

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet

Sunday 7th August 2022 – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

This sheet is also available online at www.stmaryswistaston.blog

Worship & Prayer in church & online for Sunday and the coming week
Holy communion will be distributed at Communion Rail with 'Priest intinction'

In Church

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9am at St Luke's – A service of Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary's - A Service of Holy Communion

Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16 & Luke 12.32-40

Wednesday 10th August – Holy Communion at St Mary's

Next Sunday 14th August 2022 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9am at St Luke's – A service of Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary's - A Service of All Age Worship

Hebrews 11.29-12.2 & Luke 12.49-56

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

Online

Every Sunday @ 10:40 am Live Streamed Worship from St Mary's



(stream begins at 10:30am)



[YouTube.com/StMarysWistaston1](https://www.youtube.com/StMarysWistaston1) & Facebook: bit.ly/facebookstmarys

You can also join in by phone: just before 10:40am Call: 0203 051 2874

Meeting ID: 838 7878 9259 Participant ID (if asked): # Passcode: 567119

Morning Prayer is taking a break until Monday 5 September

You can access MP from the Church of England each day at bit.ly/cofeprayer

or on the phone at Daily Hope on 0800 804 8044

First Reading: Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16.

A reading from Epistle to the Hebrews

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 12.32–40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you O Lord.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct,
sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your
commandments;
that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy
things; may the ears which have
heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung
your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the
tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been
fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of
your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen

News & Information

Further news, information is available at
stmaryswistaston.blog & stmaryswistaston.org.uk

Tuesday, 23rd August - Church Hall Cleaning - We will be doing cleaning jobs in the Hall/Howe Room 9-12 noon. If you're able to help out in any way, that will be great. Refreshments provided. Sue & Chris

A note from Paul - I want to thank all at St Mary's and St Luke's for your kind and caring support over my ministry as your curate. The three years certainly flew by and were full of a great deal of unplanned challenges. You really have helped me to learn and grow over my time with you. Thank you. I want to thank the wardens and Mike for putting up with my crazy ideas and helping me to understand the inner workings of a parish. I am sure that will be put to good use here. It is difficult to sum up in a few words all I want to say, but St Paul does in Philippians Chapter 1. *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* Philippians 1:3-6. Thank you, God Bless, Paul. Please see photos from the day and leaving lunch at bit.ly/stmarys240822

The Ladies Afternoon Group Llandudno trip – Sea, sun, ice cream, the big wheel, the pier, the Orme were just a few things enjoyed by LAG during their trip to Llandudno last month. Thank goodness the temperatures were not quite as hot as the previous two days! It was great to see everyone and we look forward to seeing you all in September for our next 'get together', Ann and Frances.

Enabling all God's People: A service to celebrate our different abilities, led by the Bishop of Birkenhead, with guest speaker Darius Traves. The Diocesan Engagement and Inclusion Officer, the Revd Vanessa Layfield, invites you to come along to the service which takes place on 10 September at 2pm at St Michael's and All Angels', Bramhall. More info & Booking here: bit.ly/enablingaggp

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine



Receiving Communion

- **You are invited to come up to the Communion Rail to receive Communion**
- **You will be offered a wafer dipped in wine**
- **If you would like to only receive the wafer please hold out one hand**
- **For a Blessing keep your hands down**
- **If you need to, or would prefer to, receive at your pew, please raise your hand and a Warden will make sure you receive it there**