

*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 21<sup>st</sup> 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*

***Wednesday 10am Holy Communion at St Mary`s  
followed by Refreshments***

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – The Presentation**

**9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion**

**10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship**

*Hebrews 2.14-18 & Luke 2.22-40*

**12.30pm - Baptism Service at St Mary`s**



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.

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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](https://bit.ly/serviceorders)

This Weekly Sheet can be viewed online at [stmaryswistaston.blog](https://stmaryswistaston.blog)

**Online Worship**

The 10:40am service is streamed from St Mary`s each Sunday

[YouTube.com/StMarysWistaston1](https://YouTube.com/StMarysWistaston1) & Facebook: [bit.ly/facebookstmarys](https://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](https://bit.ly/930mp),

9:30am Tuesday & Thursday this week.

## First Reading: Revelation 19.6 - 10

### A reading from the Book of Revelation

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

‘Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad

and give him glory!

For the wedding of the Lamb has come,

and his bride has made herself ready.

Fine linen, bright and clean,

was given her to wear.’

(Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.)

Then the angel said to me, ‘Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’ And he added, ‘These are the true words of God.’

At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, ‘Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who bears testimony to Jesus.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and  
Miracles the wonder of your saving presence:  
renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;  
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 2.1-11**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Post Communion**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## News & Information

**The Bible Study group has restarted and will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month** at 56 Bowness Road, thanks, Jenny Varty 01270 567618.

**The Ladies Afternoon Group commences on 25th January with the AGM at 2pm in the Church Hall.** Don't forget your purses for the subs!!!! We have a talk as well from Age UK about 'Scams Awareness'. We look forward to seeing you all for a fun packed year ahead!! Frances, Pam and Ann.



**Men's Group – 7.30pm Friday 2 February 2024:** Please join us at Ebenezers (159 Nantwich Road, Crewe – the old Beer Dock) for beer [non-alcoholic options might be available] and afterwards we will go somewhere for food [hopefully the Bombay]. Open to all men over the age of 18. Feel free to bring male family and friends. No need to RSVP – see you there! Howard **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](mailto:safetyofficer@stmaryswistaston.org.uk)

**Rotas, Rotas, Rotas – don't miss out – see below**

**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](https://bit.ly/stmaryseasyfundraising) It costs you nothing but raises money for our churches.

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