St Mary's

& St Luke's
Wistaston & Willaston

Weekly Information Sheet Sunday 2nd June 2024 First Sunday after Trinity

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 2nd June – First Sunday after Trinity
No service today at St Luke's

As we join together to welcome Bishop Sam to St Mary's 10.40am at St Mary's – Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 4.5-12 & Mark 2.23-3.6

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

Sunday 9th June – Second Sunday after Trinity 9am at St Luke's – Holy Communion 10.40am at St Mary's – All Age Worship 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 & Mark 3.20-35







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: 2 Corinthians 4.5-12 A reading from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Collect

O God, the strength of all those
who put their trust in you,
mercifully accept our prayers and,
because through the weakness
of our mortal nature,
we can do no good thing without you,
grant us the help of your grace,
that in the keeping of your
commandments we may please you
both in will and deed;
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

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen
us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Mark 2.23 -3.6

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Glory to you O Lord.

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the cornfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some ears of corn. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?'

He answered, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.'

Then he said to them, 'The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.'

Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shrivelled hand was there. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shrivelled hand, 'Stand up in front of everyone.'

Then Jesus asked them, 'Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?' But they remained silent.

He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

News & Information

Today, Sunday, 2 June, Bishop Sam, the Bishop of Stockport, is joining us at St Mary's. During his visit he will be receiving Rachael Rivers into the Communion of the Church of England. This is required before Rachael is licensed as a Reader at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 12 October.

Men's Group - 7.30pm Friday 7 June. Please join us at the Leopard [London Road, Nantwich] for beer [non-alcoholic options are available] afterwards we will go for an Indian or Thai meal [or we could eat in the Leopard]. Open to all men over 18. Feel free to bring male family & friends. No need to RSVP — see you there! Howard Our incoming Rose Queen, Lucia, is asking for teddies for her stall at the Village Féte, drop them into church or the office. She is raising money for Cancer Research.

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, is speaking at St Mary's Nantwich on Saturday 22 June at 7:15pm (doors open at 6:30pm). This is a free event and tickets are available at bit.ly/archbishofyork or Nantwich's Parish Office: 01270 625268 office@stmarysnantwich.org.uk

Ladies Afternoon Group: We still have spaces for our trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on July 11th. MEN do not be put off, this trip is open to all!! Please see Pam or myself if you would like to join us. Frances.

An opportunity to get involved at St Mary's. The PCC would like a couple of people to take on the role of setting up the Altar for Holy Communion and change the frontal etc when needs be. Also, we would like a few of people to cover the 12:30pm Baptisms by welcoming people and controlling the slides on the screen during the service. Full training would be given for both, if you would like to know about either of these roles please speak in the first instance to Revd Mike.

The St Mary's June & July Rotas are in the porch. If you would like to join the Rota, but are not sure about it, please speak to Rachael or Mike.

Candles: There are a number of used candles on the Bier in the Choir Vestry. Please help yourself to any, before they are disposed of. Thanks.

Events in church and the community in June

- ◆ Sunday 9 June is Rose Queen Sunday at St Mary's
- ◆ Saturday 15 June at 1:30pm is the Wistaston Village Fete at Church Lane Primary Academy
- ◆ Saturday 22 June at 1pm is the Willaston World Worm Charming Championship at Willaston Primary Academy

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