

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 4th September 2022 – Twelfth 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

Philemon 1-21 & Luke 14.25-33

Wednesday 7th September – Holy Communion at St Mary's

Next Sunday 11th September 2022 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

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

1 Timothy 1.12-17, Luke 15.1-10

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

Morning Prayer on Zoom bit.ly/930mp, 9:30am – usually Monday & Thursday, check the online calendar for this week bit.ly/stmcal
or by phone: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 850 2058 1307 Passcode: 914961

First Reading: Philemon 1-21

A reading from Epistle to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker – also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier – and to the church that meets in your home: Grace and peace to you^[a] from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul – an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus – that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus¹ who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask. And one thing more: prepare a guest room for me, because I hope to be restored to you in answer to your prayers. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.25-33

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

Glory to you O Lord

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

'Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."

'Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than
we to pray and to give more than either
we desire or deserve: pour down upon
us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid and giving us those
good things which we are not worthy
to ask but through the merits and
mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside
our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in
Christ
may bring that healing to this broken
world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

News & Information

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

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/enablingagp

Thankyou from our Rose Queen: Thank you everyone for coming to my coffee morning / afternoon! It was lovely to see you all and the weather was kind. The church family, neighbours and friends have all been very generous in giving donations if they were not able to attend and we ended the day having raised the wonderful sum of £261.76. Including the sale of sunflowers and spider plants from our driveway we have raised over £380.00 in total and we hope to have a successful day at the Duck Race on 10th September. Once again many thanks for your support of our charity the DEC. Joy and Poppy.

Sunday refreshments - please if anyone can offer their services for Mid October onwards for Tea and Coffee after Service, please add your name to the Rota in the Church Hall – Many thanks

July Foodbank Update: St Paul's Pantry provided 231 people with crisis food parcels which is 100 households. Most people are experiencing hardship in the current climate, with the need of long life food items still being the main priority; currently we are continuously short of items such as tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned puddings, UHT milk, cereal, jam, cooking sauces, rice, and pasta. Thank you!

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine