

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

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 – Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 – Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.00am at St Luke's – Morning Prayer**

**10.40am at St Mary's – Holy Communion**

*Romans 6.12-23 & Matthew 10.40-42*

*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 9th July 2023 – Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

**9.00am at St Luke's – Holy Communion**

**10.40am at St Mary's – Confirmation Service**

**including Holy Communion Bishop Willie**

*Romans 7.15-25a & Matthew 11.16-19,25-30*

*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 as Revd Mike  
is at a quiet day on Tuesday**



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QR code to the left with your smartphone camera or go to this  
address. [bit.ly/serviceorders](https://bit.ly/serviceorders)**

## First Reading: Romans 6.12-23

### A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup> But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.40-42**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

### **The Collect**

O God, the protector of all  
who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong,  
nothing is holy: increase and  
multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass  
through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things  
eternal; grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
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,  
comfort of the afflicted and  
healer of the broken,  
you have fed us  
at the table of life and hope:  
teach us the  
ways of gentleness and peace,  
that all the world may  
acknowledge the kingdom  
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## News & Information

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

**TODAY: Our Rose Queen, Sophie, is holding a Cake Sale this Sunday in the Church Hall after church.** Please do come and support her. Sophie's chosen charity for the year is the local charity, Motherwell. [motherwellcheshirecio.com](http://motherwellcheshirecio.com)

**Our Confirmation Service is next Sunday, 9 July at 10:40am** at St Mary's and will be conducted by Bp Willie. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation and do come and support them on the day. Our candidates are: Hilary Davies, Sophie Davies, Bri Findlay, David Hands, Steve Keay, Yvie Nulty & Charlotte Shaw.

**Alan White's Funeral service will be at St Mary's on Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 1pm.** Please keep his family in your prayers at this time.

**Rachael Rivers, who was on a Reader Placement with us in April/May,** will be joining us permanently in September as she completes her final year of Reader Training. We look forward to her joining us and welcoming her.

**Archdeacon Ian Bishop's leaving service:** Archdeacon Ian is soon to be the Bishop of Thetford, please come along and say farewell. The service will take place at St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow beginning at 5 pm. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to please book a place here [bit.ly/ticketsib](http://bit.ly/ticketsib)

**The Tuesday Bible study group will meet at 10.15am on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July.** The Prayer group will meet 6<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm, groups meet at 56 Bowness Rd. All welcome. Thank you, Jenny V.

**LAG were treated to a joyous and uplifting afternoon with a variety of tunes and poems from the Wells Green singers last Thursday.** It was a very enjoyable afternoon. Just to remind everyone going on the trip to RHS Bridgewater next Month Wednesday July 12th to be at the Church Hall no later than 09.15. We have 3 spare places available if anyone is interested. Also, Men are very welcome you will not be the only ones!! Please contact Pam Pritchard or myself. Many thanks Frances  
**John Molloy would like to thank his fellow Christians at St Mary's & St Luke's** for the thoughtful card and generous gift he received upon his retirement from the PCC after 50+ years of service. They were very much appreciated.

**Thank you from the St Mary's Bellringers for the contributions of £80** from the sale of Jigsaws. This money will be used towards the refurbishment of one of the Ropes, thank you! Frank Morton.

**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](http://bit.ly/psalm27garden) Tickets are less than £30 for a wonderful day out: [bit.ly/tattontickets](http://bit.ly/tattontickets)

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