

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 20th August 2023 – Eleventh 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 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

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

Followed by a Picnic at the Rectory (weather permitting)

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

Next Sunday 27th August 2023 – Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

9am at St Luke's – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary's – All Age Worship

Romans 12.1-8 & Matthew 16.13-20

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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



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 11.1-2a,29-32

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

I ask then: did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah – how he appealed to God against Israel: for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

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

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 15.21-28

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.'

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, 'Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.'

He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.'

The woman came and knelt before him. 'Lord, help me!' she said.

He replied, 'It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.'

'Yes it is, Lord,' she said. 'Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Then Jesus said to her, 'Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.' And her daughter was healed at that moment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,

we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:

by our communion

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel

and preserve us from all sin;

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 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) today, 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>

Church Office: please note the Church Office will be closed for the last week of August, 28th August onwards, but will be open on Friday 1st September as usual.