

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.

Gluten Free wafers are available at Communion

In Church Worship

19th November 2023 – 2nd Sunday before Advent

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

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

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 & Matthew 25.14-30

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

26th November 2023 – Christ the King

We welcome Canon David Taylor to our churches

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship

Ephesians 1.15-23 & Matthew 25.31-46



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: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

A reading from the First Epistle to The Thessalonians

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety', destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:

bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.14-30

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

Glory to you O Lord.

‘Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

‘After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. “Master,” he said, “you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.”

‘His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!” ‘The man with two bags of gold also came. “Master,” he said, “you entrusted me with two bags of gold: see, I have gained two more.”

‘His master replied, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!” ‘Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. “Master,” he said, “I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.”

‘His master replied, “You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

Doris Yates' funeral is at St Mary's on Friday 24 November at 12 noon.

Due to the continuing work on the Church Hall Kitchen, this weeks after church refreshments will be in the Choir Vestry. Please get a drink and come back in to church. If you need help doing this, please let sidesperson or a warden know.

Thank you to everyone who donated a Shoebox to the Teams4U appeal this year. 47 boxes were collected and, with online donations, we donated over 60 boxes! To do a Shoebox online, go to: teams4u.com

Postponed: Our Rose Queen Sophie's cake sale in the church hall has been postponed until Sunday 3 December as to the kitchen in the hall not being available due the ongoing refurbishment. The sale is in aid of her charity Motherwell Cheshire.

The next LAG is on Thursday 23 November at 2pm when Di Carter is going to demonstrate a Christmas table decoration. If you have any foliage you would like to use please bring it along. Looking forward to seeing you all. Frances.

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.

Tuesday Bible study group will meet on 21st November & **Prayer Group** is on the first Thursday of each Month. Jenny V.

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 and adults living in our community.

There will be an Advent Study Group at the Rectory on Tuesdays, 5, 12 & 19 December, 7:30pm-9pm. All material supplied. Come to one or come to all.

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

Our Christmas Services are available on our website (bit.ly/worshipandprayer) and leaflets will be available in church soon. Please put the dates on your calendars and think about who you might invite to Follow the Star.

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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