

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

## Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Christ the King

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**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 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Christ the King**

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

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

*Colossians 1.11-20 & Luke 23.33-43*

**Wednesday 23rd November at 10am - Holy Communion at St Mary's  
followed by refreshments**

**Next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Advent Sunday**

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

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

*Isaiah 2.1-5 & Matthew 24.36-44*

**12.30pm – Baptism Service for Alfie Jacob Buckley & Robyn Willow Day**

*All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition*



### **Advent Study Group**

**Revd Mike is planning to run an Advent Study Group** on Mondays 28 November, 5, 12 & 19 December. 7:30pm-9pm at the Rectory. Please let Mike know if you're interested.

[revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk](mailto:revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk) – 01270 665742

### 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](https://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](https://bit.ly/930mp) usually Monday & Thursday, check the online calendar for weekly changes**

[bit.ly/stmcal](https://bit.ly/stmcal)

## First Reading: Colossians 1.11–20

### A reading from the Epistle to the Colossians

Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Collect**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ  
ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule  
over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to  
worship at his feet;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people;  
that they, plenteously bringing  
forth the fruit of good works,  
may by you  
be plenteously rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 23.33-43**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’ And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.’

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: ‘Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’

But the other criminal rebuked him. ‘Don’t you fear God,’ he said, ‘since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.’

Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’

Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## News & Information

[stmaryswistaston.blog](http://stmaryswistaston.blog) & [stmaryswistaston.org.uk](http://stmaryswistaston.org.uk)

**We continue to mourn the death of two members of our congregation: Bert Spencer and John Roberts.** We give thanks for their lives, friendship and the memories they leave with us. Please keep their families in your prayers.

**John's funeral is on Monday 28 November, 12 noon at St Mary's.**

**Bert's funeral is on Monday 5 December, 1pm at St Mary's.**

**Toy Service on 4 December:** The Salvation Army would like new unwrapped toys and gifts for ages 0 to 16. All toys and gifts will be given to local families in need this Christmas. Please bring to church on 4 December.

**Bible Study & Prayer.** Tuesday morning Bible Study group, at 10.15am November next meeting is 29<sup>th</sup> November at 56 Bowness Road. Thanks Jenny Varty.

**The next evening Prayer group will be held on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm,** Please contact Jenny Varty 01270 567618 for dates and more info.

**Ladies Afternoon Tea:** The venue have asked for a £5.00 deposit from everyone and it would be appreciated if you could give this to Joy at your earliest convenience.

**St Mary's Cleaning:** many thanks from all of us to those who currently clean the church each week. We are looking to expand the rota and are looking for more volunteers – please add your name to the rota in the porch.

**St Mary's Heating. [update]** We are awaiting permission from the Diocesan Advisory Committee to proceed to fit a new gas boiler. However, it will still be weeks yet. Please dress warmly until resolved. Revd Mike & the Wardens.

**LAG Carol Service - Our Carol service is on Thursday 15th December at 2pm in St Mary's** followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the church hall. More details to follow

**St Mary's and St Luke's Christmas fair is on 4<sup>th</sup> December,** Mike and Chris Horne again will be selling their wonderful Preserves, Pickles and Christmas puddings and Hyacinths pots (Pots available from the 12<sup>th</sup> December) – Look out for the order forms up at Church and in the Church Hall or contact them directly on 07756575835 or at email [torritone@btinternet.com](mailto:torritone@btinternet.com)

**Cafe Wells Methodist** - Every Friday 10.30am-1.30pm, refreshments, soup & a roll (donations). Run by friendly volunteers - come along for a chat and warming soup.

**Prayer for Ukraine Blog:** [bit.ly/wepprayforukraine](http://bit.ly/wepprayforukraine)

**Annual Shoebox Appeal:** Many thanks to all who donated Shoeboxes this year for the Teams4U Shoebox appeal. We donated 32 boxes this year. We. **You can still donate one online at:** [teams4u.com/sponsor-a-shoebox/](http://teams4u.com/sponsor-a-shoebox/)