

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

Weekly Information Sheet

Sunday 24th March 2024

Palm Sunday



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 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship

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

12.30pm – Baptism at St Mary`s

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

Maunder Thursday at 7pm Holy Communion at St Luke`s

1 Corinthians 11.23-26 & John 13.1-17,31b-35

Good Friday 10:45am: Walk of Witness in Crewe - see back page for info

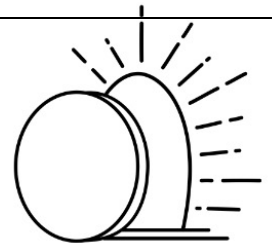
Good Friday at 2pm An Hour at the Cross at St Mary`s

Sunday 31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion

Acts 10.34-43 & John 20.1-18



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 only this week,

then a break until 9 April

First Reading: Psalm 118.1-2, 19-24

A reading from the Book of Psalms

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.

Let Israel say:

‘His love endures for ever.’

Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the LORD has done this,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.

The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race sent your
Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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: Mark 11.1-11

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you O Lord.

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly."'

They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing, untying that colt?' They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

'Hosanna!'

'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

'Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!'

'Hosanna in the highest heaven!'

Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Post Communion

Lord Jesus Christ,

you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:

give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

News & Information

Easter Leaflets/Invites to St Mary's for Easter Sunday are in the porch. If you have some time this week & can deliver a few, then please add the name of the road(s) you're delivering to & your name to the sheet & take what you need. Thanks!

Good Friday 29th March, Walk of Witness. 10:45am at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, St Mary's Street, Crewe for a time of prayer and worship before we go onto the streets. 11:00am - Walk of Witness into Crewe town centre, followed at 12pm by the Crucifixion on Victoria Square (near Asda).

Would you like to read on Easter Day at St Mary's – then the rota is in the porch, add you name for the Epistle or Gospel. We have availability in April too.

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. The Agenda & Reports will be available in church and online from Sunday 31 March. At the APCM we will be appointing two wardens for the coming year and electing five members to the PCC, please see Revd Mike for more info. Ahead of the APCM, there has been a Revision of the Church Electoral Roll which finishes, today, 24 March. As this is only a revision, if you are already on the church's Electoral Roll, there is no need to reapply. Whilst the Roll closes for new inclusions before the APCM, you can join it at anytime following the APCM. All the details and the relevant forms are available at both churches and can be found at bit.ly/apcminfo

Christian Aid Sponsored Swim UPDATE: we had twelve swimmers who swam a total of 718 lengths ranging from 44 to 100 lengths over 2 hours. We raised, from St Mary's and St Luke's, £571. Thanks to all who took part and sponsored!

We have some gaps over the next few weeks on the Refreshments Rota at St Mary's. They are: 31 March, 14 April & 28 April. The most pressing of these is 31 March which is of course Easter Sunday. If you can do one of these please sign up on the Rota in the Church Hall or email Revd Mike (email below).

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 Church will be decorated Saturday 29th March 9.30-10.30am. All Welcome to help, no experience required. Thanks, Di Carter 01270 661583.

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.

The Church Office will be closed for Holidays on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 & Friday 28 of March and will be back open on Friday 7 April.

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