

## St Mary's News and Notices Sixth Sunday of Easter 10 May 2026

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter 10 May 2026  
10.00am Holy Communion Service  
Reverend Peter Mackriell

### Vacancy Update – from our Churchwardens

We promised to keep you updated as the process for filling our vacancy progresses. Candidates will be interviewed by a panel comprising the Archdeacon: The Ven Dr Michael Gilbertson, the Rural Dean: Rev'd Michael Ridley, George and Liz on 19 May in Church.

### Godly Play at St Mary's – 17 May

The next Godly Play session will be at 10.00am on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. We will be exploring the story of Holy Baptism. Please invite any children or families you know who might like to give Godly Play a try.



### 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.

### **Revision of Electoral Roll**

The Revision for this year is now completed. The revised Roll is 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.

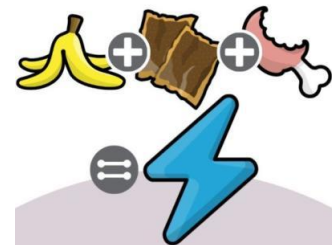
Guide with your heavenly wisdom those involved in bringing a new minister to this Church that whomever we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd. We pray that the minister of your choice will hear your call and respond in faith, ready to serve us with joy, and to lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## Services May/June 2026

6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter <b>10 May 2026</b>	10.00am Holy Communion <b>Priest Reverend Peter Mackriell</b>
Sunday after Ascension <b>17 May 2026</b>	10.00am Holy Communion (with Godly Play in FR) <b>Priest Reverend Anita Raggett</b>
Pentecost <b>24 May 2026</b>	10.00am Holy Communion with Holy Baptism <b>Priest Reverend Chris Moore</b>
Trinity <b>31 May 2026</b>	10.00am Holy Communion <b>Priest Reverend Christina Westwell</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>07 June 2026</b>	10.00am Holy Communion <b>Priest Reverend Anita Raggett</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>14 June 2026</b>	10.00am Holy Communion <b>Priest Reverend Keith Hine</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>21 June 2026</b>	10.00am Holy Communion (with Godly Play in FR) <b>Priest Reverend Peter Mackriell</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity <b>28 June 2026</b>	10.00am Holy Communion <b>Priest Ven Dr Michael Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester</b>

### Green Tips: Are you using your new food waste caddy?

Currently, food waste makes up around 40% of the weight in general waste bins. By diverting this, disposal costs are reduced and those savings can be reinvested into other essential services. Recycling our food waste brings a range of benefits—reducing landfill, producing renewable energy and fertiliser, and minimizing greenhouse gas emissions. Using the fully biodegradable caddy liners provided, once collected, the food waste is transported to a specialist facility where it is converted into biogas and nutrient-rich fertiliser for the farming industry.



### What Goes in the Caddy?

**Yes please:** All food scraps, fruit and vegetable peelings, meat and fish bones, tea bags, and coffee grounds.

**No thanks:** Packaging of any kind, liquids (such as milk or oil), or garden waste.

### 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
- 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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**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**