

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 13th August 2023 – Tenth 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 13th August 2023 – Tenth Sunday after Trinity

We welcome Canon David Taylor to our Churches.

9am at St Luke's – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary's – All Age Worship

1Kings 19.9-18 & Matthew 14.22-33

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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

Next Sunday 20th August 2023 – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9am at St Luke's – Morning Prayer

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

Romans 11.1-2a,29-32 & Matthew 15.21-28

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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 is taking a break until 5 September

Please go to bit.ly/cofedailyprayer for daily Prayers from the C of E



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First Reading: 1 Kings 19.9–18

A reading from the First Book of Kings

There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the LORD came to him: ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’

He replied, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.’

The LORD said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.’

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave.

Then a voice said to him, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ He replied, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too.’

The LORD said to him, ‘Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel – all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him.’

This is the word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught the disciples to be persistent in prayer give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.22-33

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'

'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.'
'Come,' he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:

look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

News & Information

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We still don't have any funeral details for George Wardy, but we will keep you informed.

Thanks to those who completed the Holy Communion survey over the last two Sundays. From 66 responses: 48% will continue with Priest Intinction, 38% will take the chalice, 8% are undecided and 6% will take just the wafer. Just a reminder that from September the Chalice will be offered for those who wish to receive it and Priest Intinction (the current practice) will continue to be offered.

There will not be any after church refreshments at St Mary's during August. However, there will be a Picnic at the Rectory (104 Church Lane) on Sunday 20 August straight after St Mary's Service. Sarah & Mike invite you to join them (weather permitting!) in their garden for a picnic. Please bring your own food, drinks, picnic glasses, a camping chair or rug, all the things you would normally take on a picnic, and we'll supply the tea & coffee. In the event of rain, which we know is unlikely during the British summer, it will be in the Church Hall.

The Tuesday Bible study group & 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.

Foodbank News: Thank you to everyone that has donated food and/or financial gifts. We simply would not be able to continue to meet the need without this support. In **June and July 2023** 2.7 tonnes of food was donated/445 people received crisis food. Unfortunately, **over the last 7 months** (Jan to July 2023), donations have decreased by 60%. The number of people needing crisis food has increased by approximately 25% since 2022. It is therefore no surprise that we are having to purchase significant volumes of food items we are short of on a weekly basis. We don't receive grant funding for the foodbank, it is resourced through monetary donations and donations of food. Please keep spreading the word about our need and do direct people to our website about ways people can support, every item and every penny helps: <https://www.stpaulscentre.org.uk/donate>