



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

Sunday 1 January 2023 – The Naming of Jesus



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

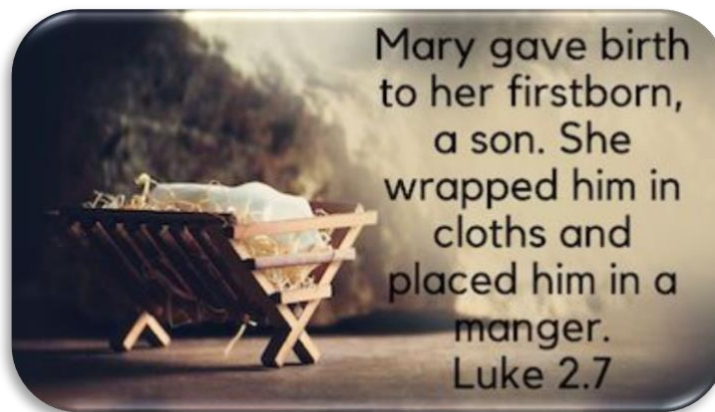
New Year`s Day

Sunday 1st January 2023 – The Naming of Jesus

10.40am Joint Service at Mary`s along with St Luke`s

A Service of Holy Communion

Galatians 4.4–7 & Luke 2.15–21



Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10am followed by refreshments

Next Sunday 8th January 2023 – The Epiphany

9.30am at St Luke`s – A Service of Holy Communion

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

Ephesians 3.1-12 & Matthew 2.1-12

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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 is taking a break until January.

For Daily Prayer please go to the CofE Website for their excellent daily prayers: bit.ly/2sHqxHh

First Reading: Galatians 4.4–7

A reading from the Epistle to the Galatians

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, 'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

This the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A Covenant with God for this New Year

I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing,
put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing;
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.15–21

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

Glory to you O Lord.

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.'

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised
in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above
every name:
give us grace faithfully
to bear his Name,
to worship him in the
freedom of the Spirit,
and to proclaim him
as the Saviour of the world;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God,
whose incarnate Son was
given the Name of Saviour:
grant that we
who have shared
in this sacrament
of our salvation
may live out our years
in the power
of the Name
above all other names,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News & Information

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The heating at St Mary's is up and running! Can you help towards the cost of £7800? Consider whether you've been blessed (& heated) by the previous boiler over the past 50 years, if so, consider donating to offset the cost, large or small, online or on the plate. Mark it 'Heating'. Thanks very much for the donations we've received so far. You can give online here: bit.ly/heatingfund

Sunday Tea Rota – please if anyone can help on the 1st and 8th of January with refreshments after the Services and other dates through early next year, please can you add your name to the Rota in the Church Hall- thank you!

The LAG - We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on January 26th. No need to bring refreshments just your lovely selves! Frances

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.

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.**

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.

Confirmation Service 2023: Bishop Julie will be conducting a service of Confirmation on Sunday 9 July, 10:40am, at St Mary's. If you are Baptised and not yet Confirmed, and would like to be, please let Revd Mike know.

revd.mike@stmaryswistaston.org.uk We will begin preparation after Easter.

January Office Opening – The Office will reopen Wednesday 4th January. From January – please note the office will be closed on Mondays but will be open longer hours from 9.30-1.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays (normal 9.30-12.30pm on Fridays).

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/wepayforukraine