

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

Sunday 16th July 2023 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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 16th July 2023 – Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am at St Luke's – Morning Prayer

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

12.30pm – Baptism Service at St Mary's

Romans 8.1-11 & Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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

Next Sunday 23rd July 2023 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am at St Luke's – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary's – All Age Worship

12.30pm- Baptism Service at St Mary's

Romans 8.12-25 & Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

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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.



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

First Reading: Romans 8.1-11

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

<p>The Collect Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you</p>	<p>in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.</p>
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Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

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

Glory to you O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News & Information

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It's with great sadness that I inform you of the death of Austin Grand. Austin, and his wife Doris (who died in 2020), were long-standing members of St Mary's and only stopped coming when, through ill health, they were no longer able to leave their home. Austin's funeral is at St Mary's on Tuesday 1 August at 1:45pm. Please keep the family on your prayers at this time. Revd Mike.

Congratulations to those who were Confirmed last Sunday at the service conducted by Bp Willie. Those Confirmed were: Hilary Davies, Sophie Davies, Bri Findlay, David Hands, Steve Keay, Yvie Nulty & Charlotte Shaw. Many thanks to all those who helped prepare for the service and helped on the day, it was such a lovely service.

After church refreshments at St Mary's: during August those who make and serve the refreshments in the church hall are taking a break. For the four Sundays of August there won't be refreshments in the church hall after the service. However, on Sunday 20 August, Sarah & Mike would like to invite you to the Rectory, weather permitting, for a bring your own picnic, more details nearer the time. If you would like to join the refreshment team please sign up on the list in the hall.

Women's Meal at Passage to India Crewe on Friday 4th August at 7pm. Please let Sarah Turnbull know if you are planning to come.

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

Rachael Rivers will be joining us permanently in September as she completes her final year of Reader Training. We look forward to her joining us.

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 on Sunday 23 July beginning at 5 pm. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to please book a place here bit.ly/ticketsib

The Tuesday Bible study group and Prayer groups will now take a break and will meet again in September, dates to be advised. Thank you, Jenny V.

Churches together in Crewe United Service: Worshipping & Praying together for our town, our mission & ministry, **Sunday 30 July 6pm at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church** St Mary's Street CW1 2JP

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine