

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

## Sunday 25th June 2023 – Third 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 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – Third Sunday after Trinity**

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

**10.40am at St Mary's – All Age Worship**

**12.30pm at St Mary's – Baptism Service**

*Romans 6.1b-11 & Matthew 10.24-39*

*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 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 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 Tuesday & Thursday this week**



**To view/download Sunday Service Orders then simply scan the QR code to the left with your smartphone camera or go to this address. [bit.ly/serviceorders](https://bit.ly/serviceorders)**

## First Reading: Romans 6.1b-11

### A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Collect**

Almighty God,

you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading: Matthew 10.24-39**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household! 'So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

'Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

'Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law – a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."

'Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## News & Information

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

**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.

**Our Confirmation Service is on 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.

**Morning Prayer continues on Zoom**, we usually meet on a Tuesday & Thursday at 9:30am. Click [bit.ly/930mp](http://bit.ly/930mp) Check the online Church diary for weekly variation here [bit.ly/stmcal](http://bit.ly/stmcal)

**The Tuesday Bible study group will meet at 10.15am on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18th 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.

**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.

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**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)



Ian Bishop, the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, is to be the next Bishop of Thetford in the Diocese of Norwich, Downing Street has announced. Congratulations to him from St Mary's & St Luke's. He is due to be enthroned in the Autumn. More details here: [bit.ly/ianbishop](http://bit.ly/ianbishop)