

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

Sunday 22nd January 2023 – Third 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 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

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

Next Sunday 29th January 2023 – The Presentation (Candlemas)

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

A Service of Holy Communion

Hebrews 2.14-18 & Luke 2.22-40

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 February.

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



To view/download this Weekly Sheet and Sunday Service Sheets then simply scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone camera or go to this address.

bit.ly/stmarysresources

We are doing this to try to save paper and printing costs and so reducing the amount of waste we have each week.

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-18

A reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. What I mean is this: one of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Apollos'; another, 'I follow Cephas'; still another, 'I follow Christ.'

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? I thank God that I did not baptise any of you except Crispus and Gaius, so no one can say that you were baptised in my name. (Yes, I also baptised the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptised anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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Gospel Reading: Matthew 4.12-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

‘Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles –

the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawned.’

From that time on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James, son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and illness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed
In signs and miracles the wonder
of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly
grace, and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
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

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ is the light of
the world: may your people,
illuminated by your word and
sacraments, shine with the radiance
of his glory, worshipped, and
obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

News & Information

stmaryswistaston.blog & stmaryswistaston.org.uk

Ladies Afternoon Group: We look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on January 26th at 2pm. No need to bring refreshments just your lovely selves!
Frances

St Mary's heating fund. Thanks very much for the donations we've received so far. We have over half the cost of the new boiler given already. If you haven't given yet please do consider whether you can help. We would like to close the appeal off at the end of January. You can give via the plate, put your donation in an envelope marked 'Heating' or you can give online here: bit.ly/heatingfund

The Bible Study meetings for February are Tuesday 7th & 21st at 10.15am & the Prayer Group meeting is Thursday 2nd at 7pm, meeting at 56 Bowness Road, thanks Jenny Varty 01270 567618.

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!

St Mary's Cleaning: Volunteers, please add your name to the rota in the porch.

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.

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

Foodbanks update: Thank your continuing generous support for St Paul's Foodbank. Our current shortages are: Jam, UHT milk, cereal, rice, long life puddings/cakes. Tinned items: 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:

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

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