



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

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

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

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



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: 2 Thessalonians 3.6 -13

A reading from the Second Epistle to The Thessalonians

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.'

We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds
of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.1-13

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

Glory to you O Lord.

At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

‘At midnight the cry rang out: “Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!”

‘Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.”

“No,” they replied, “there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.”

‘But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

‘Later the others also came. “Lord, Lord,” they said, “open the door for us!”

‘But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.”

‘Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your healing power make whole both people and nations;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

News & Information

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Doris Yates who passed away last week. Her funeral is at St Mary's on Friday 24 November at 12 noon.

Today is the last chance to drop any Shoeboxes before they are sent off to Teams4U. To do Shoebox online, go to: teams4u.com

Help is needed on 4th Sundays at St Mary's. We need a couple of Sidespeople to cover the 4th Sundays. Please chat with either of our Wardens, Sue or Chris.

Our Rose Queen, Sophie, is holding a cake sale in the church hall following St Mary's church service on **Sunday 19th November** for donations towards her charity Motherwell Cheshire, thank you in advance.

Tuesday Bible study group will meet on 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 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.

There will be an Advent Study Group at the Rectory on Tuesdays, 5, 12 & 19 December, 7:30pm-9pm. 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 this Christmastime.

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: bit.ly/stmaryseasyfundraising

St Paul's Foodbank - Please see the posters for the Reverse Advent Calendar in the Church Hall. Many thanks for your continued support.

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.

Thank you again from the Volunteer Knitting Group for all the kind donations of Wool – it is very much appreciated and items will be distributed around Nursing and Care Homes in the area.

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