



St Mary's News Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 21 September 2025

14th Sunday After Trinity 21 September 2025 10.00am Holy Communion

The Reverend Chris Moore will preach and preside at our Holy Communion Service on 21 September

School visits in October – inviting local schoolchildren to visit St Mary's

Kath Buckley is proposing to ask our local primary schools to visit both the church, and our church hall gardens in October. Invitations to the schools have been sent out this week. We will need help in welcoming the children with their teachers and other members of staff and would be very grateful for volunteers.

If you can help out on the slots, we would be very appreciative. The schoolchildren will do the interactive children's quiz that Kath has written to help the children to have fun as they explore the church and take part in child friendly activities.

They will then go to the church hall gardens to do a tour and be involved in a lot of other activities. This will include starting to design our Sensory Garden. This will be a competition amongst the schools for the best designs etc.

If you can help, there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church from this week. Please sign up in church or contact me [**Kjbuckley@hotmail.co.uk**](mailto:Kjbuckley@hotmail.co.uk)

Proposed Dates:

Monday 6th October 10 – 12pm

Tuesday 7th October 10 – 12pm, 1 – 3pm

Thursday 9th October 10 – 12pm, 1 – 3pm

Monday 13th October 10 – 12pm

Tuesday 14th October 10 – 12pm, 1 - 3pm

Thursday 16th October 10 – 12pm, 1- 3pm

Heritage Open Days 13 and 14 September – A great success!

Thank you for all who helped before and during the event. It was a great success despite the weather. Alan Williams' tour of the graveyard was very well received, and he hopes to do more for us in the future. The bell ringing team did us proud – the public really enjoyed going up the tower and chiming the bells. Despite the weather, over a hundred people visited us over the two days and about £160 was received in donations. People came from across the northwest – Nantwich, Hale Barns, Salford, Stafford etc. My booklet will now have to have yet another reprint!

More importantly it was lovely to see members of our congregation really enjoying themselves and the general public really appreciating the marvellous warm welcome and atmosphere in the church. Well done to all concerned.

Kath Buckley (see photos at the end of the weekly sheet)

Autumn Big Clean – Saturday 29 November 9.00am – 12.00pm

As we move towards the end of the year and prepare to welcome so many people to our church during December, the time has come to have another Big Clean. Prior to this, a great deal of decluttering will happen. We hope to present a church which is tidy, spick and span by end of all this. As we are without a regular cleaner for the time being, this has now become an area where we can all help to make a difference. So come along in your old clothes, ready to attack the cobwebs and the dust. All cleaning equipment will be supplied. There may also be sausage rolls and other goodies to help keep us going. Even if you can only spare an hour, please, please do come and help us get our church building presentable again.

Harvest Supper – 17th October 2025

Our Harvest Supper will take place at Lymm Golf Club on Friday 17th 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 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.



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 28th September

Once again, we are asking for your help in decorating St Mary's Church for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. There are still one or two jars 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 27th** between 10.30am and 11am.

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

Harvest Donations

As we usually do, the produce donated at our Harvest Thanksgiving service will go to Warrington Food Bank. They need the following:

Food Sugar - Rice Pudding - Custard - Instant Coffee - Tea Bags - Tinned Meat / Fish - Curry / Pasta Sauces – Tins of biscuits – Tinned fruit

Personal items Period products – Deodorants – Shampoo – Shower gel – Bars of soap – Brush and comb(new) – Toothbrushes and toothpaste – Liquid soap -

Please bring your donations along to the service, together with any empty carrier bags you may have – the Food Bank needs bags as well.

Community Christmas Tree Festival 2025 Friday 5th – Sunday 7th December 2025

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

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.

Services September/October 2025

14 th Sunday After Trinity 21 September 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Chris Moore	
15 th Sunday After Trinity 28 September 2025	10.00am Harvest Festival Service	6.30pm Said Holy Communion Priest Revd Keith Hine
16 th Sunday After Trinity 05 October 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Anita Raggett	
17 th Sunday After Trinity 12 October 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Archdeacon Michael Gilbertson	
18 th Sunday After Trinity 19 October 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Chris Moore	
Last Sunday After Trinity 26 October 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Robert Icke	
All Saints Day 2 November 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Kate Paisiho	6.30pm All Souls Service

Green Tips: World Car-Free Day is a global initiative encouraging people to reduce their reliance on motor vehicles for a day and explore more sustainable modes of transportation. Observed annually on **22 September**, it promotes walking, cycling, public transportation, and other eco-friendly alternatives while advocating for cleaner air, healthier lifestyles, and more liveable urban spaces.

Why It Matters

- **Cleaner Air:** Reducing car traffic, even for a day, leads to lower air pollution and better respiratory health for city dwellers.
- **Climate Action:** Private cars and vans contribute significantly to global CO₂ emissions—transitioning to active and public transport helps mitigate climate change.
- **Public Health:** Car-free environments promote physical activity, reduce noise pollution, and create safer spaces for walking and cycling.
- **Community Engagement:** With fewer cars, streets become vibrant spaces for events, markets, performances, and social interaction.

How to Celebrate

- Leave the Car at Home: Walk, cycle, take the bus or train, or try a carpool. Even one day makes a difference.
- Organise or attend Events: Many cities host car-free festivals, open streets events, bike parades, or pop-up parks to promote sustainable living.
- Engage on social media: Share your car-free experiences and ideas using relevant hashtags to inspire others.
- Support Policy Change: Advocate for permanent car-free zones, improved bike lanes, and investment in public transport in your community.

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

Contact Details

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St Mary's Prayer Circle – Co-ordinator for Prayer Requests Jill Wasey 01925 754265 email jhwasey@yahoo.co.uk Members - Susan Brooks 01925 755735 Derek Buckthorpe 01925 752810, Pauline Buckthorpe 01925 752810 Ian Bunday 01925 755286 Vanessa Lees 01925 757471, Angela Roberts, Jill Wasey

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

FIRE EXITS VIA THE MAIN ENTRANCE, THE DISABLED ENTRANCE BY THE TOILETS AND THE EXTERNAL DOOR VIA THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM

Photographs from our Heritage Open Days

