

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

**Weekly Information Sheet
Sunday 5th May 2024
Sixth 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 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

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

7pm Thursday 9th May – Ascension Day Holy Communion at St Mary`s
Acts 1.1-11 & Luke 24.44-53

Sunday 12th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter
We welcome Canon David Taylor to both of our Churches
9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion
10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship
1 John 5.9-13 & John 17.6-19



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 10.44 -48

A reading from the Book of Acts

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, 'Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptised with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.' So he ordered that they be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



**Ascension Day
Holy Communion
at St Mary's
Thursday
9 May
at 7pm**

Gospel Reading: John 15.9-17

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

Glory to you O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: love each other.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us
from the power of darkness
and brought us
into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death
he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
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

God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life
and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and
reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

News & Information

On the Sunday 2 June Bishop Sam, the 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.

There will not be a service at St Luke's on 2 June as we join together at St Mary's. Christian Aid Week is 12–18 May. Envelopes are in the Choir Vestry, 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.

Diary Date - Saturday morning, 1st June. We are planning a working party to Spring Clean St Mary's church and the Choir Vestry in preparation for the Bishop's visit on the Sunday. We'll meet at 9.30am and refreshments will be provided. We'll do the jobs which need doing, dependent on how many turn up to help! Thanks in advance.

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

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

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