Chapel and will cover the history of the Old Red Lion.

At the meeting, our new booklet on this theme will be launched and will be available to buy for £5, along with our other booklets and cards.

We will also be at the open gardens on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June** in the grounds of the Old Red Lion and this booklet, along with others will be available for purchase.

Our AGM will take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2pm** in the Methodist Chapel and the speaker is Anthony Annakin Smith.

We are also grateful to Your Willaston CIC which has paid for a new website, which is easier to find. Our website address is now [www.willastoninthepast.co.uk](http://www.willastoninthepast.co.uk)

This has lots of articles, photographs and videos about the village in the past. We are always updating the information.

We have a Facebook page /WillastoninthePast and post a picture each week of different aspects of Willaston. If you use Facebook, please follow us and share our photos. We love reading the comments that people make each week.

We would love to hear from you if you have old photos or other records of the village or would be willing to be interviewed about living in the village in the past. If you are interested in our work, you can also join us as a member, which costs £10 per household per year. Please contact us for a membership form or visit our website .

**Sarah Shannon**



Willaston in the Past

### A History of The Old Red Lion, Willaston



Dr Janet Krska



## **Willaston C of E Primary School – News!**

We can't believe we are already heading into the Summer Term! We are looking forward to exploring the exciting opportunities that lie ahead in the final term of this academic year.

April is a short month in school due to the Spring Break, which also incorporates Easter. We end the Spring Term with a lovely Easter service at Christ Church.

We have some new after-school clubs for the children to try in addition to our regulars; these include Fencing and Mad Science. This month we also have a visit from the school photographer for this year's class photographs.

Our Year 2 and Year 3 pupils are starting their swimming sessions at Neston Recreation Centre. This is a wonderful and vitally important life-saving skill for the children to learn and improve upon as they progress through the school.

Year 4 will be visiting Chester for a Deva Roman Experience. Children will have the opportunity to take part in Roman workshops and activities and will also take part in some Roman marching around the city, including a visit to the Amphitheatre.

Year 5 will be learning how to play the samba drums, culminating in a brief concert for parents to showcase the new skills they have learned.

Our sporting calendar has also been very busy, with many events taking place and coming up, including football, athletics, dodgeball, fencing, tag rugby, quidditch, rounders, and tri-golf!

We are always keen to welcome volunteer helpers into school and would love to hear from you if you can spare a few hours a week. We have many areas where we would appreciate support—assisting pupils with reading, helping with cooking, and Forest School, to name a few. However, we are also happy to be led by your expertise; should you have a skill you think you could pass on to our pupils, we would very much like to hear from you.

You can contact the school office on **0151 832 5360** or at **office@willaston.cheshire.sch.uk**. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Remember to take a look at our website or Instagram for all our up-to-date news**

**[www.willastonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.willastonprimaryschool.co.uk)**  
**[www.instagram.com/willastonce\\_primary](https://www.instagram.com/willastonce_primary)**



## Girlguiding in Willaston Want to join in the fun?

For information on how your daughter can join us, register her now at [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and we will be in touch.

Willaston Rainbows – aged 4 to 7  
Willaston Brownies – aged 7 to 10  
Hinderton Guides & Rangers – aged 10 to 14 & 14 to 18,  
meet at various venues locally



Hinderton Girl Guiding Division's Celebration of 100 years of Thinking Day

### **Scouting in the Local Area**

1st Ness Scout Group has been formed by the merger of 1st Burton in Wirral and 1st Willaston Scout Groups. It offers Scouting to young people in the Ness, Burton, Little Neston, Neston, Willaston and Parkgate areas.

For more details, please consult via their website:

Contact | 1st Ness Scout Group.



**CHRIST CHURCH PARISH SERVICES**  
**April 2026**

Christ Church welcomes all to services.

**Thursday 2 April: Maundy Thursday**

*7.30pm Parish Eucharist*

**Friday 3 April: Good Friday**

*10.00am The Way of the Cross*

**Sunday 5 April: Easter Sunday**

*9.00am Parish Eucharist*

*10.30am All Age Worship*

*3.00pm Worship at Weatherstones*

**Sunday 12 April: Second Sunday of Easter**

*9.00am Parish Eucharist*

*10.30am All Age Worship*

**Sunday 19 April: Third Sunday of Easter**

*9.00am Parish Eucharist*

*10.30am All Age Worship*

**Sunday 26 April: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*9.00am Parish Eucharist*

*10.30am All Age Worship*