

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

**Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 7th April 2024
Second 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 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

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

Sunday 14th 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 24.36b-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**



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: Acts 4.32-35

A reading from the Book of Acts

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there was no needy person among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son
to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven
of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus
Christ 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

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children
of eternal life
and in baptism have made us
one with him:
deliver us from the death of
sin and raise us to new life in
your love in the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading: John 20.19- 31

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

Glory to you O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'

Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Tess Burgess on Good Friday. Her funeral will take place at St Mary's on Thursday 18 April at 2pm.

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

Our thanks go to all those who prepared and decorated both of our churches for our Easter services, much appreciated.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is next 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. Everyone is invited to attend the APCM, however, only those on the Electoral Roll of the church can vote or comment. 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

There is a Christian Aid bucket collection before the match at Crewe Alex on Saturday 13th April meeting at the ground at 13.45 please let Sarah Turnbull know if you would like to help. Usually there is an option to stay and watch the match.

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.

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