



Christian Life

The Parish Magazine of St Mary's & St Luke's

September 2021

Including the readings for Sunday 05 September

And we know that
ALL THINGS
work t.o.g.e.t.h.e.r for
GOOD **TO** **THEM** **THAT**
LOVE **GOD**, *to*
them
who are **CALLED**
ACCORDING **TO** *His*
PURPOSE. *Romans*
8:28

On the 8 September, at the Wednesday 10am Holy Communion, we will celebrate the Birth of The Blessed Virgin Mary. As we read the words above from Romans we are reminded that God works for the good of those who love him.

Worship & Prayer In Church & Online this month

You will find the Readings for Sunday 05 September on the centre pages 4 & 5 and the Collect on page 6.

Sundays this Month	
05 September Trinity 14	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: James 2.1-10, 14-17 & Mark 7.24-37</i>
12 September Trinity 15	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Morning Prayer
	<i>Readings: James 3.1-12 & Mark 8.27-38</i>
19 September Trinity 16	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: James 3.13 - 4.3,7-8a & Mark 9.30-37</i>
26 September Trinity 17	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Morning Prayer
	<i>Readings: James 5.13-20 & Mark 9.38-50</i>
Other Services this Month	
Every Wednesday at St Mary's	10am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

Online

Every Sunday @ 10:40 am Live Streamed Worship from St Mary's



(stream begins at 10:30am)



YouTube: bit.ly/youtubestmarys1 & 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, 9:30am (usually) Mon, Tues & Thurs

bit.ly/930mp or by phone: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 850 2058 1307

Passcode: 914961



For the well-being of all in church we request that

- Sanitiser is used on entry and exit.
- Face Coverings are worn whilst in church, especially whilst entering and leaving and whilst singing.
- You respect other people's wishes and allow them to continue to distance if they wish.
- You leave the church promptly at the end of a service.

Revd Malcolm writes...

Hello to all of our church family, it seems like an age since we all met up in church to worship the Lord, you have all been in my prayers and constantly in my mind as we have gone through this difficult time. I believe that most of us will admit that we have found the period during which we were in total lock down, when we could not get together at all, to be extremely hard. Mike & Paul did a wonderful creative job with online services, services over the telephone, Twitter and Blogs to keep us all in touch and keeping the church alive, all of this must have taken a huge effort and placed a great stress upon them. I'm sure that all us who joined in any of the innovative ways of doing worship during the lockdown will appreciate the work that they put in, and I'm sure that the Lord will bless them for all that they have done. Things are now beginning to improve and there have been a couple of up lifting changes to our physical services in church. The first was when we were allowed to join in singing the hymns, this gave a

wonderful feeling of being close to God and closer to those around us. Gradually more people have returned to Sunday morning in church and once again this has built upon that fellowship that is so important to our Christian faith. When we meet together in worship we encourage, strengthen and build up each other and give that sensation of togetherness, plus the emotional side of being closer to God. On Sunday the 5th of September we take another big step in our return to some kind of normality, tea and coffee is to return after our Sunday morning in church. We will be able to meet up in the church hall, sit and chat with people, share our stories and reconnect with those we have not seen much of in the past 18 months, once again joining in the companionship and camaraderie that is so important. Let us all thank God for this welcome sign that things are getting better.

Yours in Christ
Malcolm

First Reading: James 2.1-10

A reading from the Epistle of James.

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favouritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, 'Here's a good seat for you,' but say to the poor man, 'You stand there' or 'Sit on the floor by my feet,' have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong? If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' you are doing right. But if you show favouritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading: Mark 7.24-37

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

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret. In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

‘First let the children eat all they want,’ he told her, ‘for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.’

‘Lord,’ she replied, ‘even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’

Then he told her, ‘For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter.’

She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spat and touched the man’s tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, ‘Ephphatha!’ (which means ‘Be opened!’). At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosed and he began to speak plainly.

Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. People were overwhelmed with amazement. ‘He has done everything well,’ they said. ‘He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

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The Collect for Trinity 14

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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 Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth
and love, keep us faithful to
the apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the
breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of
heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Mothers' Union News

Looking forward to meeting again after the break in August.

The following meetings have been arranged to the end of the year, all meetings commence at 2:15 pm and are in the Howe Room unless otherwise stated, all welcome to join us.

15 September: Celebrating 145 Years of the Mothers' Union

20 October, 17 November & 8 December (St Mary's): Carol Service with the Ladies Afternoon Group followed by refreshments in the Church Hall. Jenny

Ladies Afternoon Group

Our members met for a friendly reunion on 26th August. Special refreshments were served, and as we had not met since 27th. February 2020 a lot of news was exchanged!

Our next meeting is on 27th. September when Karen Greenwood of the Guide Dog Organisation will give us a talk on her work as a Puppy Raiser - she is hoping to bring a living visual aid! !

We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2pm. in the Church Hall and all are welcome. Audrey and Marian.

Willaston WI

Willaston WI can meet again. On 7 September at 7 for 7.30 pm our first full meeting will be held at Wistaston Memorial Hall. We will meet at the Masonic Hall Willaston from October. For more information please telephone Brenda Taylor on 01270 623191 or any Committee member. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Our Harvest Sunday celebrations will be on Sunday 3 October and will be celebrated at both of our churches.

We will be accepting gifts of food, perishable and non-perishable, which will be distributed to the local food banks and other local charities.



After church refreshments will restart on Sunday 5 September. We need people who can make drinks and those who can set up the hall up from October onwards, please sign up on the rota or email/call the office.

St Mary's Nantwich: There is a service of Choral Evensong on Sunday 26 September 6pm at St Mary's Nantwich when the preacher will be the new Bishop of Stockport, The Rt Revd Sam Corley. This will also be the (delayed) annual "Summer" Evensong of the Chester Diocese branch of the Prayer Book Society.



"Man shall not live by chips alone!"

Men's Group: On Friday 24 September at 7.30pm we are going to have a face to face Men's Group at the cabin/bar in Howard's garden at 12 Blears Avenue, Nantwich. Beer provided by Simon. Please bring a contribution towards the beer, soft drinks if you don't want beer and snacks. Spread the word. All men welcome.

From the Church Registers: August 2021

Baptisms – *we pray for these children as they continue their Christian journey*

8 August: Charlie Edward CARROLL

Harry Arthur CARROLL

22 August: Alice Lucia MAUGHAN

Weddings – *none this month*

Funerals – *may they rest in peace and rise in glory*

10 August 2021	Derek Edmund BEDFORD	81
11 August 2021	Stuart POHLMANN	69
11 August 2021	Albert GEESON	89
20 August 2021	Joan ROWSELL	79

Chester Diocesan News & the Magazine

The Chester Diocesan News can be viewed/downloaded from the Diocesan Website each month and we will put a link on our Blog when it's available.

We would like your articles for the September Magazine. You can submit an article on the [Blog](#) through the Magazine Menu and click on 'Submit an Item', email it to: magazine@stmaryswistaston.blog or drop it to the Church Office or the Rectory **by Monday 27 September.**

Keeping in touch

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