



St Mary's News Second Sunday of Advent 07 December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent **07 December 2025**
10.00am Christmas Tree Festival Family Advent Service

Second Sunday (Week 2) of Advent: The Peace and the preparations.

On the second week of Advent, we light the **Peace Candle** also known as the **Bethlehem Candle**. This candle symbolizes the peace that Jesus brings into our hearts and to the world. It reminds us of the Angels' declaration of peace on earth, the humble circumstances of his birth in Bethlehem and the preparations made by God for his arrival with the coming of John the Baptist.

Some bible verses for this week:

Proverbs 3:5 Isaiah 9: 6 – 7

Luke 2: 14 John 14: 27



The peace that God brings through Jesus allows us to look at others through heaven's eyes and helps us to guide the world to see that God is here. Peace from God, biblical peace, allows us to trust in his promises made through Jesus in restful faith, despite the world around us. Through Jesus we receive God's inner peace and because of his work on the cross, we have a chance to receive salvation and be indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Not only do we have the peace that comes from assurance of our salvation, but also the peace of mind knowing God will heal this broken world and will come again.

PRAYER

Father God, thank you for sending to us your Son, Jesus, our Prince of Peace. Help us to realize the amazing truth and miracle of Jesus' birth. In this week of waiting and preparation, quiet the storms within our hearts. Let Your light shine in the shadows of our worries and teach us to walk gently with one another. Fill us with everlasting peace and help us to prepare for Jesus coming into our hearts. May we know the true meaning of the gift of salvation that Jesus offers us and feel the true peace that He brings. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lymm and District Chorus Christmas Concert at St Mary's 10th December



Lymm and District Chorus will be holding their Annual Christmas Concert in Church. We're looking forward to a cheerful programme of songs and carols. The concert will begin at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th December. £10 pay on the door. Do come and enjoy this popular event.

Brass Band Concert in church – Friday 5th December at 1.30pm

Come and support Lymm High School's talented young musicians playing a programme of seasonal music at our Christmas Tree Festival.



Thank you for the Autumn Big Clean!

A huge Thank You to everyone who came to help last Saturday with the Big Clean and the decluttering which took place over the week. It was certainly worthwhile, and our church is looking very welcoming and cared for. If you helped in any way – Thank You!



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.**



Community Christmas Tree Festival 2025

Friday 5th – Sunday 7th December

The weekend of our Christmas Tree Festival is here!

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help in any way.

Do come along and let friends and neighbours know when we are open – see posters at the end of the newsletter.

Cakes Don't forget to bring your cakes and bakes unsliced and in a container with your name on it. Please also let us know if your cake has previously been frozen.

Decorating the church for Christmas

Thank you to everyone who has taken a container for the Christmas decorations. There are still 2 spare containers which will be available for collection on Sunday 14th after the Christmas tree Festival if you would still like to fill one.

We need the jars to be returned on **Saturday 20th December** to church between **10.30am and 11.00am** please. We can also arrange for you to drop off at another time if that is not convenient for you.

Thank you in advance for helping us to make our church look beautiful and welcoming as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord.



Church Hall Garden – Sensory Garden Design

The gardening group has managed to whittle down the school entries for the Sensory Garden Competition to 15 short listed designs.

It was a hard task as the standard was very high indeed, with even those who did not make the final 15 containing brilliant ideas that we will be using in our final design.



After the Christmas Tree Festival, the 15 shortlisted entries will be on display at the back of church. The copies of the criteria that were given to schools will be there for you to look at.

Please if you can find the time have a look at the entries and give us your top 4. (First, second, third and runner up). The entries will be anonymous and labelled 1 to 15. Sheets will be provided for this.

Thanks again on behalf of the gardening team.

Services December 2025 / January 2026

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	
Epiphany 04 January 2026	10.00am Holy Communion	
Baptism of Christ 11 January 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Anita Raggett	
2 nd Sunday of Epiphany 18 January 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Peter Mckriell	
Conversion of St Paul 25 January 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Mark Orrell	

Green Tips – Book your Christmas Tree Collection -10th January

St Rocco's Hospice is once again offering residents of Warrington a stress-free and eco-friendly way to dispose of their real Christmas trees, with collections taking place on **Saturday 10th January 2026**. For a donation of your choice, the hospice's dedicated team of volunteers, supported by businesses from across Warrington will collect and recycle your tree, helping to raise vital funds towards patient care at St Rocco's Hospice.

All you need to do is book your collection and leave your tree in an accessible place the night before the collection, it really is that easy!

<https://www.stroccos.org.uk/events-campaigns/srh-tree-collection-2024>

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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COMING SOON!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST MARY'S CHURCH, LYMM

Friday 05 December 2025 10am - 4.30pm

Saturday 06 December 2025 10am - 5pm

Sunday 07 December 2025 11am - 4pm

**Christmas Tree Festival Family Service
10.00am**

A sparkling start to your festive preparations!
It's free of charge — drop in, no booking needed.
Entertainment from local groups, craft and produce stalls, refreshments and even a children's church mouse treasure hunt!

More details:
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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST MARY'S CHURCH, LYMM

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 2025

10.00am Statham Primary School Children's Choir
1.30pm Lymm High School Brass Band

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH 2025

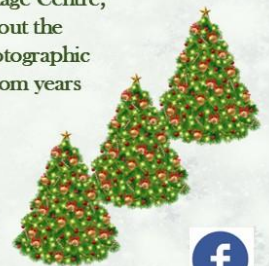
10.30am Alley Cats ESCAPE Choir
11.45am Ukeladies!
1.00pm St Mary's Children's Choir
1.30pm Susan Gadd's Students Christmas Recital
3.00pm Jellicle Recorder and Early Music Consort

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 2025

10.00am Christmas Tree Festival Family Service
2.00pm Lymm and District Chorus

In association with Lymm Heritage Centre, we will also be showing throughout the Festival 'A Winter's Tale' – photographic memories of Lymm in winter from years gone by

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ST MARY'S CHURCH, LYMM

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 1.30PM LYMM HIGH SCHOOL BRASS BAND

Come and enjoy some popular festive tunes played by Lymm High School's talented young musicians



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St Mary's Church Lymm Advent and Christmas Services 2025

ADVENT SUNDAY 30 November 25
10.00am Holy Communion

SUNDAY 7 December 25
10.00am Christmas Tree Festival Family Advent Service

SUNDAY 14 December 25
10.00am Holy Communion with Bishop Sam

SUNDAY 21 December 25
10.00am Holy Communion
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

CHRISTMAS EVE 24 December 25
4.00pm Christingle and Crib Service
11.30pm Holy Communion Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY 25 December 25
10.00am Holy Communion for Christmas

SUNDAY 28 December Holy Innocents
10.00am Holy Communion

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