



St Mary's News and Notices

Fifth Sunday after Trinity 05 July 2026

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10.00am Holy Communion Service
Priest Revd Keith Hine

Induction of our new Rector

We are excited to announce that the Reverend Amy Ruston is to be appointed as our Rector. Amy is currently Assistant Curate at St Philip and St James Church, Alderley Edge and St Catherine's Church Birtles.

The induction service for her will be conducted by Bishop Julie Conalty, Bishop of Birkenhead, on **Wednesday 9 September at 7pm**. Please make a note in your diary.

St Mary's Children's Choir – Songs from the Musicals

The children's choir is doing a concert of songs from the musicals on **Saturday 11th July at 6pm** as a fundraiser for choir robes. It should be a most enjoyable event and your presence to support them would be very much valued if you're free - there are also musical parts for you and the audience to sing!

Admission is free - retiring collection for new choir robes.



Lymm Rushbearing Sunday 9th August 2026, starting from the Lower Dam at 4pm and then processing to St Marys Church for a short service at 4.30pm.



Medieval in origin, Lymm Rushbearing died out at the beginning of the 20th Century but was re-born in the early 1970's. Covid didn't prevent a very small and almost private ceremony in 2020, and the event has now continued each year for over 50 years.

Ormerod's late Victorian history of Cheshire refers to the festival taking place in many communities on or near to the

feast of the parish's patron saint – hence Lymm's tradition of having the festival during the summer holiday period and close to the feast of the Assumption of Saint Mary.

The procession starts at the Lower Dam at 4pm. Accompanied by local dignitaries and both Lymm Morris and Bollin Morris, we then walk along to St Marys church.

Lymm is one of a very small number of communities which have maintained this lovely tradition. This is what makes communities unique.

Come along and join in.

Put the date in your diaries – Sunday 9th August 2026.

For any further information - Christopher Limb, email c.1203@hotmail.co.uk



Summer Picnic – 19th July – Social event for all

We will be holding a Summer Picnic in the Church Hall garden immediately after the service on Sunday 19th July. Please join us for a bite to eat and a chance to enjoy our beautiful garden.

What to bring? This is a Bring and Share Picnic, so please bring a plate of savoury finger food e.g. sandwiches, filled rolls, sausage rolls, crisps, cherry tomatoes and/or some cake/washed fruit. We won't be having knives and forks – just fingers, so no rice salad or trifle please!

We will be providing squash and non-alcoholic drinks – feel free to bring anything you would particularly like to drink.

If you've got a camping chair, do bring it along. Hopefully the sun will shine, and we will have an enjoyable lunch together.

Prayer during our Church Vacancy

We give thanks for the appointment of Revd Amy Ruston as our new Rector. It is important that we continue to ask for God's help in everything we do and especially as we go forward working together with Revd Amy as she joins us in Lymm at St Mary's.

Prayer as our new Rector prepares to take up her ministry in Lymm



O God our Father, send your Holy Spirit to our Church of St Mary's Lymm, to fill us with vision, energy, and love. Thank you for sending Revd Amy to us. Help us with her 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 Revd Amy and all of us at St Mary's as we support and welcome Amy and her family to this Church. May she be a wise and gentle shepherd. She has heard your call and responded in faith, ready to serve us with joy. May she lead us by example in loving obedience to your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Community Christmas Tree Festival – making the most of summer produce

Are you planning to make some jam this year while the summer fruit is plentiful? Have you got an abundance of lavender or other herbs which could be dried and sold in small bags as gifts? Have you got a recipe for making flavoured oils and vinegars for that extra special salad dressing?



Please help us by planning to make a little extra for us to sell when our Christmas Tree Festival comes around in December. Thank you!

Heritage Weekends – save the date

After the success of last year's Heritage Weekends, St Mary's will again be taking part in this national scheme. The dates this year are **Saturday 19 September and Sunday 20 September**. We will need help with greeting visitors and serving refreshments. Please make a note of the dates in your diaries.

Services July/August 2026

5 th Sunday after Trinity 5 July 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Keith Hine	
6 th Sunday after Trinity 12 July 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Ven Dr Michael Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester	
Wednesday 16 July 2026	Lymm High School Founders' Day	
7 th Sunday after Trinity 19 July 2026	10.00am Family Service Picnic afterwards at Church Hall Garden	6.30pm Said Holy Communion Priest Reverend Keith Hine
8 th Sunday after Trinity 26 July 2026 Episcopal Visitation	10.00am Holy Communion Bishop Julie, Bishop of Birkenhead	12.00pm Holy Baptism Revd Keith Hine
9 th Sunday after Trinity 02 August 2026		
10 th Sunday after Trinity 09 August 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Anita Raggett	4.30pm Rushbearing Service
11 th Sunday after Trinity 16 August 2026	10.00am Holy Communion	
12 th Sunday after Trinity 23 August 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Peter Mackriell	
13 th Sunday after Trinity 30 August 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Christina Westwell	

Green Tips: Use your house plants to create clean air

House plants have the ability to purify the air. Indeed, a study conducted by Nasa in 1989 concluded that some plants are better for purifying the air than others, removing harmful toxins such as formaldehyde, benzene and other toxins found in cleaning products, paints and flame-retardants commonly found in the modern home. Fill your house with house plants to naturally improve the air quality in your home.

Certain plants are best for certain rooms:

- Mother-in-law's tongue gives off oxygen at night, which makes it best suited to the bedroom.
- Peace lilies and Boston ferns thrive in rooms with high humidity and can reduce the mould spores in the air, making them ideal for bathrooms
- Weeping figs have been found to be the best plant for removing formaldehyde released from carpets and furniture, making them good for living areas.



Please Pray

- For our Churchwardens, Lay Readers, visiting clergy and all involved in running our church during our period of vacancy
- For Revd Amy Ruston, her husband Tom and son Arthur
- For those being prayed for by St Mary's Prayer Circle
- For all those affected by the warfare in the Middle East and for a lasting peace there

- For those facing hunger because of climate change
- For those affected by the earthquake in Venezuela
- For children and families in Gaza
- All those suffering as a result of conflict in Ukraine

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**