



St Mary's News and Notices Third Sunday of Easter 19 April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter 19 April 2026
10.00am Holy Communion
Priest Reverend Anita Raggett

Godly Play at St Mary's – 19 April

The next Godly Play session will be at 10.00am on Sunday 19th April. We will be exploring the story of How the Church Tells the Time. Please invite any children or families you know who might like to give Godly Play a try.



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.

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, Deanery Synod members, and the Annual report will be discussed.

Nominations for Churchwarden, PCC members and Deanery Synod members

At the Annual Parish Meeting, there will be an opportunity to elect our two Churchwardens. Candidates for these roles must be nominated and seconded in writing in advance of the meeting. Nominations must be handed to a churchwarden in the absence of the Rector.

There will also be **three vacancies for the PCC**, who will be elected at the APCM on the same day. Candidates must be a lay person, must be an actual communicant, aged over 16, and unless they are under 18 have been entered on the electoral roll for at least six months before they may be elected to the PCC. Nomination forms are available from the PCC Secretary, Derek Buckthorpe.

Please note that you should only nominate someone having sought their consent beforehand. All nominations must also be seconded. Proposers and seconders must be on the electoral roll of the parish. If you would like to find out more about this, please have a word with Derek or one of the churchwardens.

There will be **two vacancies for Deanery Synod** this time. Representatives of Deanery Synod will also be ex-Officio on the PCC. The above also applies with regard to eligibility in that candidates must be a lay person, must be an actual communicant, aged over 16, and unless they are under 18 have been entered on the electoral roll for at least six months before they may be elected. Nomination forms are available from the PCC Secretary, Derek Buckthorpe. Please note that you should only nominate someone having sought their consent beforehand. All nominations must also be seconded. Proposers and seconders must be on the electoral roll of the parish. If you would like to find out more about this, please have a word with Derek or one of the churchwardens.

We are at an exciting time in the life of our church as we look forward to appointing a new Rector in the not-too-distant future. Our Churchwardens and members of our PCC will play an important part in helping to shape the future direction of our church working with our new Rector. We need a broad range of perspectives and visions for the future amongst our PCC, so could this be the time for YOU to come forward and join in? You're never too old or too young to be part of the journey.

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.**

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!

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/May 2026

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
5 th Sunday of Easter 3 May 2026	10.00am Iona Morning Prayer
6 th Sunday of Easter 10 May 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Peter Mackriell
Sunday after Ascension 17 May 2026	10.00am Holy Communion (with Godly Play in FR) Priest Reverend Anita Raggett
Pentecost 24 May 2026	10.00am Holy Communion with Holy Baptism Priest Reverend Chris Moore
Trinity 31 May 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Christina Westwell

Green Tips: Water – we all need it, but are we careful about our usage?

With our water bills increasing, how can we save money and be eco-savvy at the same time>

Which water-saving fixtures can I install at home?

Water-saving fixtures are smart upgrades that pay for themselves. These simple swaps slash water use without changing how you live.

1. Low-flow taps cut water use by 40-60% while keeping good pressure. They cost about £15 each.
2. Dual-flush toilets use just 3 litres for liquids and 6 for solids. Older toilets can use 13 litres every flush.
3. Water-saving showerheads limit flow to 8 litres per minute. Old ones can use 15 litres or more.
4. Tap aerators screw onto existing taps in seconds. They mix air with water to reduce flow while keeping pressure strong.
5. Flow restrictors fit inside pipes to limit water flow. They cost just a few pounds each.

6. Eco-friendly dishwashers use only 9 litres per cycle. Older models need up to 20 litres.
7. Modern washing machines with A ratings use half the water of old machines.
8. Rainwater collection systems capture roof runoff for garden use. This cuts demand on mains water.
9. Smart irrigation timers water gardens based on weather and soil moisture. No more wasting water on rainy days.



These fixtures bring quick wins for your wallet and the environment.

Please Pray

- For our Churchwardens, Lay Readers, visiting clergy and all involved in running our church during our period of vacancy
- 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

Contact Details

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Church Wi-Fi Wifi name = St Marys Church Wifi code = Welcome2Everyone **FIRE EXITS VIA THE MAIN ENTRANCE, THE DISABLED ENTRANCE BY THE TOILETS AND THE EXTERNAL DOOR VIA THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM**