

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

Gluten Free wafers are available at Communion.

In Church Worship

8th 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

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

15th October 2023 – Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

We welcome Canon David Taylor to both Churches

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Holy Communion

Philippians 4.1-9 & Matthew 22.1-14



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 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: Philippians 3.4b-14

A reading from the Epistle to the Philippians

Though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ – yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 21.33-46

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

Glory to you O Lord.

‘Listen to another parable: there was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall round it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

‘The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. ‘But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.” So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

‘Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,’ they replied, ‘and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes”? ‘Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

News & Information

As Baby Loss Awareness week begins we are holding an Infant Loss Service this afternoon at St Marys at 5pm. The service is in partnership with **Motherwell** and is for those who have suffered the loss of a young child. Please join us if you have been affected by this. It will also be on our YouTube Channel at bit.ly/infantlossservice *We need a few people to help at the service, please see Revd Mike if you can do this.*

Thank you for all the Harvest donations, we have an incredible amount! They will be going to the two local foodbanks on Monday.

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.

Tuesday Bible study group will meet on 17th October & Prayer Group will begin Thursday 2nd November, then the 1st Thursday of each Month. Jenny V.

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.

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

This year's St Mary's Christmas Fair will be on Sunday 10th 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 and Christmas puddings 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, your donations have been really appreciated.

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