

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

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

No service at St Luke's this week

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

*Acts 2.42-47 & John 10.1-10*

12.30pm at St Mary's – Baptism Service

*All readings are taken from New Version – UK edition*

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

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Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.00am at St Luke's – A Special Service of Celebration for the Coronation

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

& Celebration for the Coronation

*Ephesians 3:14-21 & Luke 10.25-37*

*All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition*

### 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

on Zoom [bit.ly/930mp](https://bit.ly/930mp), 9:30am only Thursday this week



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[bit.ly/stmarysresources](https://bit.ly/stmarysresources)

## First Reading: Acts 2.42-47

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the  
resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of  
righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which  
are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

#### **Post Communion**

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay  
down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his  
protection,  
and give us grace to follow in  
his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading: John 10.1-10**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**



**Our Stepping Stones Toddler Group provided & planted a tree last Wednesday at Joey the Swan to mark the Coronation of King Charles III. Many thanks to the Conservation Group for all their help. As you can see, a good morning was had by all!**

## News & Information

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

**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 services 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](http://bit.ly/apcminfo)

**The Tuesday Bible study group will meet on 2nd and 16th May at 10.15am.** The monthly Prayer group on Thursday 4th May at 7pm. Both groups meet at 56 Bowness Rd. All welcome. Thank you, Jenny V.

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**Beetle Drive - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm at St Mary's Church Hall – fundraising event** in support of the South west Cheshire Scout World Jamboree Contingent. £3 payable on the door, raffle and refreshments available – All welcome!!

**Prayer for Ukraine Blog:** [bit.ly/weprayforukraine](http://bit.ly/weprayforukraine)