

**The Chalice is now offered at the Communion Rail along with Priest Intinction**

Gluten Free wafers are available at Communion.

### In Church Worship

**1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – Harvest Sunday**

**9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer**

**10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion including Junior Church**

*2 Corinthians 9.6 -15 & Luke 12.16-30*

**A Bring & Share Harvest Lunch will take place in the Church Hall  
following the service at St Mary`s**

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

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**8<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity**

**9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion**

**10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship**

*Philippians 3.4b-14 & Matthew 21.33-46*

**5pm at St Mary`s – an Infant Loss Service**

**in partnership with Motherwell – see the back page for more info**



For info: There is a Loop System installed in both of our churches.  
At St Mary`s we have an accessible toilet available in the Choir Vestry (the door  
opposite where you came in) with baby changing facilities.

At St Luke`s there is an accessible toilet available via the church porch.

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To help us to cut down on paper use and printing why not download Service Orders  
using the QR code or at [bit.ly/serviceorders](https://bit.ly/serviceorders)

This Weekly Sheet can be viewed online at [stmaryswistaston.blog](https://stmaryswistaston.blog)

### Online Worship

The 10:40am service is streamed from St Mary`s each Sunday

[YouTube.com/StMarysWistaston1](https://YouTube.com/StMarysWistaston1) & Facebook: [bit.ly/facebookstmarys](https://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](https://bit.ly/930mp),

9:30am Tuesday & Thursday this week.

## First Reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

### A reading from the Second Epistle to the Philippians

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:

‘They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures for ever.’

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
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: Luke 12.16-30**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

And he told them this parable: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, “What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.”

‘Then he said, “This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

‘But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?”

‘This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.’

Then Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life<sup>1</sup>? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

‘Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Post Communion**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## News & Information

**We celebrate Harvest at both of our churches, many thanks for the donations given and we will share the gifts between the Crewe & Nantwich Foodbanks.**

**Harvest Lunch: there is a Bring & Share Lunch in the Church Hall today** following the service at St Mary's – please join us if you can.

**Holy Communion is available at the Communion Rail as follows:** via Priest Intinction, hold out two hands, or you can receive wafer only, or wafer and the Chalice, by holding out one hand. If you can't get to the Communion Rail please let a Sidesperson know who will arrange Communion in the pew for you.

**Infant Loss Service: in partnership with Motherwell** we will be holding a service for those who have suffered the loss of a young child. It is at St Mary's Wistaston on Sunday 8 October at 5pm. Please join us if you have been affected by the loss of a child. It will also be on our YouTube Channel at [bit.ly/infantlossservice](https://bit.ly/infantlossservice) *We need a few people to help at the service, please see Revd Mike if you can do this.*

**Tuesday Bible study group** will meet 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October & Prayer Group will begin Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, then the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each Month. Jenny V.

**Once again this year we are partnering with Teams4U** to donate Christmas Shoeboxes to Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. Leaflets and shoeboxes are available at both churches. The deadline for drop-off at St Mary's is 12 November. For more info, or to fill an online Shoebox, please go to the Teams4U website: [teams4u.com](https://teams4u.com)

**Men's Group – 7.30pm Friday 13 October 2023:** Please join us at the Vine [Nantwich] for beer [non-alcoholic options are available] and afterwards we will go for a Thai meal at Aroi-Thai. Open to all men over 18. Feel free to bring male family and friends. No need to RSVP – see you there! Howard.

**You can still bring in left-over wool** to the office or to Church and we will pass this on to the knitting group, with thanks in advance, your donations have been really appreciated.

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