

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

**Weekly Information Sheet  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter**



*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 14<sup>th</sup> April – Third Sunday of Easter**

**9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion**

**10.40am at St Mary`s – Morning Prayer with Junior Church**

*Acts 3.12-19 & Luke 24.36<sup>b</sup>- 48*

**12 noon, APCM at St Mary`s (see back page for more info)  
followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the Church Hall**

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer**

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

*Acts 4.5-12 & John 10.11-18*

**12.30pm at St Mary`s – Baptism Service**



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.

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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](https://bit.ly/serviceorders)

This Weekly Sheet can be viewed online at [stmaryswistaston.blog](https://stmaryswistaston.blog)



**Online Worship**

The 10:40am service is streamed from St Mary`s each Sunday

[YouTube.com/StMarysWistaston1](https://YouTube.com/StMarysWistaston1) & Facebook: [bit.ly/facebookstmarys](https://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](https://bit.ly/930mp)

9:30am Tuesday & Thursday this week

## First Reading: Acts 3.12-19

### A reading from the Book of Acts

When Peter saw this, he said to them: ‘Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

‘Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### The Collect

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened  
the disciples with the sight of the  
risen Lord: give us such knowledge of  
his presence with us, that we may be  
strengthened and sustained by his  
risen life and serve you continually in  
righteousness and truth;  
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

Living God,  
your Son made himself known  
to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him  
in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading: Luke 24.36b-48**

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

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'

They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.'

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, 'Do you have anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence.

He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## News & Information

**Tess Burgess' funeral is at St Mary's this Thursday 18 April at 2pm.**

Please keep her family in your prayers at this time. Revd Mike.

**Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is today, 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 and electing five members to the PCC. More details and the relevant forms are available at both churches and can be found at [bit.ly/apcminfo](http://bit.ly/apcminfo)

**Ladies Afternoon Group Spring Lunch is on 25th April, please meet at 12 noon** at the Tea Rooms at Nantwich Football ground. Thanks, Pam and Frances.

**The St Mary's May 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.

**Defibrillator for St Mary's Church:** it has been asked if we could get a Defib for St Mary's Church that would be kept at St Mary's. The PCC agree that this would be a sensible idea, however, the cost of a Defib is prohibitive at £1000. The other two Defibs (Church Hall & St Luke's) were free and half price (and the half price was covered by a donation) from the British Heart Foundation, we would not qualify for another one at a discount rate. If you would be interested in pledging a donation to enable us to buy one, then please let Revd Mike know.

**Giving: the PCC are grateful to all those who give regularly to our churches** and enable us to do what we do. As you are aware utilities and other regular bills have increased over the past few years affecting our home and church finances. If you are in a position to review your regular giving to help cover these costs at church, then we would be grateful if you gave it some consideration. If you are a UK Taxpayer, then please remember to Gift Aid your giving as this adds 25% to your donation. Ways to give are: Standing Order through your bank, Weekly Giving Envelopes, Cash/Cheque on the plate (please remember to use a white Gift Aid envelope if applicable) or the Card Machine in the porch at St Mary's. Also, please consider a Legacy Gift in your Will if you can.

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