



St Mary's News Remembrance Sunday 09 November 2025

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Remembrance Sunday Rehearsal Saturday 08 November 10.00am The rehearsal for those directly involved in managing the Remembrance Sunday Service is 10.00am Saturday 8 November in church.

Remembrance Sunday Civic Service 10.00am Sunday 09 November

If you are intending to attend the Remembrance Sunday service, please be seated in church by 9.50am at the latest. There will be **no parking on the church car park** except for emergency services and first aiders.

There will be access this year for wreath bearers etc. down the newly laid path to the Cenotaph. For safety reasons, please follow the directions of those marshalling the procession from church to the Cenotaph. You may be asked to watch the act of remembrance from the car park or on the church path. If you can assist as a marshal, please contact Peter Clark tel. 753595 email: clarkp741@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Fr Michael's Funeral

The funeral of Fr Michael Burgess will take place at St Peter's on Friday, 14th November at 12noon.

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.**

Wardens' Words – update from our Churchwardens

PCC membership At our meeting on Monday, 3 November, the PCC were pleased to be accept three nominations to fill vacancies. We welcome Alexia Hine, Janet Morris and Carol Roberts. We want to encourage others to join next year; anyone standing has to have been on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months. We must hold the Annual Parochial Church meeting before 31 May so if you are not yet on the Electoral Roll, PLEASE put yourself on NOW. (Forms are available at the back of church or see Vanessa Lees – Electoral Roll Officer)

Remembrance Sunday We checked that everything was in hand for Remembrance Sunday and are looking forward to being able to allow some to go down the new path to the Cenotaph.

Vacancy Progress in filling our vacancy is slow. We reported that Archdeacon Michael Gilbertson would come to talk to the PCC at its January meeting. Before that, we are hoping to have written proposals for future arrangements between the parishes of Oughtrington, Warburton and Lymm.

We agreed to arrange an Extraordinary Meeting of the PCC to discuss those and to look again at the Parish Profile in December. Comments on the Profile which have been received by then will be discussed and changes to the draft agreed – do keep the comments coming as they are really helpful.

Audio Visual system It is great to see the new AV system working - a project delivered on time and within budget thanks to a hard-working team (Simon has been amazing). Feedback as we learn to exploit the potential of the system would be great, and if you would like to help do let Simon know.

Repairs and improvements We agreed on two items of expenditure: new lighting for the chancel, which should be in place for Christmas and new covering for the Church Hall roof. We want to encourage use of the Hall. Kath Buckley and David Young are looking at how we can do that. If you have ideas do let them know.

Finally, we hope you are warm! George has set the thermostat on the church heating system to try to get the right balance of warmth and waste.

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 November/December 2025

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 – Choose an eco-friendly wrapping paper for your presents

Did you know that 100,000 miles of wrapping paper goes into landfill each year in the UK? We can do our bit by making sure that we buy recyclable wrapping paper for our gifts and recycle any paper we receive.



What is eco-friendly wrapping paper made of? If you buy recycled gift wrap, it's made of paper that was used already (like recycled newsprint or cardboard) and can be recycled yet again. Either one would be a greener option than traditional gift wrap. And there are even recyclable options that are made of different materials—such as plant fibres.

You can also buy paper Christmas tape to use instead of plastic sticky tape.

This is a great website for sustainable Christmas items:

<https://smallkind.co.uk/collections/christmas-cards-wrapping>



Which types of wrapping paper and related items can't be recycled?

As a rule, if when you scrunch up the paper, it springs back then it isn't recyclable.

You can't recycle:

Any sticky tape and decorations such as ribbons and bows

Foil or glitter-decorated paper

Please Pray

- For our Churchwardens, Lay Readers, visiting clergy and all involved in running our church during our period of vacancy
- For those affected by the recent hurricane in Jamaica and neighbouring countries
- 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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