

**Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 11th February 2024
Sunday before Lent**

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.

Sunday 11th February 2024 – Sunday before Lent

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship

2 Corinthians 4.3-6 & Mark 9.2-9

Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday

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

7pm at St Mary`s – Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

Sunday 18th February 2024 – First Sunday of Lent

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

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

Genesis 9.8 -17 & Mark 1.9-15



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 Corinthians 4.3-6

A reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in
majesty before he suffered death
upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to
suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face
of Jesus Christ:
may we who are
partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his
power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gospel Reading: Mark 9.2-9

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

Glory to you O Lord.

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!'

Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.



The Reverend Jane Proudfoot has been appointed as the next Archdeacon of Macclesfield (the Archdeaconry we are in).

Jane is currently the Rector of Grappenhall, Priest in charge of Daresbury, and Rural Dean of Great Budworth. Since September, she has been serving as Assistant Archdeacon of Macclesfield.

Her Licensing Service is on Sunday 28 April, 3pm, Chester Cathedral - all are welcome, no need to book.

Her Welcome Service is on Sunday 12 May, 3pm, St Paul's Macclesfield - spaces can be booked for free at bit.ly/archdeaconwelcome.

News & Information



Lent begins on 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**, looking at *The Grace of God* and is an opportunity to join together and discuss. Just bring a Bible if you can, everything else is supplied. They are being held 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.

If you'd like to find out more about The Diocesan Vision then you are invited to St Andrew's, Bedford Street, on Monday 12th February at 7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm).

The Bible Study Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each Month at 10.15am and **Prayer Group** meets on 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm, both at 56 Bowness Road, thanks, Jenny.

Ladies Afternoon Group News: Great to see you all at the AGM last month. We had an enlightening talk from Age UK on Scams Awareness. Our next meeting is on 22 February when Mel Latham (no relation) will be with us "Chutney and Cheer". I am sure she will have items to purchase! See you all soon Frances.

Christian Aid Sponsored Swim, 5pm Saturday 2 March, at the Lifestyle Centre. Our young people will be taking part once again this year. Sarah Turnbull has a sponsor form for those who would like to support this great cause.

We have a Confirmation Service on Sunday 2 June at 10:40am with Bishop Sam the Bishop of Stockport. If you are Baptised, of High School age (or will be this September) or above, and would be interested in being Confirmed this year, please have a chat with Revd Mike in the next few weeks.

First Aiders: Thanks to all those who have offered to be First Aiders. David will be in touch with those who best suit our needs at our churches.

The St Mary's Cleaning Rota needs people to sign up. The Rota is in the porch of the church – please consider signing up to keep St Mary's looking fantastic.

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