

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

**Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 25th February 2024
Second 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 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

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

Sunday 3rd March 2024 – Third Sunday of Lent

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion

Exodus 20.1-17 & John 2.13-22



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: Genesis 17.1 -7, 15,16

A reading from the Book of the Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.'

Abram fell face down, and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those
who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things
as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 8.31 -38

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

Glory to you O Lord.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. 'Get behind me, Satan!' he said. 'You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you see that we have no power
of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which
may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News & Information



The Lent Groups continue 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.

It is with sadness that I inform you of the recent death of Joan Tyrrell. Joan, a longstanding member of St Mary's congregation and attended Mother's Union and Ladies Afternoon Group. Her funeral is a Crewe Crematorium on Tuesday 12 March at 12:15pm. Please keep her family in your prayers. Revd Mike.

World Day of Prayer on Friday 1 March at 1:30pm at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Crewe. The Prayer focus this year is Palestine. Parking is available at the Caritas Centre (diagonally opposite).

The St Mary's March Rota is in the porch, please sign up to read or to pray.

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.

Last call for candidates for the 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 see Revd Mike in the next couple of weeks.

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 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.

Advance notice of our Holy Week & Easter Services: Maundy Thursday Communion, 7pm at St Luke's :: Good Friday, An Hour at the Cross, 2pm at St Mary's :: Easter Sunday, Holy Communion, St Luke's 9am & St Mary's 10:40am.

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