

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

**Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 17th March 2024
Fifth 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.

Passiontide begins...

Sunday 17th March 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

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

Hebrews 5.5-10 & John 12.20-33

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

Sunday 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship

Psalms 118.1-2,19-24 & Mark 11.1-11

12.30pm – Baptism 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.

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 5.5-10

A reading from the Book of Epistle to the Hebrews

In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him,

‘You are my Son;
today I have become your Father.’

And he says in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever,
in the order of Melchizedek.’

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him
who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 12.20-33

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

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for
you: give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

News & Information



The final Lent Groups continue this week at the Rectory, Tuesdays at 7:30pm and repeated at St Luke's on Fridays at 10am, and lasting 1.5 hours.

Easter Leaflet distribution. If you can give an hour or so to help deliver the Easter Leaflets to the local area then please meet at The Rectory (104 Church Lane) at 10am on Saturday 23 March. Thanks in advance.

Readings for Holy Week & Easter: we have readings for: 7pm Maundy Thursday service at St Luke's, 2pm Good Friday, An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's, please see (or email Mike) if you'd like one. The Easter Sunday rota is in the porch.

Ladies Afternoon Group: Spring Lunch on 25th April at the tea rooms at Nantwich Football ground please see Pam or myself asap. Many thanks. Frances

The St Mary's April Rota is in the porch. If you would like to join the Rota, but are not sure about it, please speak to Rachael or Mike.

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.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on Sunday 14 April at 12 noon in St Mary's Church followed by a Bring and Share in the Church Hall. Ahead of the APCM, there will be a Revision of the Church Electoral Roll from 10 to 24 March, as this is only a revision, if you are already on the church's Electoral Roll, there is no need to reapply. All the details and the relevant forms are available at both churches and can be found bit.ly/apcminfo

Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday
7pm Holy Communion at St Luke's

Good Friday
2pm An Hour at the Cross at St Mary's

Easter Sunday
9am Holy Communion at St Luke's
10:40am All Age Holy Communion St Mary's

The graphic features a wooden cross standing in a grassy field with a soft, hazy green background. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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