



St Mary's News 2nd Sunday before Advent 16 November 2025

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The Reverend Anita Raggett will preside at our 10.00am Holy Communion service

Additional Holy Communion service

Revd Keith Hine has kindly offered to preside at an additional Said Holy Communion service next Sunday, 23rd November. This is for those who are unable to attend one of the morning services or who prefer an evening service. There will be our usual 10.00am Sung Holy Communion and then also the Said Holy Communion at 6.30pm. All are welcome to attend either or both services.

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.**

PCC meeting – to discuss Parish Profile The Extraordinary Meeting of the PCC to discuss and to look again at the Parish Profile will be held on Tuesday 9th December at 7.30pm.

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.

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.

Community Christmas Tree Festival 2025 Friday 5th – Sunday 7th December Time to Sign Up to help!

The Christmas Tree Festival is approaching fast. Lists are now available at the back of church for you to sign up when you can help or any cakes you can provide. More information is attached with this email. Please give generously of your time. It's a wonderful community event enjoyed by so many in the village and from beyond.

Box for crafts There is a box at the back of church for you to start bringing in any craft/produce items you are donating for the craft stall.

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.

Services November/December 2025

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	6.30pm Said Holy Communion Priest Reverend Keith Hine
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 – Advent Calendars

It's almost time to start an Advent calendar. If you're buying them for your family, then why not choose a Fair Trade one this year? They are now in stock at the Fair4All stall in Warrington market

<https://www.facebook.com/Fair4All/>



Or you can shop online: <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/christmas>
or <https://www.oneworldshop.co.uk/product-category/seasonal/christmas/advent/>

And for Stir Up Sunday, and your Christmas baking ahead, look for Suma products <https://www.suma-store.coop/category/groceries/fruit-nuts-and-seeds/> or the Traidcraft brand in Warrington Market.

Please Pray

- For our Churchwardens, Lay Readers, visiting clergy and all involved in running our church during our period of vacancy
- For those suffering as a result of civil war in Sudan
- For a lasting ceasefire and peace in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank
- All those suffering as a result of conflict in 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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