Christ Church Willaston in Wirral Parish News



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June 2026

Safeguarding Statement for the Parish Church

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Alternatively, you may contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer, Anne Hughes:

aswillaston@outlook.com

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted at:

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Christ Church Willaston

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Mothers Union 150th Anniversary Provincial Prayer for the Province of York

Lord of all life,
we give you thanks for the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union.
We bless you for the vision of Mary Sumner
to share the love of Jesus in support of family life.
We praise you for the mission and service
of the Mother's Union across the world.
As we continue in the vision of our founder in this land,
we especially offer to you our work of outreach in prisons
and campaigns against domestic abuse,
gender-based violence and modern slavery.
We pray that you will pour out your Spirit upon us,
to bless, renew and refresh
the work of the Mothers' Union in the Province of York.
Together and dispersed, may we bring glory to Jesus
and hope to our communities.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Source: Prayers for the 150th Year of Mothers' Union - Newcastle Diocese Mothers' Union

Mothers' Union is celebrating its 150th anniversary, throughout 2026, with a variety of events. This month will see the 150th Celebratory Service at St Paul's Cathedral, London.

A Prayer for Faith in the North

Loving God,
guide by your Spirit
the churches of the North;
that following in the footsteps
of the Saints who have gone before us,
we may walk in the way of Christ,
share His love with others,
and build your Kingdom of peace
in the communities we serve.
We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Source: *Pilgrim Places - Faith in the North*

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH COMMUNITY HUB



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For more details check the festival website:
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DIARY: JUNE 2026

1st Monday	0900-1100	Places of Welcome	Christ Church
	From 1000	Monday Club	Memorial Hall
2nd Tuesday	1000-1200	Friends of Hadlow Road Station Gardening Day	Hadlow Rd. Stn.
	1400	Willaston in the Past: *AGM*	Methodist Chapel
	1730	Prayer Group	As advised
3rd Wednesday			
4th Thursday	1930	Hadlow Green Singers	Memorial Hall
5th Friday			
6th Saturday	0900	N&DCT Prayer Breakfast, *Little Neston*	Little Neston Methodist Church
	0930-1130	Willaston Country Market	Memorial Hall
7th Sunday		For Church services see p.15 and p.28	
	1000	Friends of Willaston Meadow Working Group	Jackson's Pond
	1200-1400	Rotary Club of Willaston Book Stall	The Green
	1230-1730	Willaston Hidden Gardens and Allotments event	As Mapped
	1500	Service at Weatherstones Care Home	Weatherstones
8th Monday	0900-1100	Places of Welcome	Christ Church
	From1000	Monday Club	Memorial Hall
	1400	The Ladies Choir	Methodist S'Room
	1400-1630	The Mobile Library	The Nag's Head
9th Tuesday	1400-1600	MU Knit & Natter	Christ Church
	1730	Prayer Group	As advised
	1859	Christ Church Men's Group: *Selected Hostelries in Birkenhead*	From Hooton Station
10th Wednesday	1900	The Alpha Course	Christ Church
	1930	Rotary Club of Willaston & South Wirral	The Nag's Head
11th Thursday	1930	Hadlow Green Singers	Memorial Hall
12th Friday			
13th Saturday	0930-1130	Willaston Country Market	Memorial Hall
	1000-1200	Councillor Roberts Surgery	Memorial Hall
	1200-1700	Willaston Grange Open Garden	Willaston Grange
14th Sunday		For Church Services see p.15 and p.28	
	1000-1300	Friends of Hadlow Road Station Pop up Café	Hadlow Rd. Stn.
15th Monday	0900-1100	Places of Welcome	Christ Church
	From 1000	Monday Club	Memorial Hall
16th Tuesday	0930	Willastonhey W.I. Ramble	TBD
	1730	Prayer Group	As advised
	1930	Willaston & District Horticultural Society: *talk; George Pilkington, the birds and the bees.*	Memorial Hall
17th Wednesday	1400	Mothers' Union*	Christ Church
	1900	The Alpha Course	Christ Church
18th Thursday	1900*	upLIFT: *Summer Walk around Heswall*	As advised
	1930	Hadlow Green Singers	Memorial Hall
19th Friday			

**Please note the change of date or time*

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20th Saturday	0930-1130	Willaston Country Market	Memorial hall
	1227	Christ Church Men's Group: *Spookton Brewing Company Visit.***	From Hooton Station
21st Sunday		For Church services see p.15 and p.28	
22nd Monday	0900-1100	Places of Welcome	Christ Church
	From 1000	Monday Club	Memorial Hall
23rd Tuesday	1400-1600	MU Knit and Natter	Christ Church
	1730	Prayer Group	As advised
	1930	Willastonhey WI: talk; *The Reluctant Shepherdess*	Memorial Hall
24th Wednesday	1900	The Alpha Course	Christ Church
	1930	Rotary Club of Willaston & South Wirral	The Nag's Head
25th Thursday	1930	Hadlow Green Singers	Memorial Hall
26th Friday			
27th Saturday	0930-1130	Willaston Country Market	Memorial Hall
	1930	Wirral Chamber Music Festival: *Apollo Saxophone Quartet. Booking Online; www.wirralchamberfest.co.uk*	Christ Church
28th Sunday		For Church services see p.15 and p.28	
	1000-1300	Friends of Hadlow Road Station Pop up Café	Hadlow Road. Stn
29th Monday	0900-1100	Places of Welcome	Christ Church
	From 1000	Monday Club	Memorial Hall
	1400-1630	The Mobile Library	The Nag's Head
30th Tuesday	1730	Prayer Group	As advised

** *Please note this is an afternoon meeting*

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 June.
Check with the organisers for more details and venues.

Weekly Half-hour Prayer Group:

Tuesday 5.30 - 6.00pm.

A weekly half-hour Prayer Group will take place in order to pray for various current topics.

Please contact Chris and Mike Smith for details of times and venues.

Home Group:

Home Group is in abeyance whilst the Alpha course is running but will return, in term time, once the course has concluded. However, there is still opportunity to join the Alpha course. The talks and discussions cover a specific topic each week.
You will be most welcome.

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

S	*Please pray for:*	**7th** The Willaston Hidden Gardens Event	**14th** Archbishops Sarah and Stephen	**21st** Friends of Willaston Meadow	28th St. Michael and All Angel Church, Little Neston
M	**1st** Places of Welcome	**8th** The Ladies Choir	**15th** Willaston Pharmacy and Surgeries	**22nd** The Monday Club	**29th** The Mobile Library
T	**2nd** Willaston in The Past Group	**9th** Knit & Natter Groups	**16th** Willaston & District Horticultural Society	**23rd** Willastonhey W.I.	**30th** The Community Hub and its Users
W	**3rd** Guiding in Willaston	**10th** The Alpha Course	**17th** Mothers' Union	**24th** The Rotary Club	
Th	**4th** Hadlow Green Singers	**11th** Emergency Service Workers	**18th** UpLIFT	**25th** Scouting in the Local Area	
F	**5th** Willaston CofE School Students and Teachers	**12th** Those in Care Homes and their Care Workers	**19th** Those Made Homeless in Zones of Conflict	**26th** Families Suffering Economic Hardship	
S	**6th** Friends of Hadlow Road Station	**13th** Local Councillors	**20th** The Men's Group	**27th** Willaston Country Market	

Ascension Day Service

Forty days after Easter marks the Ascension of Jesus to heaven. Christ Church celebrated the Feast of the Ascension with its traditional evening Eucharist Service on Thursday the 14th May.

We are very grateful both to the Rt. Rev'd Julie Conalty, Bishop of Birkenhead, who delivered a most interesting sermon and officiated at the service, and to all who helped make it possible.

Foundations for Ministry Celebration

This year 40 people from across the Chester Diocese, including from Christ Church, have been part of the Foundations for Ministry course.

Learning together, the group considered how they might serve God in the world and the church in all kinds of ways.

On Friday May 1st, many of them gathered at Bishops House to be given their certificates by Bishop Mark and to celebrate together the friendships that have formed and all they have learned about being Together in Christ, Sharing Hope.

Congratulations to all who completed the course.



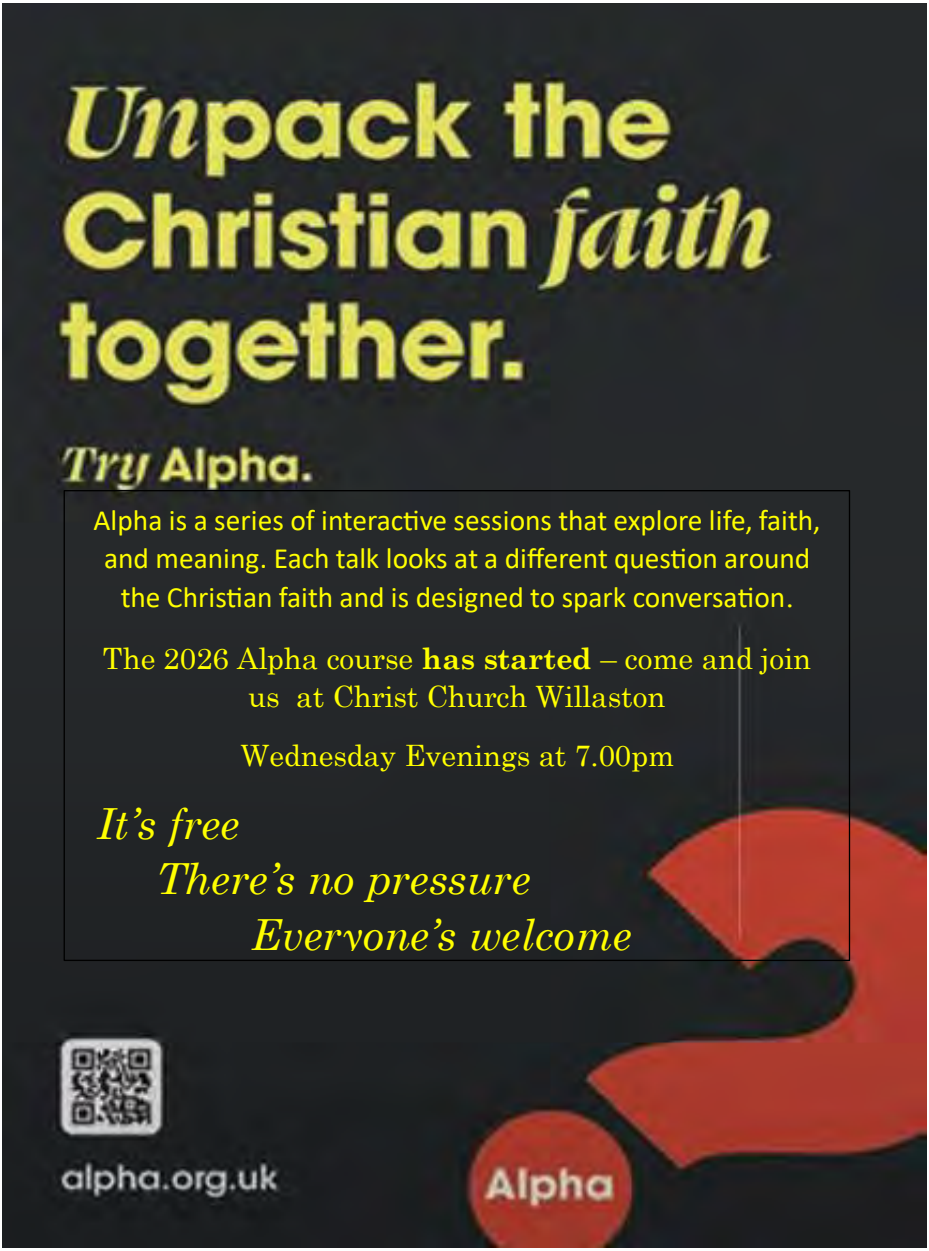
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The Alpha Course at Christ Church

Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. The meetings in June will be on Wednesday 10th, 17th and 24th at 7.00pm.

—What is Alpha? — Alpha UK — Explore the Christian faith



Christian Aid Week 2026

Christian Aid Week began with its Ecumenical Service at Neston Parish Church, highlighting the work of Christian Aid's partners in Nairobi, Kenya.

The retired Bishop of Bristol, the Right Reverend Vivienne Faull, spoke to us about the gifts of our Father God to us from the Bible reading Matt. 7.7-11. Bishop Vivienne gave us all much food for thought, illustrating her talk by sharing her times and experiences as a teacher in India.

We are so very grateful to her for giving us her time and enthusiasm for the work of Christian Aid.



Photo courtesy: L. Vaughan

Many thanks also both to those who collected at the Gordale Garden Centre's 'Bucket Collection' and to all those who have donated via the bucket collection, support of the coffee morning and by filling donation envelopes. Monies are now being counted.

Faith in the North

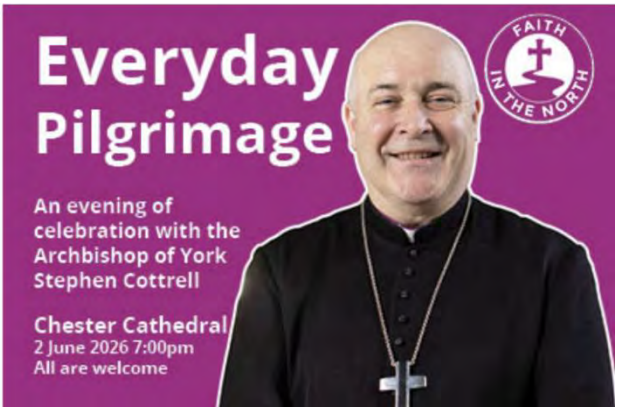
2027 will mark the 1400th anniversary of King Edwin, the first king of Northumbria's, baptism by the missionary Paulinus, Bishop of York. This, his response to the invitation of the Gospel, initiated a turning point which sparked the transformation of the North of England to Christianity.

A meeting of Christian leaders and scholars at Bishopsthorpe Palace, York, held to discuss how to mark this anniversary, was inspired by the Northern Anglo Saxon missionaries and saints. This led to the Faith in the North initiative.

Faith in the North seeks to encourage a movement of prayer, storytelling and church planting following the example of these Northern Celtic Saints.

It will provide resources for churches, schools and individuals to foster deeper connections with the Christian faith and renew missionary purpose. It considers this mission to be a call to renewal by -as well as storytelling - a sharing of journeys of faith, and inspiration from churches, places and pilgrimages. Archbishop Stephen Cottrell has also expressed the importance of sharing the fruits of contemplation and beauty of God through arts and crafts, poems and music – both through those from the past and through new works.

'Today we remember. Looking back at the light from the past and moving forward to the future with hope.' Vision - Faith in the North *introduction video*



Faith in the North describes pilgrimage in three ways:

1. a whole life journey,
2. an inner spiritual journey through prayer
3. visiting special places to learn, find forgiveness, healing or guidance.

Based on the early centuries of the church, pilgrimage did not always involve a long physical journey, but also a withdrawal from everyday life to focus on being close to God. Monks and nuns would have considered themselves on an inner pilgrimage - growing by prayer and meditation.

However, many people today love actively visiting special places to withdraw even momentarily from everyday life and often find sites where others have prayed and worshipped before helpful.

As an alternative to walking specific pilgrim routes, visiting churches, cathedrals and other special places of beauty (such as Lindisfarne and Iona) can give a sense of belonging and perspective. These special places offer space to pause and explore as a pilgrim, having a pilgrim's experience and thoughts to take time out of the 'ordinary' and think about personal journeys through life - finding peace, hope, comfort and understanding. Helpful questions to consider might include, 'Where have I come from?', 'Where am I now?', 'Where am I going?', 'What might I need to help me cope – and grow?'

Faith in the North has produced a series of guiding leaflets for a church visit. These help people discover and use 'pause points' to think about their surroundings by asking the questions above. A few leaflets are currently available at the back of the church – as well as a selection of beautiful contemplative prayer cards inspired by the northern saints.

Many churches in the Northern Province (and beyond, to the south of the province and into Wales) have signed up to become Pilgrim Places and can be investigated on the interactive map on the Faith in the North website: Pilgrim Places - Faith in the North

Adapted from the Faith in the North website.

Wirral Foodbank
Together with Trussell

'Providing emergency food to people in crisis.

Every day, people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income.

A simple box of food makes a big difference, foodbanks can help prevent crime, housing loss, as well as family breakdown and mental health problems.'

Trussell Trust has worked with nutritionists to ensure each food parcels contains sufficient nutrition for at least three days' worth of healthy, balanced meals for individuals or families.

West Cheshire Foodbank
Together with Trussell



Photo courtesy A. Hughes

EMERGENCY FOOD FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN FINANCIAL CRISIS

The foodbank has an urgent need for:

Tinned Spaghetti, Tinned Vegetables and Fruit, Curry Sauce, UHT Juice, UHT Milk, Rice Pudding, Tea and Tinned meat / Fish, *as well as these non-perishable items: Packet Rice, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Tomatoes, Instant Coffee (small jars), Cuppa Soups, Instant Noodles, Instant Pasta (Pasta and Sauce), Tinned Custard, Biscuits and Small Treats, Toiletries, Shampoo, Jams, crackers and Spreads.*

(Stocks of pasta and cereal and beans remain high)
Items can be donated when the church buildings are open.
Christ Church is open on Monday morning from 0900 to 1100 and Saturday Mornings from 1000 to 1200
The Methodist Church is open on the First Saturday of the Month from 1000-1200

WILLASTON's
Hidden Gardens and Allotments

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE
12.30 – 5.30 PM

SEE THE GARDENS HIDDEN BEHIND SOME OF THE VILLAGE'S ICONIC HOMES











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AFTERNOON TEAS available at
Christ Church, Symonds Grange

PLANT SALES at the Old Red Lion

CHURCHES TOGETHER
Supported by Your Willaston and Gordale Garden Centre



Willaston Methodist Church

Care, Share Empower

The trees are now in full leaf and the flowers in both gardens and hedgerows are out in abundance. I hope that you are able to enjoy the wonders of nature as the days hopefully get warmer.

Services for June

7th	10.45am.	Service led by members of the congregation
14th	10.45am.	Prof N Ford
21st	10.45am.	Rev'd Alan Fisher
28h	10.45am.	Rev'd Noel Sharp

Chapel Anniversary

Thank you to all who joined us to celebrate our 188th anniversary in our present building. It was lovely to see so many friends from the village and from our sister churches at our Coffee Morning.

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

Friends of Hadlow Road Station Community Group

Pop Up Café Season 26 – We continue to serve.

On the 17th May we held our first Charity Café of the season. The charity selected was the Friends of Birkenhead Kennels. We also had Simon Le Barber on hand to entertain us all. All proceeds from the café, once expenses have been deducted, went direct to the charity. SMH also supported the event by having donation buckets and all the proceeds from these buckets went to the charity. The overall amount will be highlighted in our next update

The next dates for the Pop Up Cafés are:

14th and 28th June

12th and 26th July

10.00am. - 1.00 pm.

Gardening:

A team of volunteers turned out on 6th May to review and maintain the beds and borders. The team is working on advanced preparations for the event on the 29th May.

The next working party will take place 2nd June.

FHRS would welcome any donations of spare plants and shrubs that the community may have whilst they undertake their garden revamps. Please contact Ian Corcoran on: **iancorcoran@btinternet.com** to make arrangements with you.

Cheshire Life Magazine:

FHRS are to feature in an article in a future edition of the magazine to highlight the work that has been and continues to be undertaken to maintain and develop the station and its surrounding environment plus our recent King's Award for Voluntary Services. The article will be published in the July issue.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party:

On Friday 8th May our President, Chris Hampshire, and his wife, Ruth, attended the formal Garden Party to honour the winners of the King's Award for 2025. Ruth posted on an email:

"Chris & I were honoured to spend an awesome day in the grounds of Buckingham Palace, representing FHRS as recipients of the King's Award for Voluntary Service 2025. Such a privilege!" It was a fitting occasion to acknowledge the hard work and dedication Chris had done as Chair of FHRS.

At the time of writing FHRS are looking forward to the presentation of the King's Award for Voluntary Services on Friday 29th May 2026 by the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, Lady Redmond. The award is a testament to the hard work, dedication and commitment by all the volunteers over the years that has made Hadlow Road Station and its surrounding environment what it is today and enjoyed by the local and wider communities.

AGM:

On Friday 24th April we held our AGM in the Main Hall at The Memorial Hall which was well attended.

Those present were updated on various aspects of the previous year and future plans and events were highlighted. Major expense will be incurred this year in replacing the step and platform for the Sign Box as well as a total repaint of the Signal Box itself. Once a date for the work has been agreed we will publish this in the Parish News.

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

Sion Roberts, Councillor Surgeries: June - July

10:00-12:00am. at Willaston Memorial Hall Committee Room

Saturday 13th June and Saturday 11th July

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(also, Saturday 4th July - 9:00–10:00am at Gladstone Hall, Burton)

WILLASTON
MEMORIAL HALL

Charity No 520090

Trustees of the Memorial Hall

The next meeting of the Trustees of the

Memorial Hall will be held on:

Monday 20th July 2026 at 7 p.m.

For any enquiries about the meeting please contact the Secretary:
e-mail: doreen.francey@btinternet.com.

Willaston Mobile Library Dates: June 2026

2.00pm - 4.30pm at The Nag's Head
Monday 8th and Monday 29th June

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

Friends of Willaston Meadow



It is lovely to see the Meadow at this time of year, with lots of flowers blooming and the grasses growing. We planted corncockle and red campion at our May volunteer sessions and have more plants to put in.

The birds are in full song, and blue tits are in our new nesting boxes. We have recently put up two bat boxes around Dead Man's Pond.

We were delighted to find that the Great Crested Newts have returned to the pond and laid eggs in the new grass that is growing there. We were also pleased to see that the Alder Buckthorns planted by Willaston School last year are showing signs of caterpillars – they are particularly attractive to brimstone caterpillars, which is why they were planted.

We have also found some ladies smock, also known as milkmaids or cuckoo flower – this is the official flower of Cheshire!

Our next sessions are scheduled for **Sundays 7th June and 5th July,** 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.

Rehearsals are well underway for the Summer concerts (17th and 18th July) entitled 'Faraway Places' – prepare to be transported in your imagination! Our chosen charity this year is Maggie's Wirral (cancer support).

For more information, see our website (HadlowGreenSingers.co.uk) and our Facebook page (Hadlow Green Singers).

Chris Wells, Chairman

The Ladies Choir

The Ladies Choir will be meeting once a month during June and July.
The June meeting will be on **Monday the 8th and on Monday the 13th in July.**
Rehearsals are held in the Methodist Hall, usually from 2-3.30pm.
New members, who enjoy a good sing, are always welcome, with no previous experience necessary.

To confirm details of the times and dates of the Ladies Choir's meetings please contact:
Angela on 0151 3275108 or Margaret on 0151 3193782



In May, Anthony gave a most interesting and informative talk on the history of the 18th century Foundling Hospitals, focusing particularly on Chester and the children in their care.

His book, 'Left but not forgotten', published last month, will provide further insights into its important work, raising awareness of the social ills of the time. Much discussion ensued over refreshments afterwards.

Our MU meeting in June will take place a week later than usual due to the 150th Anniversary celebrations in London the week before. I hope you will join us for:

'A Summer Celebration' at **2pm on Wednesday 17 June** in church.

Viv Ley, Branch Leader

Rotary Club of Willaston & South Wirral

Our Quiz on 25th April was a big success, and we raised £772 towards Your Willaston CIC's Christmas Lights appeal "Light Up Willaston".

Thanks to everyone who took part, and to all the local businesses who once more donated some fabulous raffle prizes.

Our first Book Sale on the Green took place on Saturday 9th May and we trialled our plant exchange. There are plenty of seedling wallflowers to be had and some strawberry plants, already bearing fruit!

Our next Book Sale will be on **Sunday 7th June** on the Green – as this is the village Garden Open Day, we will be there from 12 till 2pm. Do come along and support us. We won't have plants, as there will be a separate plant sale for the churches at the Old Red Lion. After that the next one will be on **25th July.**

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 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



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.

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 don't 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 9th June 2026: visit various selected hostelries in Birkenhead! Catch the 1859 from Hooton train station and meet at Gallagher's (Chester Street, next to the Police Station), then maybe on to the Wetherspoons on Argyle Street.

Saturday 20th June 2026: *NB this is an afternoon meeting* Brewery visit Spookton Brewing Company (Saint Thomas pathway, off Queens St, Chester). Catch the 12:27 from Hooton railway station and meet in the Station Tap on the concourse in Chester station for around 12:45pm. We will then either walk or get taxis from there.

Thursday 9 July 2026: A short service of Evening Prayer, followed by a short talk: topic – 'What is Ministry'. Meet 7.30pm 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 Fr Lyndon Bannon 334 9931

upLIFT

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 18th June 2026, 7.00pm (TBC): A summer evening walk around Heswall Dales starting at the Harry Beswick Pub Alternative venues to be announced if wet! Details to follow.

Thursday 16th July 2026, 7:.00pm: A shared supper picnic in our church grounds. 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


NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME
Garden Open For Charity
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Willaston and District Horticultural Society

The longest day of the year falls on June 21st bringing warmer temperatures and extra sunlight. Flowers are blossoming, there's lots to harvest in the vegetable garden and keeping on top of bolting plants is a priority, particularly weeds. Ventilate the greenhouse.

Top up bird baths and watch for aphids; encourage natural predators like ladybirds. Prioritise watering, especially pots, on hot sunny days.

At the Horticultural Society on **Tuesday 16th June** George Pilkington will be talking about the birds and the bees. The meeting starts at 19.30. A plant stall will be at the meeting and refreshments will be served.

Non-members £2

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

You can follow us on Facebook

Happy Gardening

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COUNTRY MARKETS
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Willaston Country Market:
Saturdays, 9.30-11.30am
The Memorial Hall, Willaston.

Alongside the usual baked goodies, preserves, honey, greetings cards, gifts and knitted goods we have a selection of perennials, veg plants and freshly cut flowers**.**



Orders taken, (including for Celebration Cakes)
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Jackie Jenkins

Willaston Horticultural Society
Is holding it's
77th ANNUAL SHOW OF VEGETABLES, FLOWERS AND PRODUCE

SATURDAY 1st AUGUST
WILLASTON MEMORIAL HALL
Doors open 1.30pm
Admission £1.00
Children under 16 free with an adult

Tea, Coffee and Cakes available.



Willastonhey W.I.

WI Monthly Meeting:

Dominiga Devitt very kindly stepped in after our guest speaker had to pull out due to unforeseen circumstances. We were treated to the story and the making of the 1958 film 'The Inn of the 6th Happiness', based on the true story of Gladys Aylward, a British Woman who became a missionary in China during the second Sino-Japanese War. She bravely led 100 children to safety from Japanese invaders. The film's main stars included Ingrid Bergman as Gladys, Robert Donat as the Mandarin of Yangcheng and Curt Jürgens as Captain Lin Nan. Most of the children in the cast were from Liverpool, the oldest ethnic Chinese community in Europe. Location scenes were filmed in Beddgelert, North Wales. The film was a great success, but Gladys was deeply upset at how she was inaccurately portrayed.

Out and about:

Bidston Observatory: We recently enjoyed a guided tour around Bidston Observatory, where we learned about its history dating back to 1866.
It was fascinating to discover how, over the years, it played an important role in the traditions of Time and Tide. Today, the building serves as a not-for-profit artists' research centre while also celebrating its rich historical past.
The Hat Works Museum, Stockport: A small number of ladies had a wonderful day out in Stockport where the highlight was a guided tour around the museum which is housed in a restored Grade ll listed Victorian Mill. As well as the machinery and equipment on display which took us through the process of how hats are made, there was also a large gallery of hats showcasing fashion through the years.
Afternoon tea followed at The Plaza.
From Here to Absurdity: Willastonhey W.I. ladies provided the catering for the evening performance of 'From Here to Eternity' the at the Gladstone Village Hall.
Rambling: The weather was kind on a walk along the canal from Christleton to Waverton. Coffee break was at the Cheshire Cat and lunch at the Ring O Bells.
Quiz: Our quiz team came a very respectable 3rd out of all Cheshire W.I. groups. They are hoping for an invite into the ultimate final.

Upcoming events

Annual Lunch: **Tuesday 9th June** – Brook Hall Hotel
Rambling: **Tuesday 16th June – TBD.**
W.I. Monthly Meeting: **Tuesday 23rd June** – The Reluctant Shepherdess, Rosie Lee.
We will also holding our weekly/fortnightly/monthly activities of knit and natter, walking netball, bridge, darts and games afternoon.

Our meetings are held on fourth Tuesday in the month starting at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. All welcome.
For further information email willastonhey@gmail.com Find us on Facebook @ Willastonhey W.I.

Sandra Humphreys

Hadlow Green Singers

Summer Concert



'Faraway Places'

Be transported by a varied programme of choral arrangements with sing-alongs

free interval refreshments

Fri 17th and Sat 18th July at 7.30pm

WILLASTON MEMORIAL HALL

Tickets £10 (£5 for under 16s)

available from choir members, Willaston Spar, or by calling Dave on 0151-200-7561

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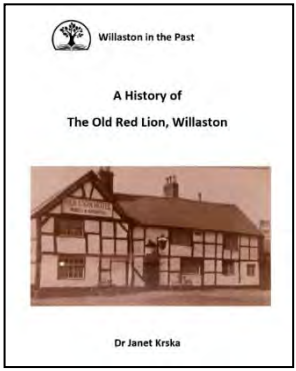
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Girlguiding in Willaston
Want to join in the fun?

For information on how your daughter can join us, register her now at www.girlguiding.org.uk 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

Willaston in the Past



Willaston in the Past aims to record and disseminate information about the history of the village. We have recently launched our new booklet which covers the history of the Old Red Lion. This is available to buy for £5, along with our other booklets and cards.

We will be at the open gardens on **Sunday 7th 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 2nd June at 2pm** in the Methodist Chapel and the speaker is Anthony Annakin Smith who will discuss 1000 Years of History in a Mid-Wirral Landscape.

We are grateful to Your Willaston CIC which has paid for our website:

www.willastoninthepast.co.uk

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

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 C of E Primary School – News!

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 and would like to come and volunteer in the school. We have many areas within school where we'd appreciate support – assisting pupils read, helping with cooking and Forest School to name a few. However, we are also happy to be led by your expertise, so 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 either
0151 832 5360 or office@willastonce.cheshire.sch.uk
We look forward to hearing from you.

Remember to take a look at our website for all our up-to-date news -
www.willastonceprimaryschool.co.uk



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CHRIST CHURCH PARISH SERVICES



JUNE 2026

Christ Church welcomes all to services.

Sunday 7 June: First Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Parish Eucharist
10.30am All Age Worship
3.00pm Worship at Weatherstones

Sunday 14 June: Second Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Parish Eucharist
10.30am All Age Eucharist

Sunday 21 June: Third Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Parish Eucharist
10.30am All Age Worship

Sunday 28 June: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Parish Eucharist
10.30am All Age Worship

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