

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

Gluten Free wafers are available at Communion.

In Church Worship

17th September 2023 – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion

Romans 14.1-12 & Matthew 18.21-35

*There are refreshments in the Church Hall
following the service at St Mary`s please do join us if you can.*

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

24th September 2023 – Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age worship

Philippians 1.21-30 & Matthew 20.1-16



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 in the church porch.



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

This Weekly Sheet can be viewed online at stmaryswistaston.blog

Online Worship

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

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.

First Reading: Romans 14.1-12

A reading from the Epistle to the Romans

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister?¹ Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:

“As surely as I live,” says the Lord,
“Every knee will bow before me;
every tongue will acknowledge God.”

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 18.21-35

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. 'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded. 'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back." But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. 'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

News & Information

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

Harvest Sunday this year at both of our churches will be on Sunday 1st October - we will share the gifts between Crewe & Nantwich Foodbanks.

Information for receiving Communion at both churches:

- For Priest Intinction, please hold out two hands
- For the Chalice, please hold out one hand, the wafer will be given to you and then you will be offered the Chalice
- To receive just the wafer, please hold out one hand
- Blessings, please keep your hands down by your sides

The Tuesday Bible study group will recommence on 19th September and then the 3rd & 17th October & **Prayer Group** will begin again on Thursday 5th October and then the 1st Thursday of each Month. Thank you, Jenny V.

The Ladies Afternoon Group commences after the Summer break on Thursday 28th September at 2 pm. We are having a social and quiz and the usual tea and biscuits. We look forward to seeing you there. We welcome any new ladies who would like to join us. A future date for your diaries 2024. We are hoping to run a trip next summer **Thursday 11th July to the National Memorial Arboretum Staffordshire.** If you think it might be something that would interest you please see Ann, Pam or myself. We want to get a gist of numbers to book transport. Many thanks Frances

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.

A big Thank you was passed on to you all for all the surplus wool from the Volunteer knitting group who knit for Nantwich Care homes. You can still bring in left-over wool to the office or to Church and we will pass this on to the group, with thanks in advance, really appreciated.

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