

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 12th February 2023 – Second 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

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We welcome Canon David Taylor to both our Churches

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

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

Romans 8.18-25 & Matthew 6.25-34

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 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

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 returns

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



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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: Romans 8.18-25

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

This the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Lent Courses & Church of England Lent Reflection Books



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.

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6.25-34

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life¹?’

‘And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and
the earth and made us in your own
image: teach us to discern your hand
in all your works and your likeness in
all your children; through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit
reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion

God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart
of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of
your Church:
may we who have been nourished at
your table on earth be
transformed by the glory of the
Saviour’s cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

News & Information

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Men's Group – 7.30pm Friday 17 February 2023 Please join us at The Vine (Hospital Street, Nantwich Road) for beer [non-alcoholic options might be available] and afterwards we will go somewhere for food. Open to all men over the age of 18. Feel free to bring male family and friends. No need to RSVP – see you there! Howard
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.

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.

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.

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 at no extra cost to yourself! This will make a real difference to our fundraising, sign up here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=3K3OWY&char=141064&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=referral-2023 ,Thankyou!

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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