

Weekly Information Sheet Sunday 28th January 2024 The Presentation

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 28th 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

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

Sunday 4th February 2024 – Second Sunday before Lent

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion

Colossians 1.15-20 & John 1.1-14



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](https://www.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: Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day
presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be
presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of
Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received
these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus
when he comes
to bring us to eternal life;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Luke 2.22-40

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

Glory to you O Lord.

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.'

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

The Bible Study Group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 10.15am and **Prayer Group** will meet every 1st Thursday at 7pm, beginning on 1st February at 56 Bowness Road, thanks, Jenny Varty, 01270 567618.



Men's Group – 7.30pm Friday 2 February 2024: Please join us at

Ebenzers (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

Lent is fast approaching with Ash Wednesday on 14 February. We have two Holy Communion services on Ash Wednesday, both at St Mary's, 10am & 7pm. We are also planning to run Lent Study Groups, an opportunity to join together and discuss themes of Lent and faith, bring a Bible if you can, everything else is supplied. They are at the Rectory on Tuesday 20 Feb at 7:30pm and repeated at St Luke's on Friday 23 Feb at 10am, lasting 1.5 hours and running for 5 weeks.

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

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.

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