

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

Sunday 26th February 2023 – First Sunday of Lent

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 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

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

**Every Wednesday - Holy Communion at St Mary's at 10am
Followed by refreshments**

Next Sunday 5th March 2023 – Second Sunday of Lent

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

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

with Junior Church

Genesis 12.1-4a & John 3.1-17

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: Genesis 2.15-17,3.1-7

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.'

Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?' The woman said to the snake, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."' "

'You will not certainly die,' the snake said to the woman. 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Lent Courses

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GLORY

Revd Mike will be running a Lent Course and you would be most welcome to join him. Tuesdays at The Rectory at 7:30pm from 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 4.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you O Lord.

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty God,

whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet

without sin: give us

grace to discipline ourselves in

obedience to your Spirit;

and, as you know our weakness,

so may we know your power to save;

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

Lord God, you have renewed us

with the living bread from

heaven; by it you nourish our

faith, increase our hope, and

strengthen our love: teach us

always to hunger for him who

is the true and living bread,

and enable us to live by every

word that proceeds from out

of your mouth; through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

News & Information

stmaryswistaston.blog & stmaryswistaston.org.uk

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 from 3rd March.
- **Dust & Glory:** booklets in church, free App (Android & iOS) and/or email reflections available here: 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** on 7th and 21st March
The Prayer Group meeting is Thursday March 2nd at 7pm,
both meet at 56 Bowness Road, thanks Jenny Varty 01270 567618.
- **Morning Prayer on Zoom:** Mondays 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/biblesocietyprayerree

There will be Lent Lunches on the following dates: 15 March, selection of soups & 29 March, Ploughman's Lunch at 12 noon priced at £4.50. Thanks, Chris.

The March date for the Prayer Group will be Thursday 2nd March at 7pm and the Bible Study meetings dates are 7th and 21st March at 10.15am, meeting at 56 Bowness Road, thanks Jenny Varty 01270 567618.

Bell Tower and Church Open Day on Saturday 18th March. Access will be available between 10am until noon, and 2 to 3-30 in the afternoon. There will be an opportunity to ascend into the ringing room. Competent bell ringers will explain the art of campanology and give demonstrations. Potential or lapsed bell ringers are very welcome. Refreshments will be available.

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!

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 and 12.30pm on Fridays. Thank you

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine