



St Mary's News Eleventh and Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

31 August and 07 September 2025

11th Sunday After Trinity 31 August 2025

10.00am Holy Communion

12th Sunday After Trinity 07 September 2025

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12noon Baptism – Revd Keith Hine

The Reverend Anita Raggett will preside at our Holy Communion Service on 31 August

Bishop Julie, Bishop of Birkenhead will preach and preside at our Holy Communion Service on 07 September

Visit from Bishop Julie – Bishop of Birkenhead – 7th September – come and meet Bishop Julie

Bishop Julie will also be visiting Lymm to preach and preside at our 10.00am service. There will be a great opportunity to talk to her after the service over tea/coffee and cake. Do try to come along so that we have a good congregation at this special service.

If you are able to provide **some cake or special biscuits** for the tea/coffee after the service, we would be very grateful. Thank you for helping us to make Bishop Julie welcome at St Mary's.

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. From Sunday 7th September small zinc buckets containing 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 buckets 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.

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.

Heritage Open Days 13 and 14 September – Can you help?

St Mary's will be taking part in the national Heritage Open Days event on 13th and 14th 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. A new booklet will be available to help visitors to explore the building, and we will also be launching a new Children's History Trail aimed at our younger visitors. A list will shortly be available in church for volunteers to help us welcome visitors over the weekend – do help if you can please.

Church Hall Garden Open Afternoon - Thank You!!



The gardening team would like to thank all who contributed to the success of the Open Garden event on Sunday 24th August. The day was a fantastic success. Over £350 was raised for the garden.

Lots of people attended from across Lymm and beyond, including the families of those to whom parts of the garden

are dedicated, our MP, the Parish Council and Revd Jill Elston.



The team cannot thank enough all the people in our congregation who helped both before and during the event. A wonderful selection of cakes was on offer, plus liquid refreshments! We could not have had such a great event showcasing St Mary's in the community without your fantastic support. Have a look at the Before and After pictures to see how much has been done.

Opening the Church and Church Hall Garden for visitors

We would like to restart opening the church for visitors to drop in and look around and enjoy the peace of our lovely church building. We would also like to offer tea/coffee and biscuits if people would like to have a drink. Kath Buckley will be organising the tea/coffee and biscuits etc. On some occasions we would also like to open the church hall garden to visitors.

The following slots are available if you could volunteer some of your time to welcome visitors to church or the garden:

Church Building opening and Church Hall Garden opening:

Saturday August 30th 2pm – 3pm & 3pm – 4pm

Sunday August 31st 2pm – 3pm & 3pm – 4pm

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or let Kath Buckley know your availability by email: kibuckley@hotmail.co.uk

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

Yes, you did read that correctly! Save the dates – we are going to need lots of help again.

Community Christmas Tree Festival – Jam jars needed

Do you have any spare clean jam jars with lids please? We need some 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. There is a box at the back of church for your donation of jars. Many thanks.

Car park

As an experiment the PCC has decided to leave the car park closed only by plastic cones, allowing you to go in and out, so long as you always put them back in place, without the need for a key. We shall still raise the locking barriers before events such as Rushbearing, weddings, funerals and concerts. Let's see how that goes.

Services August/September 2025

11 th Sunday After Trinity 31 August 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Anita Raggett	
12 th Sunday After Trinity 07 September 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Bishop Julie (Bishop of Birkenhead)	
13 th Sunday After Trinity 14 September 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Anita Raggett	
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

Green Tips: Seed gathering season

Our warm and dry summer has ripened seed in our gardens a little earlier than usual. Now is a good time to go out and collect seed from your plants in a brown paper bag. Label it and keep it cool and dry. Next year, you will have FREE plants.

Have a look also at ways to collect seed to grow more trees:

<https://treecouncil.org.uk/seasonal-campaigns/seed-gathering-season/>

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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Rector: Vacancy

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PCC Treasurer: David Young 01925 759919

Choir Director / Organist: Susan Gadd 07398 399121

Church Hall Secretary: Kath Hough Telephone: 01925 754435

Pastoral Care Team: Derek Buckthorpe 01925 752810, Pauline Buckthorpe 01925 752810 Ian Bunday 01925 755286

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

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