

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

**Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 3rd March 2024
Third 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 3rd March 2024 – Third Sunday of Lent
9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer
10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion and Junior Church
Exodus 20.1-17 & John 2.13-22

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

Sunday 10TH March 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday
9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion
10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday
Exodus 2.1-10 & Luke 2.33-35



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: Exodus 20.1-17

A reading from the Book of Exodus

And God spoke all these words: 'I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

'You shall have no other gods before me.

'You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

'Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

'Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

'You shall not murder.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 2. 13 - 22

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

Glory to you O Lord.

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, 'Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!' His disciples remembered that it is written: 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

The Jews then responded to him, 'What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?'

Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'

They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?' But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

News & Information



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

Joan Tyrrell's funeral is at Crewe Crematorium on Tuesday 12 March at 12:15pm. Please keep her family in your prayers.

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

Ladies Afternoon Group: An entertaining and productive afternoon was had by all with Mel from 'Chutney and Cheer' lots of delights to purchase and to watch being made. **Our Lent Service is on 14th March at 2pm** at St Mary's Church followed by tea and biscuits afterwards in the hall. Anyone still wanting to put their names down for the **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 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.

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

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