

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 16th October 2022 – Eighteenth 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 Worship

Sunday 16th October 2022 - Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity

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

10.40am at St Mary's – A Service of All Age Holy Communion

2. Timothy 3.14-4.5 & Luke 18.1-8

**Wednesday 19th October at 10am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
followed by refreshments**

Next Sunday 23rd October 2022 – Bible Sunday & Last 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

2. Timothy 4.6-8,16-18 & Luke 18.9-14

12.30pm – Baptism Service for Harper Sofia Ellam & Beatrix Ann Bowker

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

Our annual Service of Commemoration at St Mary's is on Sunday 6 November at 6pm. Invites are being sent to those who we've conducted funerals for over the past three years; however, the service is open to anyone who would like to remember those whom they love but see no longer, no booking required, just come. In the service there is the opportunity for your loved one's name to be read out in an **Act of Commemoration**. It is easier, and preferred, if names are received in advance: names can be submitted here: bit.ly/addnames2022 or there are slips in the porch. Please hand any slips personally to Revd Mike.

Online Worship

The 10:40am service is live streamed from St Mary's each Sunday on [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 # Passcode: 567119

**Morning Prayer on Zoom bit.ly/930mp, 9:30am – this week only
Thursday due to school assemblies.**

First Reading: 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

A reading from the second Epistle to Timothy.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Annual Shoebox Appeal

This year we are partnering with [Teams4U](https://teams4u.com), based in Wrexham, to donate Christmas Shoeboxes to deprived children in Romania, Belarus, Bosnia, Moldova and Georgia. Teams4U have nearly 20 years experience in delivering Shoeboxes and other assistance to many eastern European countries, including recently to [Ukraine](https://teams4u.com).

We will be accepting Shoeboxes in church from Sunday 6 November until Wednesday 16 November. There are leaflets in the porch, flatpack boxes will be available soon (£1 donation) and you can donate a Shoebox [online](https://teams4u.com) if this is easier for you. For each Shoebox you make please give £3 to help towards transportation, we would prefer this is done online, the guide below or the leaflets explain how. To find out how to create a Shoebox and what to put in it please go here:

teams4u.com/shoebox-guide/

Gospel Reading: Luke 18.1-8

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, "Grant me justice against my adversary."

'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"'

And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which
is before, we may run the way of
your commandments and win
the crown of everlasting joy;
through 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

We praise and thank you,
O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion
is renewed,
here our minds are filled
with grace,
and here a pledge of future
glory is given,
when we shall feast at that
table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

Amen.

News & Information

Further news, information is available at

stmaryswistaston.blog & stmaryswistaston.org.uk

The Funeral of Joan Powell will be held on Friday 21 October at 1:45pm at St Mary's. Please keep her family in your prayers at this time.

Past Cases Review 2: you may remember that in early 2020 the Church of England underwent a Safeguarding review of past cases and each parish was asked to check back through PCC Minutes for 70 years. This was completed just before the pandemic hit and the report has been published this week. You can access the report, Diocesan Summary and hear the Bishops' response to it on the Diocesan website: bit.ly/pcr2report

After nearly 50 years of service the heating boiler at St Mary's can't be repaired. We have temporary heating in place as it may take a while to replace the heating. We are required to explore alternatives to fossil fuels & renewable energy sources. Please dress warmly until this is resolved.

Exploring the Bible further. The Tuesday morning study group is next meeting on 18th October at 10.15am at 56 Bowness Road. All Welcome! Thank you, Jenny Varty or call on 01270 567618.

Meeting for Prayer. This will be held on the first Thursday evening of each month at 7pm, the next meet is 4th November. Open to anyone who would like to meet for prayer for our church & the world at 56 Bowness Road, Jenny Varty 01270 567618.

Wells Green Methodist Cafe is open every Friday morning, 10am to 12noon for a cuppa and chat. It is run by volunteers, who provide a friendly welcome.

Men's Group – 7.30pm Friday 11 November 2022 - Please join us at Ebenezers (159 Nantwich Road, Crewe – the old Beer Dock) for beer [non-alcoholic options might be available], afterwards we will go somewhere for food. Open to all men over 18. Feel free to bring male family & friends. See you there! No rsvp needed, Howard.

Foodbank update :In September we have seen the highest number of people referred since January, an increase of 61% compared to August. We are very grateful for the continued support , to those who have donated food or given monetary gifts. **A specific thank you for organising Harvest collections.** Please continue to help us with longlife food items to see us through the Winter months.

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine