St Mary's

& St Luke's
Wistaston & Willaston

## Weekly Information Sheet Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

The Chalice is offered at the Communion Rail along with Priest Intinction
Gluten Free wafers are available at Communion

### **In Church Worship**

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity 9am at St Luke's – Holy Communion 10.40am at St Mary's – All Age Worship & Baptism

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 & Matthew 22.15-22

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

29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Last Sunday After Trinity & Bible Sunday 10.40am Joint Service with St Luke's at St Mary's – Holy Communion 12.30pm at St Mary's – Baptism Service

Colossians 3.12-17 & Matthew 24.30-35



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.



To help us to cut down on paper use and printing why not download Service Orders using the QR code or at <a href="bit.ly/serviceorders">bit.ly/serviceorders</a>
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:1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

#### A reading from the First Epistle to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you.

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **The Collect**

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 22.15–22

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

#### Glory to you O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

#### **Post Communion**

God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **News & Information**

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.

Our next meeting of the Ladies Afternoon Group is on Thursday 26 October when Gerald Newbrook will be speaking about 'A life in Engineering'. Please could you remember to bring monies for the Christmas Meal £18 in total. We look forward to seeing you all. Many thanks, Frances.

Our annual Commemoration Service is on Sunday 5 November at 6pm at St Mary's. Invitations have been sent to the families of those whom we have conducted funerals for over the past 3 years. This said, the service is open to anyone who would value remembering a loved one who they have lost recently. All welcome!

**Tuesday Bible study group** will meet on 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November & **Prayer Group** is on the first 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. LAST FEW WEEKS: the deadline for drop-off at St Mary's is 12 November. For more info, or to fill an online Shoebox, please got to the Teams4U website: teams4u.com

This year's St Mary's Christmas Fair will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Church Hall, after the Sunday Service. Chris and Mike Horne will again be providing their wonderful home produce of Pickles, Chutneys, Jams, Christmas Puddings and also the Hyacinths Bowls priced at £6 for you to purchase.

Thank you to all those that have donated men's Clothes, it is really appreciated, please continue to bring clothes in and Catherine will gladly take them on our behalf.

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.

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