

Holy Communion is available at the Communion Rail as follows: via Priest Intinction, hold out two hands, or you can receive a wafer only, or a wafer and the Chalice, by holding out one hand. Hands by you side for a blessing.

Gluten Free wafers are available at Communion.

In Church Worship

26th November 2023 – Christ the King

We welcome Canon David Taylor to our churches today

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship

Ephesians 1.15-23 & Matthew 25.31-46

12.30pm – Baptism Service at St Mary`s

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

3rd December 2023 – First Sunday of Advent & Toy Service

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion

Isaiah 64.1-9 & Mark 13.24-37



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: Ephesians 1.15-23

A reading from the Epistle to Ephesians

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over
all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the
Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord, the wills
of your faithful people;
that they,
plenteously bringing
forth the fruit of good works,
may by you
be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.31-46

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

Glory to you O Lord.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

‘Then the King will say to those on his right, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was ill and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

‘Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison and go to visit you?”

‘The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

‘Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.”

‘They also will answer, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or ill or in prison, and did not help you?”

‘He will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”

‘Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

Our Rose Queen Sophie's cake sale in the church hall will be Sunday 3 December. The sale is in aid of her charity Motherwell Cheshire.

Our annual Toy Service, in aid of the Salvation Army Toy Appeal, is Sunday 3 December at 10:40am at St Mary's. The SA are asking for stocking fillers, crayons and colouring books, children's books and teenage stocking fillers. Last year they supported over 2500 vulnerable children living in our community.

Advent Study Group at the Rectory on Tuesdays, 5, 12 & 19 December, 7:30pm-9pm. We will be using the Advent Hymn, Come Thou long expected Jesus, as the basis for a discussion through Advent. All material will be supplied on the night.

St Mary's Christmas Fair - Sunday 10th December in the Church Hall after the service. Chris & Mike will again be providing their wonderful home produce of Pickles, Chutneys, Jams, Christmas Puddings and also the Hyacinths Bowls at £6.

A Taste of Christmas: Sarah & Mike invite you to join with them at the Rectory on Friday 15 December 7pm- 9pm for seasonal refreshments.

There are Christmas Cards, which include our Christmas Services, available at both churches to use to give neighbours, family and friends. Who will you invite to Follow the Star this year?

Our lovely new Kitchen in St Mary's Church Hall is now operational, there's just a small amount of decorating and finishing off to be done. A very big thanks to all involved, especially Chris and Mike Horne for coordinating things. Thanks also to those who cleaned the Hall once the work was completed & got it ready to open again. It looks wonderful and will be enjoyed by those who uses the Hall for classes, Church refreshments and Polly and Teresa who work at the Hall!

Please help St Mary's to win 1 of 3 donations of £3000 prize fund in #easyfundraising's new epic Refer to Win giveaway! We will get a free entry for each new supporter who signs up: bit.ly/stmaryseasyfundraising

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

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