



# St Mary's News Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity 14 September 2025

13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity    14 September 2025 10.00am Holy Communion
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**The Reverend Anita Raggett will preach and preside at our Holy Communion Service on 14 September**

## **Heritage Open Days 13 and 14 September – More help needed!**

This weekend St Mary's will be taking part in the national Heritage Open Days event on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September, together with Lymm Heritage Centre and other Lymm places of interest. We will be inviting visitors to visit the Church to find out about some of the history of our building and its contents. We would still like more help during the days to welcome visitors, make tea/coffee for visitors and generally assist in church. If you can spare an hour on Saturday or Sunday, please let Kath Buckley know [kibuckley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kibuckley@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Have you any spare jam jars please – needed very soon!**

Do you have any spare clean jam jars with lids please? We need quite a few for making chutney to sell on the craft and produce stall. If possible, could they have the labels removed. The normal one-pound size jars or smaller are best – no large jars please. Please leave any you have at the back of church or phone Vanessa to collect them 07729 000289.

## **Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

Once again, we are asking for your help in decorating St Mary's Church for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. From Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September jars will be available at the back of church. Please take one and return it filled with autumn greenery and yellow and/or orange seasonal flowers. We would like to display tins of foods alongside these so would be grateful if you could also bring 2 tins when you return the buckets/jars. These will be sent to Warrington Food Bank after the service.



There will be an example on display and full instructions are included. Please return your arrangements to church on **Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>** between 10.30am and 11am.

**Thank you for helping with decorating our church for our seasonal celebration.**

## **Harvest Supper – save the date – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Our Harvest Supper will take place at Lymm Golf Club on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm/7.00pm. Tickets will be priced at £22 for the traditional supper of hot pot/pickles/crusty bread followed by home made apple pie and cream. A vegetarian option will be available – please let us know when booking. The bar will be open for you to buy any drinks you would like. Tickets will be available from Vanessa Lees from next Sunday. If you would like to book, please email [vanessalees53@gmail.com](mailto:vanessalees53@gmail.com) or see Vanessa in church. Please could payment be made in cash for simplicity.

This event is also open to any family and friends who would care to join in our celebration of God's goodness and thankfulness for our fellowship.

## Wardens Words – from Liz and George

We had a lively and productive PCC meeting on Monday with the new Rural Dean, Michael Ridley, in attendance to offer support and advice. The first decision we took was to agree that Derek should invite nominations for the four posts which are unfilled at the moment. This is a year when there will be some significant decisions to take so we want representation of the congregation to be as wide as possible.

Progress on filling the vacancy was of course at the heart of the meeting. We must produce a 'Parish Profile' which is a form of prospectus for those who might be interested in applying to be our rector. Tim Morris and Jill Wasey have produced an excellent first draft on which PCC members will offer comments by the end of the month. After that we want your involvement to make sure we have the best possible document. We are particularly keen on your thoughts about how to describe our aspirations. How to do that?

Our decision is to make a draft available to all on the electoral roll and to invite discussion on it and on other aspects of the vacancy at our Harvest Supper, which Vanessa has kindly agreed to arrange on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** at Lymm Golf Club as usual. For anyone who is not at that event we will organise another informal gathering and also invite comments by email. Our next PCC meeting is on 10<sup>th</sup> November, and we hope to be able to sign off a near final version then.

There is no further news from the Diocese about any possible link with St Peter's. As soon as we have something we shall let you know.

The installation of our new Audio-Visual system is going well. It should be in place by early October, but then we need to learn to exploit its potential. Do you know anyone who might like to help?

Access to the Cenotaph is likely to be further delayed as there are apparently concerns about the positioning of the support pylons. We agreed that Derek should write to Warrington BC to see if there is a way to secure safe access for Remembrance Sunday.

Cleaning was another topic for discussion. We agreed to pursue acceptance of the services of a cleaner for the Hall but there were mixed views on whether we should take on cleaning of the Church ourselves. We agreed that after the annual Big Clean we would assess whether there were enough people willing and able to make that work. Please sign up for the Big Clean when the date is announced and let us know your views then.

The report on our finances is a cause for concern. While we have reserves for capital projects our current income and expenditure show us to be in deficit. Kath Buckley has some great ideas for fundraising and recent events on which she has led have been great in raising our profile. Huge thanks to her, Tim Old and the team for the Open Garden Day. Now we all need to support Heritage Weekend and help Kath to develop some of her other ideas.

The Rural Dean ended our meeting by congratulating us on the way we were keeping things going and encouraging us to put the heat on in Church regardless of the cost!

## Planned regular giving

Many members of our congregation support the church finances by giving monthly by standing order. Regular giving helps us to budget for the year, and when gift aided, helps us to reclaim a significant amount from HMRC at the end of the year. If you have not yet signed up to regular giving and feel you could do so, please complete the form attached to this email and return it to Liz France.

## Electoral Roll

If you are not yet on our Electoral Roll, you are still able to join at any point during the year. To vote at our AGM or to become a PCC member you need to be on the Roll for a minimum of six months. With so many decisions ahead, please do get involved in the life of our church by completing a form as soon as possible. Completed forms should be returned to Vanessa Lees, Electoral Roll Officer.

## Bible Study

Within St Mary's there has been a small group of people meeting regularly to look at different passages of the Bible. The group meets once a month to help them grow in faith and understanding of what the Bible is saying to us today. At our recent Lent group meetings this year a number of people expressed an interest in joining or being part of such a group. We are therefore asking for names of those interested to assess whether the existing group can be expanded or a second group can be formed. If you would like to be part of such a Bible study group that meets regularly throughout the year, could you please contact either Derek Buckthorpe or Jill Wasey and let them know of your interest.

## Community Christmas Tree Festival 2025 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Save the dates – we are going to need lots of help again.

## Services September 2025

13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity <b>14 September 2025</b>	10.00am Holy Communion <b>Priest Reverend Anita Raggett</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity <b>21 September 2025</b>	10.00am Holy Communion <b>Priest Reverend Chris Moore</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity <b>28 September 2025</b>	10.00am Harvest Festival Service	6.30pm Said Holy Communion <b>Priest Revd Keith Hine</b>

## Green Tips: Use your freezer to prevent food waste

You can freeze pretty much anything, to preserve nutrients as much as to prevent waste. Freeze food before its use-by date, and make sure it's packed in airtight bags or freezer-proof containers to avoid freezer burn. Freeze cheese in portions or grated for ease of use. Defrost food in the fridge overnight, to avoid the so-called danger zone, because bacteria can form above 8C. Once defrosted, it's a good general rule to eat it within 24 hours, and don't refreeze unless it's been cooked since thawing.

## **Please Pray**

- For our Churchwardens and all involved in running our church during our period of vacancy
- All those suffering as a result of conflict in Sudan, Gaza, Israel, the West Bank, and Ukraine
- Remember in prayer those in the Book of Remembrance for today and the next week
- For those being prayed for by St Mary's Prayer Circle

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**Church Wi-Fi** Wifi name = St Marys Church Wifi code = Welcome2Everyone

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