

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

Sunday 23rd April 2023 – Third 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 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

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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

Next Sunday 30th 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

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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

on Zoom bit.ly/930mp, 9:30am on Monday & Thursday



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First Reading: Acts 2.14a-36-41

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.

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.'

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'

Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.'

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

This the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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

Living God,
your Son made himself known
to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his
redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.41.13-35

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognising him. He asked them, 'What are you discussing together as you walk along?'

They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, 'Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?'

'What things?' he asked.

'About Jesus of Nazareth,' they replied. 'He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.'

He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going further. But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?'

They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, 'It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

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The funeral of Edith Ridgway will take place at St Luke's on Friday 28 April at 2pm. Edith was one of the original members of the congregation when St Luke's opened in 1965. Edith was an Honorary Freewoman of Willaston and the Parish Council, as a mark of respect, will put up large lamppost poppies on Coppice Road recognising that she was a Poppy Appeal collector for over 65 years.

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.

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 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

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