

St Mary's & St Luke's Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 27th August 2023 – Twelfth 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 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

12:30pm Baptism Service at St Mary's

All readings are taken from New International Version – UK edition

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

Next Sunday 3rd September 2023 – Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am at St Luke's – Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary's – Holy Communion

Romans 12.9-21 & Matthew 16.21-28

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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



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 12.1-8

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

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

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation of 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 16.13-20

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

Glory to you O Lord.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

God of all mercy,

in this eucharist you have set aside our sins

and given us your healing:

grant that we who are made whole in Christ

may bring that healing to this broken world,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

News & Information

stmaryswistaston.blog & stmaryswistaston.org.uk

We can now confirm that George Wardy's funeral will be at St Mary's on Thursday 7 September at 10:30am.

Just a reminder that from next Sunday, 3 September, the Chalice will be offered for those who wish to receive it at Holy Communion and Priest Intinction (the current practice) will continue to be offered. Dipping the wafer yourself will not be permitted. If you have any queries or questions, please speak to Revd Mike.

Sunday refreshments start again on 3rd September, however, there is no one signed up to do it..... Any volunteers?? Please let Revd Mike know.

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.