

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

Sunday 2nd April 2023 – Palm Sunday

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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 2nd April 2023 – Palm Sunday

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

10.40am at St Mary's – A Service of Holy Communion & Junior Church

Psalm 118.19-24 & Matthew 21.1-11

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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

7pm - Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion at St Luke's

1 Corinthians 11.23-26 & John 13.1-17.31b-35

2pm - Good Friday – An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's

Next Sunday 9th April 2023 – Easter Sunday

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

10.40am at St Mary's – All Age Holy Communion

Acts 10.34-43 & Matthew 28.1-10

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 Monday & Thursday



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First Reading: Psalm 118.9-24

A reading from the Book of Psalms

Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.
I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the LORD has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the
human race sent your Son our Saviour
Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of
his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his
resurrection;
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 Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in
taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on
the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow
you and to proclaim you
as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.1-1

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

Glory to you O Lord.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.'

This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet:

'Say to Daughter Zion,

“See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'^[c]

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, 'Who is this?'

The crowds answered, 'This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

St Mary's Wistaston & St Luke's Willaston Holy Week and Easter Services 2023

Maundy Thursday

7pm Holy Communion at St Luke's

Good Friday

2pm An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's

Easter Sunday

9am Holy Communion at St Luke's

10:40am All Age Holy Communion St Mary's



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Good Friday Crewe Walk of Witness: Fr Nick, from St Mary's RC Church, invites us to gather for a short time of prayer at 10.45 in St. Mary's RC Church (CREWE) and will begin our Walk of Witness at 11am. All welcome!

Good Friday Readings: Revd Mike has readings for the Hour at the Cross service at St Mary's at 2pm, please see him if you'd like to read one.

Preparing St Mary's for Easter Sunday - Please if anyone can help on Saturday 8th April, please come along at 10am. Thank you Di Carter. All help appreciated!

The Bible Study group will meet at 10.15am, Tuesday 18th April only in April. We will recommence Prayer Group in May. Thank you, Jenny Varty.

Thank you to Chris and Mike for the wonderful Lent Lunches they have provided. A total of £211.27 was received for the Lent lunches. A big thank you to Mike and Chris for hosting these and also to everyone who supported them. It has been wonderful to have this social time to come together in the Church Hall.

LAG - We had our Lent Service last Thursday and it was lovely to see those who made it, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. We are meeting for our Spring Lunch on April 27th at 12noon at the Tea Lounge Nantwich FC for those who have booked. Looking forward to seeing you, Frances.

Thanks to those who have volunteered to clean at St Mary's, however, we need some more people to join in. It can be done at any time the church is free, towards the end of the week preferred. There is a cleaning kit and vacuums available and a key safe so as you can clean at a time that suits you. For safety, please do it in pairs, there's a rota in St Mary's porch.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Bingo Evening for the WSJ Fundraiser – we raised a fantastic £425.00, thank you, Teresa.

Help support St Mary's by signing up to support us for FREE on #easyfundraising. Raise donations whenever you shop online over 7,000 brands incl John Lewis, eBay, Argos, M&S & more. Once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! Sign up today - it will make a BIG difference to us this year:

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Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine

Office Holiday hours: The office is closed 4th- 13th April for annual holidays, reopening Friday 14th April - thank you for your understanding. Happy Easter to you all. Polly and Teresa.