

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 23rd July 2023 – Seventh 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 23rd July 2023 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

9.00am at St Luke's – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary's – All Age Worship

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

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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

Next Sunday 30th July 2023 – Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10.40am Joint Service with St Luke's at St Mary's

All Age Holy Communion

12.30pm Baptism Service at St Mary's

Romans 8.26-39 & Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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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 8.12-25

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship.¹ And by him we cry, ‘*Abba, Father.*’ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish us
with all goodness, and of your great
mercy keep us in the same; 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

Lord God, whose Son is the true
vine and the source of life, ever
giving himself that the world may
live: may we so receive within
ourselves the power of his death
and passion that, in his saving
cup, we may share his glory and
be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. **Amen**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?"

"An enemy did this," he replied. 'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?"

"No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn." Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.'

He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

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Austin's Grand'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.

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.

Church Hall Maintenance: Week commencing 31st July, we have Boiler replacement work affecting the Main Hall, this means the Hall is not accessible for this week only. Please access via Office door, should you need to come to the office

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.

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.

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 during this time.

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/weprayforukraine