St Mary's & St Luke's Wistaston & Willaston

Weekly Information Sheet Sunday 5th November 2023 All Saints Day

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

In Church Worship

5th November 2023 – We celebrate All Saints Day 9am at St Luke's – Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary's - Holy Communion including Junior Church

1 John3.1-3 & Matthew 5.1-12

6pm Commemoration Service at St Mary's

see the back page for more information

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

12th November 2023 – Remembrance Sunday

At both services there will an act of Remembrance

9am at St Luke's - Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary's - All Age Worship

2 Thessalonians 3.6 -13 & Matthew 25.1-13



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 John 3.1-3

A reading from the First Epistle to John

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 5.1-12

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
 may we who have shared at this table
 as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
 be welcomed with all your saints
 to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

News & Information

Today, we have our annual Commemoration Service at 6pm at St Mary's. The service is open to anyone to attend to remember they love but see no longer.

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.

Remembrance Day Poppies are in St Mary's Church Porch & the Church Hall.

Help is needed on 4th Sundays at St Mary's. We need a couple of Sidespeople to cover the 4th Sundays. If this is something you'd be interested in doing, please chat with either of our Wardens, Sue or Chris.

Once again, we are partnering with Teams4U to donate Christmas Shoeboxes to Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. Thanks for the great response so far, just a reminder that 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

Tuesday Bible study group will meet on 7th & 21st November & **Prayer Group** is on the first Thursday of each Month. Jenny V.

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

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.

The Church Hall will be closed from Monday 13 November for 6 days (as long as all the work goes well) for the kitchen refurb. The Office will remain open as normal.

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, its quick, and free to sign up: see link below bit.ly/stmaryseasyfundraising

Food bank appeal. Please see the posters for the Reverse Advent Calendar campaign for St Paul's Foodbank. The idea is simply is to ask families, individuals, households and community groups to collect an item of long-life food per day from 1st to 24th November. Please drop off donations directly to our premises or to local collection points, see poster for further details. Many thanks for your continued support.

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