

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 30th July 2023 – Eighth 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 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

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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

Next Sunday 5th August 2023 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9am at St Luke's – Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary's – Holy Communion

Romans 9.1-5 & Matthew 14.13-21

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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 8.26-39

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

‘For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our
hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your
commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here
and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul;
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**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

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

Glory to you O Lord.

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'

He told them still another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.' 'Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all these things?' Jesus asked. 'Yes,' they replied.

He said to them, 'Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour
and dispute; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.

Amen

News & Information

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Austin's Grand's funeral is at St Mary's this Tuesday 1 August at 1:45pm.

Please keep the family on your prayers at this time. Revd Mike.

At the last PCC it was decided that we would return to offering the Chalice at Communion from September. It was also acknowledged that some people may prefer to keep to '*Priest intinction*', our current practice. Both will be available from September. You will have been handed a short survey today so as Revd Mike can gauge what people would prefer and plan accordingly.

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

Church Hall Maintenance: Week commencing 31st July, we have Boiler replacement work affecting the Main Hall, 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, those who have booked with Sarah please meet at the Passage to India, Nantwich Rd, Crewe on Friday 4th August at 7pm.

There will not be any after church refreshments at St Mary's during August. 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.

The total for Christian Aid Week, including gift aid, was almost £5,000 and likewise the CA Sponsored Swim, including gift aid. So, if you add in the earthquake appeal and our Morrison's collection, we have raised about £10,000 this last year, which is marvellous!

LAG trip to RHS Bridgewater was an enjoyable day out. We only had one tremendous shower and managed to shelter. The gardens were superb. The Western walled gardens were a delight with an abundance of plants, trees and bushes in an array of colours and scents. The wild flowers were spectacular and the insects plentiful. The Ellesmere Lake and surrounding rocky waterfalls stunning. Many enjoyed the eateries which were available. Thank you all for making this day memorable. Looking forward to meeting in September. We wish Alice, and Tess a speedy recovery. Frances, Ann and Pam.

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.

Hope Church, Crewe are appealing for men's clothes and shoes for their aid to Asylum Seekers that have been placed in Crewe, please if you have any clothes and shoes you can donate, please bring to our Church and Catherine Gallagher will arrange to take them to Hope Church.

Prayer for Ukraine Blog: bit.ly/wepayforukraine