

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

Sunday 11th June 2023 – First Sunday after Trinity

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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 11th June 2023 – First Sunday after Trinity

9.00am at St Luke's – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary's – All Age Worship inc Junior Church

Romans 4.13-25 & Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

All readings are taken from New Version – UK edition

Every Wednesday 10am - Holy Communion

at St Mary's followed by refreshments

Next Sunday 18th June 2023 – Second Sunday after Trinity

9.00am at St Luke's – Morning Prayer

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

Romans 5.1-8 & Matthew 9.35-10.8

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

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: Romans 4.13-25

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: 'I have made you a father of many nations.'^[a] He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah's womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why 'it was credited to him as righteousness.' The words 'it was credited to him' were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

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

Glory to you O Lord.

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. 'Follow me,' he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?'

On hearing this, Jesus said, 'It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. But go and learn what this means: "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.'

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, 'My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.' Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.'

Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed at that moment.

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and the people playing pipes, he said, 'Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep.' But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News & Information

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Rose Queen News: Today, Sunday 11 June is our Rose Queen Sunday when our outgoing Rose Queen, Emily, will tell us about the year she's had as Rose Queen and our incoming Rose Queen, Sophie, will make her promise and let us know which charity she will be supporting in the coming year. On the 11 June Emily will be holding a cake stall in the Church Hall following the service, please do support her. Sophie will be crowned as our 2023/24 Rose Queen at the Wistaston Village Fete on Saturday 17 June, please do come along and support our Rose Queens at this event.

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

The Tuesday Bible study group will meet at 10.15am on the 20th of June. The Prayer group will meet 6th July at 7pm, groups meet at 56 Bowness Rd. All welcome. Thank you, Jenny V.

The Ladies Afternoon Group- Our next meeting is on June 22nd when the Wells Green Singers will be entertaining us. Take care and we wish Alice Chalwin a speedy recovery. Many thanks Frances



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

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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 Tickets are less than £30 for a wonderful day out: bit.ly/tattontickets

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine