



St Mary's News Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday 26 October 2025

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10.00am Holy Communion

The Reverend Robert Icke 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

Comments please by the end of October

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.

Thank you to all those who contributed their thoughts at our Harvest Supper last week. There is still time for you to discuss your views after our service this week over coffee with members of the PCC. 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

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.

Set up help required We need one or two additional helpers on **Monday 1st December** from 9.30am to help set up the boards for the Christmas trees. It is very straightforward – we just need a little additional manpower please. If you can help, please let Sue Walton or Mike Hall know.

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

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: How to have an Eco-Friendly Bonfire Night

Multiple studies have found that Bonfire Night has a negative impact on our environment.

The hundreds of bonfires lit across the country cause a spike in air pollution as gases such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, and sulphur dioxide are released into the atmosphere at higher than usual levels. This pollutant mix becomes more harmful if bonfires aren't checked for plastic or metal items which release toxins when burnt.

Roughly 10 million people buy and use fireworks in the UK annually, with spend peaking ahead of Bonfire Night. Unfortunately, just like bonfires, fireworks are a pollutant. They contain chemicals such as perchlorates and sulphur that contaminate the air, and later the water and soil as the firework shell returns to ground. The litter from exploded fireworks is dangerous to wildlife if not responsibly collected and disposed of.

And we need to make sure we consider wildlife on Bonfire Night. Remember being told to check for hibernating hedgehogs before lighting a bonfire? That's good advice, but did you also know that the smoke, ash, and noise from a bonfire continues to adversely affect your local wildlife for days after your bonfire is extinguished?



Here are five easy tips on how to have an eco-friendly Bonfire Night:

- Look out for drone displays. Some big Bonfire Night events have started using drones to create fantastic light displays across the night skies.
- Go to a public display. It's a safer, more environmentally friendly option to putting on your own display.
- Choose eco-friendly fireworks. If you're having a private display, choose eco-friendly fireworks. Eco-friendly fireworks burn with a clean, nitrogen-based fuel, releasing fewer chemicals into the air and less smoke. These fireworks even make less noise than standard fireworks which is great for all the people, pets, and wildlife who otherwise find Bonfire Night frightening.
- Go seasonal and veggie with Bonfire Night foods. If you're planning a gathering, choose seasonal and plant-based options for your Bonfire Night food. Traditional Bonfire Night foods such as pumpkin soup, vegetarian hot dogs, toffee apples or ginger parkin are great choices.
- Use waste materials for Bonfire Night crafts. Celebrating Bonfire Night with children can involve lots of crafts. Make your Bonfire Night crafts eco-friendly by opting out of any Bonfire Night craft kits you see in shops and instead apply your creativity to repurposing your rubbish and recycling.

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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