# St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet Sunday 9th July 2023 – Fifth 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

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

Next 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
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## **Online Worship**

The 10:40am service is streamed from St Mary's each Sunday

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 7.15-25a

## A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.[a] For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

This is the word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

#### The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Amen.

#### **Post Communion**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

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

## Glory to you O Lord.

'To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the market-places and calling out to others:

"We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon." The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.'

At that time Jesus said, 'I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

### **News & Information**

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**Today is our Confirmation Service at 10:40am** at St Mary's and will be conducted by Bp Willie. 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 lan Bishop's leaving service:** Archdeacon lan 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

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.

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.

**Ladies Afternoon Group:** 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

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: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/psalm27garden">bit.ly/psalm27garden</a> Tickets are less than £30 for a wonderful day out: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/tattontickets">bit.ly/tattontickets</a>

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/weprayforukraine">bit.ly/weprayforukraine</a>