

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

Sunday 21st May 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

This sheet is also available online at 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 21st May 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

9.00am at St Luke's – Morning Prayer

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

Acts 1.6-14 & John 17.1-11

All readings are taken from New Version – UK edition

Monday: 11am The Funeral of Mary Meakin at St Mary's

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

Thursday: 2pm The Funeral of Mike Davey at St Mary's

Next Sunday 28th May 2023 – Pentecost Sunday

We welcome Canon David Taylor to both our Churches

David would like people to wear something red if possible

9.00am at St Luke's – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary's – All Holy Worship

Acts 2.1-21 & John 20.19-23

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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 Tuesday & Thursday this week



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bit.ly/stmarysresources

First Reading: Acts 1.6-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then they gathered round him and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May 2023

Thanks to those who offered to deliver/collect envelopes this year around the local area.

If you would like to give via our E-Envelope this year, then please click here: bit.ly/caw2023stmarys or scan the QR Code

We need help to count the envelopes on Today, Sunday 21 May, if you can help, please join us at the Rectory at 5pm, it should take no more than an hour.



Scan to give



Gospel Reading: John 17.1-11

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

Glory to you O Lord.

After Jesus said this, he looked towards heaven and prayed:

‘Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

‘I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your
kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour
Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love
and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent
us into all the world
to preach the gospel of
his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good
news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



News & Information

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Thanks to all those who have delivered and collected envelopes for Christian Aid week, if anyone can help today at 5pm to count, please come along to The Rectory, it should only take around 1 hour.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is today at 12 noon in St Mary's Church followed by a Bring & Share in the Church Hall. The Trustees' Report & Financial Statement 2022 is available at both churches & online bit.ly/apcminfo. The APCM is open to anyone on the church's Electoral Roll (Revised 30 April). We will be electing 2 Church Wardens, 5 Members to the PCC & 4 Deanery Synod Members.

Rachael Rivers sends thanks: Many thanks for the cards and gifts that you gave to me on the final Sunday of my placement. Your generosity is overwhelming. I have spent the vouchers on a puppet that I can use during family services, school assemblies and Carer and Toddler groups. Warmest wishes. Rachael Rivers

Morning Prayer continues on Zoom. We usually meet on a Tuesday & Thursday at 9:30am. Click bit.ly/930mp

The Knife Angel is in Crewe until 30 May. More info: bit.ly/knifeangelcrewe It is located in Memorial Square, well worth a visit.

The Tuesday Bible study group will meet at 10.15am on the 6th and 20th of June. The monthly **Prayer Group on Thursday 1st June at 7pm.** Both groups meet at 56 Bowness Rd. All welcome. Thank you, Jenny V.

The Ladies Afternoon Group -We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on 25th May when Nim Devi will be giving us a demonstration on "Simple Indian Cookery". Thank you, Frances.

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

Psalm 27 Garden at RHS Tatton Park (July 19-23). The Bible Society are sponsoring Ollie Pike (aged 24) to create a garden based on Psalm 27 Garden at RHS Tatton Park, see link: bit.ly/psalm27garden Tickets are less than £30 for a wonderful day out: bit.ly/tattontickets



Men's Group-7.30pm Friday 23 June 2023 Please join us at Ebenezers [159 Nantwich Rd, Crewe-the old Beer Dock]for beer [non-alcoholic options may be available] afterwards we will go somewhere for food. Open to all men over 18. Feel free to bring male family & friends. No need to RSVP-see you there! Howard
Thank you to all who supported the Scouts fundraising Beetle Drive – we raised an amazing £152.00, thank you.

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine