

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

**Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 21st April 2024
Fourth 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 21st 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

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

Sunday 28th April – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion

10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship

Acts 8.26-40 & John 15.1-8



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 & Thursday this week

First Reading: Acts 4.5-12

A reading from the Book of Acts

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?'

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: 'Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.”

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the
resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin
to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things
which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ
to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us
to lay down his life
and rise again:
keep us always
under his protection,
and give us grace
to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 10.11-18

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

Glory to you O Lord.

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheepfold. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Results: Thanks to all those who attended the APCM last Sunday and to all those who joined together for the Bring and Share Lunch. At the APCM Chris Horne was appointed as the sole Warden as she was the only one who stood to be a warden. Those elected to the PCC for a three year term were: Daphne Gregory, Margaret Shephard, Frances Latham & Sue Squirrel.

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 is in the porch of the church.

Defibrillator for St Mary's Church: Wow, what an amazing response! I have had two people, who wish remain anonymous, each giving the money to buy a defib! This means we've been able to order a defib and have money in the accounts to service the three defibs we now manage. Thanks also to the other people who have pledged another £900! I'll be chatting to these people individually to see if they still want to donate into the defib fund. Thanks everyone, Revd Mike.

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.

Christian Aid Week is 12–18 May. Sarah and I will be in touch with our regular collectors over the next couple of weeks to check if they can help this year, if you'd like to know more and how you can help, please speak to Sarah or Mike Turnbull.

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