

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

Sunday 30th October 2022 – All Saints' Day

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 30th October 2022 – All Saints' Day

10.40am at St Mary's (joint service with St Luke's) – All Age Holy Communion

Ephesians 1.11-23, Luke 6.20-31

12.30pm – Baptism Service for Darcie Allen- Hopwood & Eve Haskell

**Wednesday 2nd November at 10am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
followed by refreshments**

Next Sunday 6th November 2022 – Third Sunday before Advent

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

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

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17 & Luke 20.27-38

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

6pm A Service of Commemoration at St Mary's

Our annual Service of Commemoration at St Mary's is on Sunday 6 November at 6pm. Invites have been 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 streamed from St Mary's each Sunday

[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 on Zoom at 9:30am bit.ly/930mp Usually Monday and Thursday, check the online calendar for weekly changes bit.ly/stmcal

First Reading: Ephesians 1.11-23

A reading from the Epistle to Ephesians.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Annual Shoebox Appeal

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. **We will be accepting Shoeboxes in church from Sunday 6 November until Wednesday 16 November.** Leaflets in the porch & Flatpack Boxes are available for £1. To find out how to create a Shoebox and what to put in it please go here: teams4u.com/shoebox-guide/

Gospel Reading: Luke 6.20-31

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Looking at his disciples, he said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.

‘Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.

Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

‘But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty God,

you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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

God, the source of all Holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News & Information

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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.

Bible Study & Prayer. Tuesday morning Bible Study group, at 10.15am at 56 Bowness Road. Meeting for Prayer for our church & the world. This will be held on the first Thursday evening of each month at 7pm, the next meet is 4th November. Please contact Jenny Varty 01270 567618 for dates and more info.

Christmas Cake Decorating Demonstration by Elaine Turner on Saturday 19th November at 3pm in the Church Hall. Seasonal refreshments & raffle. Donations towards the Church Heating. See Elaine or Sarah Turnbull for info.

Ladies Afternoon Tea: It seems a very long time since the ladies from church had a social get together. We have a provisional booking for 1pm on Sunday 27 November at the Tea Lounge at Nantwich Football Club. The price is £14.95, please contact Joy Chaplow by Monday 7 November if you would like to come: 01270 747908, 07730 007966, email chaplowjoy@gmail.com

Cafe Wells Methodist – Open every Friday, 10.30am to 1.30pm, for refreshments, soup and a roll (donations). Run by friendly volunteers - come along for a chat and hot soup to keep warm.

St Mary's Heating. We have been working hard behind the scenes to resolve this issue. Following a report from our heating engineer, the Diocese have now agreed that we can fit a new energy efficient gas boiler, our best option at this time. However, we still need to apply for a faculty and have it agreed by the Diocese, it may be weeks yet. Please dress warmly until resolved. Revd Mike & the Wardens.

Crewe 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.

Nantwich Foodbank: a huge 'thank you' for your kind donation to our Appeal. Your contribution of an amazing 139.61 kg of food and toiletries will help replenish the store room. The "targeted appeal" of the items we are short of has been a huge success. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine