

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

**Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 28th April 2024
Fifth 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 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

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

Sunday 5th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am at St Luke`s – Morning Prayer

10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion

Acts 10.44-48 & John 15.9-17



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.

There is a Defibrillator at both churches – see the signs in the porch for the location

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 8.26-40

A reading from the Book of Acts

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.

The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 15.1-8

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

Glory to you O Lord.

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

‘I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

Almighty God, who through
your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ,
have overcome death
and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace
going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and
for ever. **Amen.**

News & Information

On the Sunday 2 June Bishop Sam, Bishop of Stockport, will be joining us at St Mary's at 10:40am. During his visit he will be receiving Rachael Rivers into the Communion of the Church of England. This is required before she is licensed as a Reader at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 12 October. Do come and meet Bishop Sam and support Rachael.

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

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.

St Mary's Cleaning Rota is in the porch of the church.

Men's Group – 7.30pm Friday 7 June 2024. Please join us at the Leopard [London Road, Nantwich] for beer [non-alcoholic options are available] and afterwards we will go for an Indian or Thai meal [or we could eat in the Leopard]. Open to all men over the age of 18. Feel free to bring male family and friends. No need to RSVP – see you there! Howard

Thanks to people's generosity we now have a Defibrillator (AED) at St Mary's. It is in the Choir Vestry. It is a semi-automatic version and is designed to be as easy as possible to use. The Defib will tell you how to use it so even if you've never been trained you should use it if needed. Here's a handy guide and there is a St John's Ambulance video that can be viewed here: bit.ly/usingadefib



Defibrillator (AED)



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