

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

Gluten Free wafers are available at Communion.

### In Church Worship

**24<sup>th</sup> 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*

*There are refreshments in the Church Hall*

*following the service at St Mary`s please do join us if you can.*

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

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

**9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer**

**10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion**

*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***



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: Philippians 1.21-30

### A reading from the Epistle to the Philippians

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully  
to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace  
and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
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 20.1-16**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. ‘About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. He told them, “You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went.

‘He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, “Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?”. “Because no one has hired us,” they answered. ‘He said to them, “You also go and work in my vineyard.” ‘When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.”

‘The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. “These who were hired last worked only one hour,” they said, “and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.” ‘But he answered one of them, “I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?”

‘So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Post Communion**

Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## News & Information

**Next week will celebrate Harvest at both of our churches.** Please see the leaflets given out today for food that is needed. We will share the gifts between the Crewe & Nantwich Foodbanks.

**Harvest Lunch:** there will be a Bring & Share Lunch in the Church Hall following the service at St Mary's – please bring savoury & sweet to share.

**Would you like to help to decorate St Mary's for Harvest Festival?** Join us at 10am Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September - all welcome. More info, please contact Di Carter Tel 661583.

**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.

**The Ladies Afternoon Group meet on Thursday 28th September at 2 pm** with a social & quiz and the usual tea and biscuits. Many thanks Frances

**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, with thanks in advance, really appreciated.

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