



Worship & Prayer in church & online for Sunday and the coming week
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In Church Worship (in the Church Hall)

Sunday 4th December 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent – Toy Service

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

10.40am at St Mary`s (Church Hall) – A Service of Holy Communion

Isaiah 11.1-10 & Matthew 3.1-12

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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

Next Sunday 11th December 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

6pm at St Mary's – Uniformed Organisations Christingle Service

Isaiah 35.1-10 & Matthew 11.2-11

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Advent Study Group continues this Monday 5 Dec, then 12 & 19.
7:30pm-9pm at the Rectory. All welcome, even if you were not
able to be there last week, each week stands alone.

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 only Monday this week
due to a funeral on Thursday, check the online calendar for weekly
changes bit.ly/stmcal

First Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him –
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel
and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD –
and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness
he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the
poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash round his waist.
The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down
with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the
nations will rally to him, and his resting-place will be glorious.

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 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 3.1-12

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

Glory to you O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."'

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

News & Information

stmaryswistaston.blog & stmaryswistaston.org.uk

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

St Mary's Heating. The installation of the new boiler has been brought forward and should be finished today (Sunday). Due to the work in church we will meet in the Church Hall for Sunday worship on 04/12. Revd Mike & the Wardens.

Toy Service today - 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. **If you can take the toys to the Salvation Army this week please see the Wardens or Revd Mike.**

Can you help at the Uniformed Organisations Christingle next Sunday at 6pm? Revd Mike is looking for a couple of people to help on the night. See Mike.

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Both the Bible Study & Prayer Group meetings will now take a break and will resume Tues Jan 3rd at 10.15am for Bible Study & Thursday 5th at 7pm for the Prayer group, meeting at 56 Bowness Road, thanks Jenny Varty 01270 567618

Please join us afterwards in the Church Hall for the Christmas fair, Mike & Chris Horne will be selling their wonderful Preserves, Pickles, Christmas puddings and Hyacinths pots (Pots avble 12th December) There are order forms in Church and the Church Hall or contact directly on 07756575835
ortorritone@btinternet.com

Also, Emily our Rose Queen are having a cake and craft stall following Church today. Please come and support.

Advent Lunch in the Church Hall – this Wednesday 7th December 11.30am onwards, There will be a warming Stew. All Welcome & proceeds to Church funds £4.50 pp.

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.

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. Volunteers needed, please ask Sue S for details.

There are Christmas fliers at both churches

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine