

**St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet**  
**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Third Sunday before Lent**

This sheet is also available online at [www.stmaryswistaston.blog](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> 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*

*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 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Second Sunday before Lent**

**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*

**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](https://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](https://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](https://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: Corinthians 2.1-12

### A reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

'What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived' –the things God has prepared for those who love him –these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

This the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**DUST +  
GLORY**

---

**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). For more info see the flyers at both churches or click this link [bit.ly/lentflyer2023](https://bit.ly/lentflyer2023)**

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 5.13-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you O Lord.**

‘You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

‘You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practises and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

### The Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## News & Information

[stmaryswistaston.blog](http://stmaryswistaston.blog) & [stmaryswistaston.org.uk](http://stmaryswistaston.org.uk)

**The Bible Study meetings for February are Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.15am & the Prayer Group meeting is Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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: We had our AGM last week.** Lots of exciting things happening- speakers, lunches and trips to look forward to, as well as getting together. Plenty of 'chatting'! We also welcomed some new members. Our next meeting is February 23<sup>rd</sup>, when Maggie Shaw is talking about Post card collecting. We look forward to seeing you. Frances and Ann.



**Men's Group – 7.30pm Friday 17 February 2023** Please join us at The Vine (Hospital Street, Nantwich) 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

**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!

**Please support us for FREE on easyfundraising.** You can raise donations when you shop online, over 7,000 brands incl John Lewis & Partners, eBay, Argos, M&S & more. Once you've raised the first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up today-it will make a BIG difference to us this year: [bit.ly/stmaryseasyfundraising](http://bit.ly/stmaryseasyfundraising)

**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](http://bit.ly/weprayforukraine)