



St Mary's News Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 12 October 2025

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10.00am Holy Communion

Archdeacon Michael Gilbertson will preach and preside at our 10.00am Holy Communion Service

Prayer during our Church Vacancy

To help us in our worship during our Church Vacancy a special prayer has been developed which we hope everyone will be willing to use and to pray daily, at our services on Sunday or whenever we meet as a group. It is important that we ask for God's help in everything we do and especially as we go forward working together to bring a new Rector to St Mary's. We all have a part to play in what is happening and we can all influence the outcome. With God's help we will succeed in getting the right person to help us grow in faith and to lead us forward in whatever God puts before us. **Derek and Ian.**



Vacancy Prayer

O God our Father, send your Holy Spirit to our Church of St Mary's Lymm, to fill us with vision, energy, and love. Help us to bring new life to our community and fellowship, and in unity and expectation, remain ever faithful to your calling.

Guide with your heavenly wisdom those involved in bringing a new minister to this Church that whomever we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd. We pray that the minister of your choice will hear your call and respond in faith, ready to serve us with joy, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our Prayer.**

Harvest Supper – 17th October 2025 – LAST CALL

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.

If you have not yet booked your place, please do so by Monday 13th October. Please could all tickets be paid for by Monday as well.

There is space for a few more people, so please see if any family and friends would care to join in our celebration of God's goodness and thankfulness for our fellowship.



Church Hall Garden – plants please!

It's that time of year again when folk are splitting plants in their gardens. Autumn is the ideal time to divide our herbaceous plants. If you have any spare plants from your autumn tidying up, Tim Old would be very grateful to hear from you. He will be in church on all the Sunday morning church services in October, so please do have a word with him if you can help. We were delighted to see how many of your donated plants are now doing well in the Church Hall Garden at our Open Afternoon, so please do keep up the donations.



New tea/coffee rota

Now is the opportunity to sign up to help serve the tea/coffee after our services. A new sign-up sheet is at the back of church to take us up to December. Thank you to all those who so willingly and regularly serve us. **Please note that we now have a large quantity of unopened biscuits in a large plastic box in the kitchen area, so there will be no need for anyone to supply biscuits for quite some time!** Please keep all biscuits in the box with the lid locked and not in the kitchen drawers to prevent attracting our friendly church mice.

News about the collapsed church wall repairs

We are pleased to confirm that we have had a communication from Warrington Borough Council about progress with the rebuilding of the collapsed wall at the edge of the churchyard.

They have assured us that access to the Cenotaph Memorial will be available for this year's Remembrance Sunday Service. The work on the pathway down to the War Memorial is complete. The only aspect that has yet to be completed are the blocks and concrete that will be positioned between the exposed buttress posts and the rebuilt perimeter wall. When this is done, the buttresses will be loadbearing and the wall supported by them. This work will be addressed in the next few weeks. When all this is completed the lower part of the churchyard will be reopened including the route to the War Memorial.

There will be work after Remembrance Sunday on the other side of the churchyard wall, but this will not affect access to the lower churchyard. We will also see another small compound located in the car park while this work is going on until all the works has finally finished.

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

Save the dates – we are going to need lots of help again. Sign up sheets will be available immediately after Remembrance Sunday, but please keep some time free to help over the weekend. Donations of cakes for the café will also be requested. Don't forget to keep making items for our craft and produce stall please.

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.

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

Kath Buckley has invited our local primary schools to visit both the church, and our church hall gardens in October. Invitations to the schools have been sent out and all the schools have asked to come on a visit which is wonderful news.

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, 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**

The schoolchildren will do the interactive children’s quiz 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 other garden activities. This will include starting to design our Sensory Garden. This will be a competition amongst the schools for the best designs etc.

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

Services October/November/December 2025

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
Remembrance Sunday 09 November 2025	10.00am Remembrance Sunday Civic Service	
2 nd Sunday Before Advent 16 November 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Anita Raggett	
Christ the King 23 November 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Chris Moore	
1 st Sunday of Advent 30 November 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Keith Hine	
2 nd Sunday of Advent 07 December 2025	10.00am Christmas Tree Festival Family Advent Service 	
3 rd Sunday of Advent 14 December 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Bishop Sam, Bishop of Stockport	
Monday 15 December	Ravenbank School Christmas Concert	
Wednesday 17 December	Cherry Tree School Christmas Concert	

Green Tips: Using up leftovers

Here's some top tips for using your **Fairtrade bananas** from <https://www.therealmealdeal.com/banana-muffins/>

The best bananas to use are those that are starting to turn and get brown spots. These bananas will be softer and have a higher moisture content, which we want to make our muffins nice and moist. Bananas that are not overripe are difficult to mash.



Please Pray

- For our Churchwardens, Lay Readers, visiting clergy 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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