



St Mary's News and Notices Sixth Sunday of Lent 29 March 2026

Palm Sunday 29 March 2026
10.00am Holy Communion
Priest Reverend Chris Moore

Big Clean – Next Saturday Can you help please?

Our next Big Clean will be on **Saturday 28th March 9.00am – 11.30am**, to get our church building ready for Easter. We need as many pairs of hands as possible on that day to brush away the winter dust and make our church sparkle again. Please do lend a hand if you can – an hour or two really helps us to achieve a lot.



British Summertime begins on Sunday

Don't forget that our clocks are going forward this weekend, so we will lose one hour in bed!

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, our service will begin (for those who are mobile) at 9.55am at the Church Hall on Crouchley Lane. After the blessing of the palms, we will then process down to church. If your mobility prevents you from joining the procession, please go straight to church as normal and take your seat until the service begins in church.



Good Friday Coffee/Tea/Hot Cross Buns Are you able to bring some buttered Hot Cross Buns or help to serve tea/coffee after the Good Friday 10.30am service. Please sign the list at the back of church.

Decorating the Church for Easter

Thank you to everyone who has taken a basket to fill. Please return the basket to church on **Saturday 4th April** between 10.30am and 11.00am.



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.

UPDATE ON OUR VACANCY - You will be pleased to know that our vacancy is being advertised this week. You will be able to see it on the Chester Diocesan website: chesterdiocese.org/vacancies The closing date is 29 April and interviews are scheduled for 19 May.

Thank you for all the comments on the Parish Profile, which were taken into account in producing the final version which you can see on the Diocesan website; let us hope it attracts a number of applicants.

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.

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.

Lymm and District Chorus – Concert for Holy Week

Lymm and District Chorus will be performing Maunder's Passion cantata Olivet to Calvary at 7.30pm on **Wednesday, 1st April** at St Mary's. A moving and solemn but beautiful piece to give us time for reflection during Holy Week. Make a date in your diary to come along.

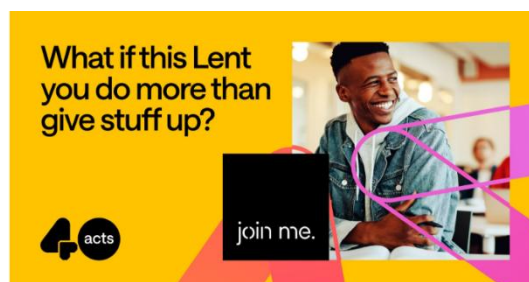
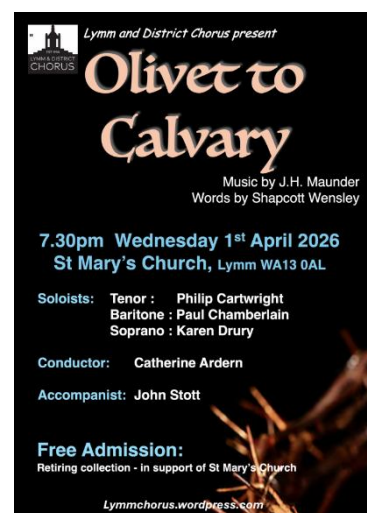
Lent Course 2026 – Draw Near – Life giving habits for Lent

This year's Lent course is from the Church of England and is called 'Draw Near' life giving Habits for Lent. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Room on **Monday afternoons at 2pm** from the first Monday in Lent for anyone who wishes to join us. Everyone is welcome to join us for any week or all the Lent Course, please come along when you can.

We have a small booklet with daily readings and thoughts for you to use at home and this will form the springboard for our weekly get togethers.

We'll meet in the Fellowship Room at 2.00pm -3.30pm for a relaxed time of discussion and reflection, with the famous St Mary's refreshments.

Join us on **Monday March**. Please see Derek Buckthorpe or Ian Bunday for a booklet and to express an interest. 'Draw Near' offers us the opportunity to strengthen our habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter.



Each week a different contributor explores a different aspect of Christian discipleship - **worshipping** together, **praying, exploring the Bible**, sharing **communion**, offering **service** and **sharing the good news** with others. There is also a special version for children.

The course has a supporting book 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God' which includes a foreword and afterword by the Archbishop of Canterbury-designate, Dame Sarah Mullaly, and an introduction by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell. It offers a confident and hopeful vision of faith lived out in everyday life.

You can also sign up to the Everyday Faith App which will carry reflections based on the booklet.

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 March/April 2026

Palm Sunday 29 March 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Chris Moore	
Maundy Thursday 02 April 2026	Chester Cathedral Service TBC	6.30pm Holy Communion with Foot Washing Reverend Keith Hine
Good Friday 03 April 2026	10.30am Reflective Service	12.00 noon Churches Together Service at the Cross
Easter Sunday 05 April 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Chris Moore	7.00am Sunrise Service at Lymm Dam (CTLD)
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: A Fishy Tip for your Fish and Chips!

Perhaps you, like many people, often eat fish on Good Friday. When buying your fish think about where it is coming from.

In the UK, we largely eat just a handful of fish and seafood: cod, haddock, tuna, salmon and prawns. But our preference for these particular types of fish and seafood is fuelling overfishing. Check the Marine Conservation Society's [Good Fish Guide](#) for a wider range of sustainable alternatives to take some of the strain off these stocks and support local fishermen.



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
- 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 **FIRE EXITS VIA THE MAIN ENTRANCE, THE DISABLED ENTRANCE BY THE TOILETS AND THE EXTERNAL DOOR VIA THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM**

St Mary's Church Lymm

Easter Services

29 March Palm Sunday

9.55am Blessing of Palms at Church Hall,
Crouchley Lane & Procession to Church

02 April Maundy Thursday

6.30pm Holy Communion (& Foot Washing)

03 April Good Friday

10.30am All Age Reflective Service

Hot Cross Buns and Easter Garden making

12noon Churches Together at Lymm Cross

05 April Easter Sunday

7.00am Sunrise Service at Lymm Dam

10.00am Easter Holy Communion



You are invited to
Celebrate the Joy of
Easter with us
Everyone welcome