



St Mary's News Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 19 October 2025

18 th Sunday After Trinity 19 October 2025 10.00am Holy Communion
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The Reverend Chris Moore 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.**

All Souls' Service 6.30pm Sunday 2nd November 2025

All Souls' Day is a day traditionally set apart by the Christian Church as a time to pause and remember those who have passed away. All are invited to this special service of remembering loved ones at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm on Sunday 2nd of November 2025.

In the service, during a time of special prayer, we will mention by name all those whose funerals have been conducted on behalf of St Mary's Lymm in the last year, but if you would like other names to be read out please contact Derek and Ian our Lay Readers and they will be added to the list.



Later in the service, everyone present will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones. We invite everyone to come, to sing, pray and give thanks for those who have been special in our lives.

Refreshments after All Souls' Service – 2nd November at 6.30pm

If you are willing to help serve tea/coffee at the end of the All Souls' Service please contact Vanessa.

Our Parish Profile – message from our Churchwardens and PCC

I know you are aware that we are taking all the necessary steps to find a new Rector for St Mary's. One of the most important things we need to do is to prepare a Parish Profile, which you might think of as a prospectus setting out who we are and what it is we consider important. The PCC asked Tim Morris and Jill Wasey to produce a draft. The PCC then provided their comments on the first version and Tim and Jill have taken those into account in producing the draft which was sent to you last week. You will all want to share with me in thanking them for the amazing job they have done in putting this together.

We want your comments. We are not looking for detailed drafting points.

We want to know:

- if you recognise St Mary's in the descriptions
- if our particular characteristics stand out sufficiently
- if there are things you think we should omit

We are particularly keen to capture the qualities each of you consider are important in a Rector who will lead us in the path of Christ in the years to come. We would like each of you to give us three descriptive words or phrases that we can build into a word cloud to share with you all.

Our plan is to discuss this at the Harvest Supper and on other occasions we shall arrange for those who are not there on 17 October. You can also let Tim have any thoughts by email (t_r_morris@yahoo.co.uk). All contributions need to be with us **by the end of October** so that they can be summarised for our PCC meeting on 2 November. After that the PCC will hold an ad hoc meeting towards the end of the year to finalise the Profile.

I know you will consider this prayerfully and I look forward to our discussions.

Liz Churchwarden/PCC Chair

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.



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.

Services October/November/December 2025

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	
4 th Sunday of Advent 21 December 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Anita Raggett	6.30pm Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday Christmas Eve 24 December 2025	4.00pm Christingle and Crib Service	11.30pm Holy Communion Priest Reverend Christina Westwell
Thursday Christmas Day 25 December 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Edmund Betts	
Holy Innocents 28 December 2025	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Keith Hine	

Green Tips: Recycling our E-Waste on International E-Waste Day

Most of us have a “**drawer of doom**” – full of old chargers, cables and broken electricals we no longer use. On average, each UK household has 15 cables stashed away. But did you know every one of these cables contains valuable, critical and finite materials like **copper**? So why don't you take The Great Cable Challenge this week?

<https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/international-e-waste-day/>



Please Pray

- For our Churchwardens, Lay Readers, visiting clergy and all involved in running our church during our period of vacancy
- For a lasting ceasefire and peace in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank
- 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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