

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

**Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 18th February 2024
First Sunday of 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 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

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

Sunday 25th February 2024 – Second Sunday of Lent

We Welcome Canon David Taylor

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship

Genesis 17.1 -7,15,16 & Mark 8.31-38



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: Genesis 17.1 -7 15,16

A reading from the Book of the Genesis

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: 'I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you – the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you – every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.'

And God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.'

So God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 8.31 -38

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

Glory to you O Lord.

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.**

Post Communion

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

News & Information



The Lent Groups start this coming week. The theme is *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, Tuesdays at 7:30pm and repeated at St Luke's on Fridays at 10am, running for 5 weeks and lasting 1.5 hours.

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.

We had a very interesting evening at St Andrews learning more about the Diocesan Vision with the Diocesan Missioner, the Revd Peter Froggatt. Peter talked us through the process to date and told us that the Bishops and senior clergy are putting some final touches to it and it will go to Diocesan Synod in the Spring for approval. Thanks to all those from our churches who attended.

Could you help at our Stepping Stones Toddler Group? We are looking for an additional volunteer helper. We meet twice a month on a Wednesday morning in the Church Hall. If you'd like to know more please speak to Sarah Turnbull.

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

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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