

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 19th February 2023 – Last Sunday before Lent

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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 19th February 2023 – Sunday before Lent

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

10.40am at St Mary`s – a Service of All Age Holy Communion

2 Peter 1.16-21 & Matthew 17.1-9

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

Wednesday 22nd February - Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion at St Mary's at 10am

and & evening at 7pm.

Next Sunday 26th February 2023 – First Sunday of Lent

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

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

Genesis 2.15,3.1-7 & Matthew 4.1-33

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 bit.ly/930mp, 9:30am on Monday & Thursday



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: 2 Peter 1.16-21

A reading from the Second Epistle to Peter

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eye-witnesses of his majesty. He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



Christian Aid, along with other organisations, are supporting the DEC Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal – donations and more info here: bit.ly/eqappeal

Lent Courses & Church of England Lent Reflection Books

**DUST +
GLORY**

Dust & Glory personal Lent reflection books for adult (£2) & families (£1.50) are available at St Mary's

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday on 22 February. We will have Communion Services at St Mary's at 10am & 7pm.

Revd Mike will be running a Lent Course and you would be most welcome to join him. Tuesdays at The Rectory at 7:30pm (starting 28 February) or Fridays at St Luke's at 10am (starting 3 March). Please see the flyers at both churches & our website for more details.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17.1-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord.

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.'

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!'

When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. 'Get up,' he said. 'Don't be afraid.' When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, 'Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered
death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened
to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who
are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his
power to change and save.
This we ask through
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

News & Information

stmaryswistaston.blog & stmaryswistaston.org.uk

Lent Groups & Resources to help us draw closer to God this Lent

- **Lent Groups** begin w/c 27 Feb: Tuesdays at the Rectory, 7:30pm & Fridays at St Luke's, 10am
- **Dust & Glory:** booklets in church, free app and/or email reflections: bit.ly/DustandGlory
- **Bible Society Lent Encounter:** a completely free resource to accompany you on your journey through the season of Lent: bit.ly/biblesocietylent
- **The Bible Study meetings** will be Tuesday 21st February at 10.15am & **The Prayer Group meeting** is Thursday March 2nd at 7pm, meeting at 56 Bowness Road, thanks Jenny Varty 01270 567618.
- **Morning Prayer on Zoom:** Monday and Thursdays at 9:30am, enter this link into any browser: bit.ly/930mp

Prayers for Turkey & Syria: The Bible Society have a web page for prayer and reflection which you may find helpful: bit.ly/biblesocietyprayertree

The March Rota for Reading and leading the Intercessions at St Mary's is in the porch – please add your name to it if you'd like to do either of these.

Christian Aid Sponsored Swim: Saturday 4 March at the Lifestyle Centre: Our young people will be taking part once again this year. Sarah Turnbull has a sponsor form for those who would like to support this great cause. Please see Sarah Turnbull if you are able to be a length counter at the event. Thank you!

St Mary's Cleaning: Volunteers, please add your name to the rota in the porch or call the Office (567119) and leave a message.

Ladies Afternoon Group News: Our next meeting is February 23rd, when Maggie Shaw is talking about Post card collecting. We look forward to seeing you. Frances and Ann.

Foodbanks update: Thank your continuing generous support for St Paul's Foodbank. 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. Please see the leaflet with the donation/drop off points.

Please, if you're booking a holiday, please use #easyfundraising! You can raise a BIG donation for St Mary's Wistaston PCC with TUI, Expedia, First Choice & many more! Sign up here: bit.ly/stmaryseasyfundraising Thank you!

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