

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 6th November 2022 – Third Sunday before Advent

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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 6th November 2022 – Third Sunday before Advent

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

10.40am at St Mary's – Holy Communion & Junior Church

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

Wednesday 9th November at 10am - Holy Communion at St Mary's
followed by refreshments

Next Sunday 13th November 2022 – Remembrance Sunday

Both services will have an Act of Remembrance in them

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

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

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13 & Luke 21.5-19

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Our annual Service of Commemoration at St Mary's is this evening - 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**.

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

First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17

A reading from the Second Epistle to Thessalonians

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us – whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter – asserting that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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 20.27-38

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. 'Teacher,' they said, 'Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?'

Jesus replied, 'The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord "the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob". He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life: grant that we,
having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he
is pure; that when he shall appear in power and
great glory,
we may be made like him in his
eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our
hope: bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for
which we long;
through Jesus Christ our
Saviour.
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 may be avble] & afterwards we will go 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 November dates are November 15th and 29th at 56 Bowness Road. Thanks Jenny Varty.

The next evening Prayer group will be held on Thursday December 1st at 7pm, 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

LAG met last Thursday. Lots of fun with some gentle exercise. Needless to say there were green balls flying all over the place!! A little relaxation session to finish with. We sorted out finances and menus for our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 30th November. Our next meeting is on Thursday 24th November when Ann Hill's grandson James will be coming to talk to us about conservation.

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. Looking forward to seeing you all. More details to follow

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.

St Mary's Heating. We are still 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.

Foodbank Update: 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/wepprayforukraine