

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

Gluten Free wafers are available at Communion.

In Church Worship

Sunday 24th December 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.40am at St Mary`s with St Luke`s – All Age Communion

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16 & Luke 1.26-38

5pm at St Mary`s – Crib Service & Nativity (also online)

11.30pm at St Mary`s – Midnight Holy Communion (also online)

Isaiah 52.7-10 & John 1.1-14

Monday 25th December 2023 – Christmas Day

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion for all the family

Isaiah 9.2-7 & Luke 2.1-14

There will be no Holy Communion service on Wednesday 27th December

There will, however, be refreshments in the Choir Vestry

Sunday 31st December 2023 – First Sunday of Christmas

10.40am at St Mary`s with St Luke`s – Holy Communion

Galatians 4.4-7 & Luke 2.15-21



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 is taking a break until 4 January 2024.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

A reading from the Second Book of the Samuel

After the king was settled in his palace and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, 'Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.'

Nathan replied to the king, 'Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the LORD is with you.'

But that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying:

'Go and tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD says: are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?'"

'Now then, tell my servant David, "This is what the LORD Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people shall not oppress them any more, as they did at the beginning and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your enemies.

"The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 1.26-38

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

Glory to you O Lord.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you.'

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.'

'How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?'

The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.'

'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled.' Then the angel left her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News & Information

This evening at St Mary's

5pm – Crib Service and Nativity followed at

11.30pm – Midnight Holy Communion

On Christmas Day at St Mary's, we'd love you to bring a Christmas Present you've received to Church with you so as we can all share your joy.

Thanks to everyone who helped to prepare our churches, in many different ways, for Christmas this year. It is much appreciated.

There are no refreshments following the service today and on the 31 December. Also, volunteers are needed for 7 January 2024 - let a Warden know if you can do it.

Please use Easyfundraising to raise money for St Mary's for free. Its quick, and free to sign up: click here for more info bit.ly/stmaryseasyfundraising It costs you nothing, but raises money for our churches.

Office hours over Christmas. The Office will close Friday 22nd December and will reopen the first week of January. Please note if you leave any messages or correspondence during this time, we will aim to respond as soon as we return. Polly and Teresa would like to thank everyone for their support over this last year and wish you all a very joyful Christmas.



St Mary's Wistaston

A Family Christingle
Service in aid of the
Children's Society

Just bring an orange with you and
we'll supply everything else
All Welcome!

*There will be a collection for the Children's
Society*

Sunday

7 January 2024

at 4pm

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