

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

Weekly Information Sheet Sunday 14th January 2024 Second Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion is distributed as follows: to receive a wafer dipped in the 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. Please let a Sidesperson know if you need to have communion brought to you in the pew.

Gluten Free wafers are available at Communion.

In Church Worship

Sunday 14th January 2024 – Second Sunday of Epiphany

We welcome Canon David to both our Churches

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship

Revelation 5.1-10 & John 1.43 -51

***Wednesday 10am Holy Communion at St Mary`s
with Revd John Varty followed by Refreshments***

Sunday 21st January 2024 – Third Sunday of Epiphany

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

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

Revelation 19.6 -10 & John 2.1-11



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 23 January 2024.

In the meantime there is

Church of England Daily Prayer at bit.ly/cofeprayer

First Reading: Revelation 5.1-10

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?' But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the centre of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God's people. And they sang a new song, saying:

'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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: John 1.43-51

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

Glory to you O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, 'Follow me.'

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, 'We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote – Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'

'Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?' Nathanael asked.

'Come and see,' said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, 'Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.'

'How do you know me?' Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, 'I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.'

Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.'

Jesus said, 'You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.' He then added, 'Very truly I tell you, you will see "heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on" the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News & Information

Thanks to everyone who came and took part in the Christingle Service last Sunday and thank you for your donations. We raised £57.00 for the work of The Children's Society at the service and I know some people also gave online.

The Tuesday Bible study group will re commence at 10.15am on 16th January at 56 Bowness Road. Please refresh yourself with Exodus chapter 1.5-21. Thank you, Jenny Varty.

The PCC's Safety Officer, David Illing, is updating the church's Health & Safety Policy, and he is wondering whether we have any up-to-date trained First Aiders in either of our churches? If so, and you'd be happy to be a named First Aider, please let David or Revd Mike know. Likewise, if you'd be happy to attend a First Aid course to become a First Aider, once again, let either of them know. David can be contacted via email: safetyofficer@stmaryswistaston.org.uk

St Mary's after Church Refreshments Rota 2024 - could you please fill in the rota for 2024 in the Church Hall. Thanks to everyone who volunteers to do this.

Flower Rota 2024 - Please add your name if you are able to volunteer to join Flowers rota (located in the porch at St Mary`s) to put flowers into Church, a list of dates are available or speak with Di Carter. Many thanks in advance.

The St Mary's Cleaning Rota needs some new volunteers and people to sign up. The Rota is in the porch of the church – please consider signing up to keep St Mary's looking fantastic. See a Warden for more details.

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.

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