

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

Sunday 15th January 2023 – Second Sunday of The Epiphany



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

Sunday 15th January 2023 – Second Sunday of The Epiphany

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

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

1 Corinthians 1.1-9 & John 1.29-42

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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

Next Sunday 22nd January 2023 – Epiphany 3

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

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

1 Corinthians 1.10-18 & Matthew 4.12-23

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

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-9

A reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way – with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge – God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore, you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel Reading: John 1.29-42

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you O Lord.

The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, "A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.'

Then John gave this testimony: 'I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit." I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One.' The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning round, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?'

They said, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?'

'Come,' he replied, 'and you will see.'

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life: fill us with
your Holy Spirit that through us
the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of 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 with refreshments after the Services, please 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

The next Bible Study meeting will be Tuesday 17th at 10.15am & the Prayer Group meeting is Thursday 19th at 7pm, meeting at 56 Bowness Road, thanks Jenny Varty 01270 567618.

St Mary's Cleaning: thanks from all of us to those who clean the church each week (& St Luke's). **Volunteers please add your name to the rota in the porch.**

Cafe Wells Methodist-Refreshments every Friday 10.30am-1.30pm with our Methodist friends incl soup & roll (donations) along with a warm welcome.

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.

Foodbanks update: Thank you so much for your wonderfully generous support for St Paul's Foodbank during 2022. Our current shortages are: Jam, UHT milk, cereal, rice, long life puddings/cakes. Tinned: corned beef; pork; fruit; meat meals (chilli con carne, stew); rice pudding; vegetables. There is a leaflet avble with the donation/drop off points in the Porch and Hall. Thank you!

Help us get 2023 off to a great start for St Mary's Wistaston PCC by signing up to support us for FREE on easyfundraising. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 7,000 brands incl John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S and more. Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up today - it will make a BIG difference to us this year: bit.ly/stmaryseasyfundraising

Reminder that the Church office is now closed Mondays but open till 1.30pm Tues/Weds/Thursdays - 12.30pm on Fridays. Thank you

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine