



St Mary's News and Notices

Second Sunday of Easter 12 April 2026

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10.00am Holy Communion
Priest Reverend Keith Hine

Decorating the Church for Easter – thank you

Thank you to everyone who has donated money for the Easter flowers and lilies and to everyone who filled a basket with Spring flowers. Your help in making our church so beautiful for our Easter services is very much appreciated.

Bring and Buy Plant Sale in Church Hall Garden Sunday 19 April 2.00pm to 4.30pm

The gardening group is happy to announce a "Bring and Buy" plant sale, at the Church Hall Garden, Crouchley Lane, **Sunday 19 April 2.00pm to 4.30pm**. Light refreshments will be available as well. All donations will go to the Church Hall Garden fund.

It is an excellent chance to see the garden moving from Spring to Summer.

If you have any plants you would like to donate for sale, please drop them off at the Church Hall Garden between 2.00pm and 4.30pm on **Saturday 18th**.

The gate will be open!

Please label them and put the price on them.



The gardening team look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

Jam jars needed please

We will need some jam jars over the summer months for those of us intending to make jam for the Christmas Tree Festival. Please leave any empty jars in the kitchen at the back of church for collection. Thank you!

Date of Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting

These annual meetings will be held this year on **Sunday 17th May 2026** at 11.00am immediately after the 10.00am service. Please make a note in your diaries to attend these important meetings where elections are held for positions of church wardens, PCC members, and the Annual report will be discussed.

Notice of Revision of Electoral Roll

Since a completely new Electoral Roll was compiled in 2025, this year it is only necessary for each parish to revise its Roll. The revision will be completed on 2nd May 2026 and the revised Roll will be displayed at the back of church for 14 days.

Only those on the revised Electoral Roll will be eligible to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting. If you are not currently on the Roll, please see the Electoral Roll Officer (Vanessa Lees) who will be able to give you the appropriate form for joining.

Please note that if you are already on the current Roll, and wish to stay on the Roll, then you do not need to do anything this year.

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.

Services April 2026

2 nd Sunday of Easter 12 April 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Keith Hine	
3 rd Sunday of Easter 19 April 2026	10.00am Holy Communion (with Godly Play in FR) Priest Reverend Anita Raggett	
4 th Sunday of Easter 26 April 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Christina Westwell	

Green Tips: Community Garden Week

Community Garden Week 2026 celebrates the amazing community and school gardens across the UK and will take place from the 6th – 12th April this year.

If you're looking for activities for children this holiday, why not try some gardening? Teaching children to garden also encourages an attitude of conservation and respect for nature. Perhaps most importantly, though, gardening with children is fun. Children are natural explorers who find joy in the simple pleasures of planting seeds or searching for earthworms. Gardening doesn't have to be expensive, complicated, or time-consuming. With just a few minutes per week, you can grow a simple garden project with your child.

Top tips when gardening with children:

- Start small. You don't need a big garden to teach your child about gardening. In fact, small and simple is generally better. Plant beans or sunflowers in cups placed in a sunny window. Grow a tomato plant in a pot on your patio. Use simple projects to teach your child about gardening basics, such as healthy soil, sunlight, and water.



- Choose high-interest plants. Let your child help decide which plants to grow, based on his or her interests. Cherry tomatoes make a tasty snack and generally produce fruit earlier than larger tomatoes. Leaf crops, such as lettuce and spinach, grow quickly and can be harvested more than once. Radishes, peas, and carrots can be planted in the spring for an early harvest.
- Use the right tools. Every gardener needs a set of high-quality tools and gardening gloves, and children are no exception. Give your budding green thumb a child-size shovel and hoe, along with a durable pair of gloves.
- Cultivate good habits. Set aside 15 to 20 minutes once or twice a week to tend the garden. Show your child how to pull weeds and water the garden. These experiences offer bite-size lessons in responsibility and organization.
- Eat the fruits of your labours. Children get firsthand experience of the food cycle when the plants they grew appear on your dinner table.
- Visit a farm or farmer's market. Through gardening at home, children begin to understand where their food comes from. A visit to a farm or farmer's market helps them connect the dots even further and fosters an understanding of and appreciation for the earth and the farmers who work hard to bring us food.

Please Pray

- For our Churchwardens, Lay Readers, visiting clergy and all involved in running our church during our period of vacancy
- For our new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dame Sarah Mullally
- For the humanitarian effort bringing help to many in Gaza
- For all those affected by the warfare in the Middle East and for a lasting peace there
- All those suffering as a result of conflict in Ukraine
- Remember in prayer those on our Easter Scroll of Remembrance
- For those being prayed for by St Mary's Prayer Circle

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THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM**