

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

Weekly Information Sheet Sunday 31st March 2024 Easter 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 31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday

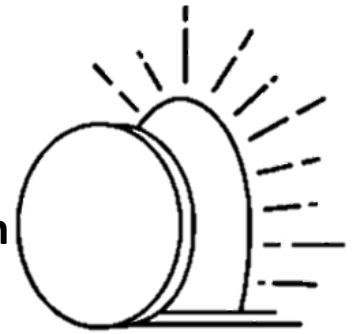
Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion

Acts 10.34-43 & John 20.1-18



Wednesday - 10am Holy Communion at St Mary`s at which we welcome the Revd John Varty. The service is followed by Refreshments

Sunday 7th April – Second Sunday of Easter

We welcome Canon David Taylor to our Churches.

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion

Acts 4.32-35 & John 20.19-31



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 is taking a break until 9 April

Please see the CofE website for daily prayers

First Reading: Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Book of Acts

Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection
of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and
death to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour,
glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

Post Communion

God of Life,
who for our redemption gave
your only-begotten Son to
the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the
power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with
him in the joy of his risen life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 20.1-18

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped round Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene - Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying?' 'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' At this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus. He asked her, 'Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned towards him and cried out in Aramaic, 'Rabboni!' (which means 'Teacher').

Jesus said, 'Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

Thank you to all those who have decorated our churches for Easter, it is much appreciated and makes such a difference to our Easter Celebrations.

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 are available in church and online from the address below. 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. There has been a Revision of the Church Electoral Roll which finished on 24 March and a copy is in the porch of St Mary's. More details and the relevant forms are available at both churches and can be found at bit.ly/apcminfo

Ladies Afternoon Group Spring Lunch is on 25th April at the tea rooms at Nantwich Football ground please see Pam or Frances 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.

Office closed for Holidays - please note the Church Office is closed and will reopen Friday 5 April. Thank you for your understanding.

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