

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

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Advent Sunday

This sheet is also available online at [www.stmaryswistaston.blog](http://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 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*

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**Wednesday 30th November at 10am - Holy Communion at St Mary's  
followed by refreshments**

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**Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent – Toy Service**

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

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

*Isaiah 11.1-10 & Matthew 3.1-12*

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### **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: Isaiah 2.1-5

### A reading from the Book of then Prophet Isaiah

In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established  
as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.

Many peoples will come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,  
so that we may walk in his paths.'

The law will go out from Zion,  
the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations  
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into ploughshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,  
nor will they train for war any more.

Come, descendants of Jacob,  
let us walk in the light of the LORD.

This the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Free books in the Choir Vestry!**

We have books in the Choir Vestry of all different types, Bibles, Theology Books, general Christian titles and reference books. We'd like them to be all be gone by January. Please take what you would like and can use, we don't want them back! Any books left in January will be given to good homes.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 24.36-44

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

‘But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son,<sup>[a]</sup> but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

‘Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So 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 God,  
give us grace to cast away  
the works of darkness and to put on the  
armour of light, now in the time of this  
mortal life, in which your Son Jesus  
Christ came to us  
in great humility;  
that on the last day, when he shall come  
again in his glorious majesty to judge  
the living and the dead, we may rise to  
the life immortal; through him who is  
alive and reigns with you, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful  
and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your  
Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## News & Information

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

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

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

**Ladies Afternoon Tea: A reminder that Afternoon Tea starts at 1.00 pm on Sunday** following on from the morning service and tea and coffee.

**Many thanks to Elaine Turner,** and all who helped to run the Christmas Cake Decorating afternoon, £380.50 was raised towards the new heating system.

**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.

**St Mary's and St Luke's Christmas fair is on 4<sup>th</sup> December,** Mike & Chris Horne will be selling their wonderful Preserves, Pickles, Christmas puddings and Hyacinths pots (Pots avble 12<sup>th</sup> December) There are order forms in Church and the Church Hall or contact directly on 07756575835 or [torritone@btinternet.com](mailto:torritone@btinternet.com)

**Also Emily our Rose Queen plans to have a cake and craft stall following** Junior Church on Sunday, 4th December. Please come and support.

**Advent Lunch in the Church Hall – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11.30am onwards,** There will be a warming Stew. All Welcome and proceeds to St Mary's Church fund s £4.50 per person.

**St Mary's Cleaning:** many thanks from all of us to those who currently clean the church each week (& St Luke's). 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 have now had permission to replace the boiler and have an installation date of 15-17<sup>th</sup> December. 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.

**Cafe Wells Methodist -** Every Friday from 10.30am to 1.30pm our Methodist friends have refreshments including soup and a roll (donations) available along with a warm welcome. Come and join us. Volunteers needed, please ask Sue S for details.

**There are Christmas fliers at both churches**

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