

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

Sunday 16th April 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter

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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 16th April 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter

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

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

Acts 2.14a, 22-32 & John 20.19-31

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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

Next Sunday 23rd April 2023 – Third Sunday of Easter

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

10.40am at St Mary's – A Service of All Age Worship

Acts 2.14a, 36-41 & Luke 24.13-35

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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 is taking a break until Monday 24 April – please see the Church of England website for daily prayers.



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First Reading: Acts 2.14a-22-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, You will not let your holy one see decay.

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence."

'Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 our Father,

through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: 20.19-31

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

Glory to you O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

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April Celebrations in church at St Mary's: don't worry, we haven't forgotten you! Just that it clashed with Easter Day and we didn't want to deflect from that (okay we forgot!). We will mark April Celebrations next week on 23 April.

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.

Ladies Afternoon Group are meeting for our Spring Lunch on April 27th at 12noon at the Tea Lounge Nantwich FC for those who have booked. Look forward seeing you, Frances

The Coronation: we hope you have picked up one of the booklets with prayers and reflections leading up to the day of King Charles' Coronation on 6 May, if not pick one up from either church. **On Sunday 7 May** we will have service of celebration to commemorate the Coronation at both of our churches, and at St Mary's we will have cake with the refreshments. The PCC decided that we should encourage people to celebrate locally in the afternoon, to join with neighbours or bigger events in the local area. One such celebration will be at Queens Park, Coronation Picnic in the Park, 2pm to 6pm, however, look out for 'local to you' events that may be taking place.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on Sunday 21 May 2023 at 12 noon in St Mary's Church followed by a Bring and Share in the Church Hall.

The meeting is open to anyone on the church's Electoral Roll. At the APCM we will be electing 2 Church Wardens, 5 Members to the PCC and 4 Deanery Synod Members. Ahead of the APCM, there is a Revision of the Electoral Roll from 16 to 30 April, as this is only a revision, if you are already on the church's Electoral Roll, there is no need to reapply. All the details and the relevant forms for the Electoral Roll, Church Warden or PCC nomination are available at both churches and can be found bit.ly/apcminfo

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.

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