

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

Sunday 29th January 2023 – The Presentation



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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 29th January 2023 – The Presentation (Candlemas)

A 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

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

Next Sunday 5th February 2023 – Third Sunday before Lent

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

10.40am at St Mary's – a Service of Holy Communion

1 Corinthians 2.1-12 & Matthew 5.13-20

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



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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: Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from the First Epistle to the Hebrews

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

This the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in
majesty, whose beloved Son was
This day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh: grant that we
may be presented to you with
pure and clean hearts, by your Son
Jesus Christ 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

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of
Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received
these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus
when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever.

Amen.

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord.

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.'

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

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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 on 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!

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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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