



St Mary's News and Notices Fifth Sunday of Easter 03 May 2026

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10.00am Iona Morning Prayer
Ian and Derek

Christian Aid week is 10 - 16 May 2026



Christian Aid

Thank you to all those who have offered to deliver envelopes. Bags with your names on and details of the streets to deliver to will be available at the back of Church from this Sunday (3 May). Christian Aid week is 10 - 16 May but envelopes can be delivered in advance.

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

The Revision for this year will be completed on 2nd May 2026 and the revised Roll will then 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.

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/June 2026

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

1 st Sunday after Trinity 07 June 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Anita Raggett
2 nd Sunday after Trinity 14 June 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Keith Hine
3 rd Sunday after Trinity 21 June 2026	10.00am Holy Communion (with Godly Play in FR) Priest Reverend Peter Mackriell
4 th Sunday after Trinity 28 June 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Ven Dr Michael Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester

Green Tips: Is BBQ Season Here?

Nothing says summer like a proper British BBQ. But, while grilling is a brilliant way to make the most of summer, it can produce a lot of waste. Looking to make your barbecue more eco-friendly this year? From cutting back on meat to making your own drinks, take a look at some of our simple tips below...

1. Less, better quality meat

One of the best ways to make your barbecue eco-friendly is to swap meat for vegetarian alternatives. Making the move to veggie-heavy can help to drastically cut your carbon and water footprint, so it's definitely one to consider. Some tasty treats to consider include cheese and vegetable skewers, mushroom burgers, or smoky grilled aubergine.



2. Keep the lid on your grill

When your food is cooking, place the lid down on the grill. This helps it cook faster and reduce your CO2 output, too. If it's still warm but not being used, always turn the gas off.

3. Choose a sustainable fire

It's time to ditch that single-use foil barbecue. You'll want to get your hands on one that you can reuse every summer. According to previous research, charcoal grills generate about three times the amount of greenhouse gas than popular gas grills. While charcoal grills might provide that summer smell, they're not kind to the planet. Single-use barbecues bring with them a whole host of safety and environmental issues. They are designed to sit on the ground, and you can't control the heat they emit which means there's always the risk that you could start a fire unintentionally. This can be devastating to the local flora and fauna but also poses a risk to your own safety.



4. Say goodbye to single-use items

Ensure you ditch the single-use plastic items when hosting a barbecue. Use cutlery and plates which can be reused each time or alternatively, bamboo sets specifically designed for on-the-go dinners. It might mean more washing-up, but the planet will thank you for it.

<https://www.ecoleafproducts.co.uk/collections/frontpage>

5. Choose 'green' drinks

Impress your guests with a homemade tasty tippie this summer instead of buying plastic bottles from the supermarket. From lemonade to Pimm's, there are plenty of drinks you can easily make yourself. Best of all, you'll save some money too.



Please Pray

- For our Churchwardens, Lay Readers, visiting clergy and all involved in running our church during our period of vacancy
- For those with responsibility for appointing our new rector
- For our local Jewish communities facing antisemitic violence on their streets
- 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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