



St Mary's News and Notices

Tenth Sunday after Trinity 09 August 2026

And Eleventh Sunday after Trinity 16 August 2026

10th after Trinity **9 August 2026**
10.00am Holy Communion Service
Reverend Anita Raggett
11th after Trinity **16 August 2026**
10.00am Iona Morning Prayer

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.



Collation of our new Rector – Wednesday 9th September

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 collation 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.

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.



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 for a short service.

You are invited.....

Our friend Tallulah Edwards will be marrying Alex Lees at St Mary's on **Friday 11th September at 2.00pm**. They wish to invite members of the congregation of St Mary's to join them at this very special moment in their lives. Thank you both – we would love to attend this service and share this with you!



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!

And finally..... as the fruit ripens, if you have a huge number of spare apples, pears or plums, please let us know so we can convert it into chutney ready for Christmas.

Services August/September 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 Iona Morning Prayer	
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	
14 th Sunday after Trinity 06 September 2026	10.00am Iona Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 09 September 2026	7.00pm Collation Service of Revd Amy Ruston Bishop Julie, Bishop of Birkenhead	
Friday 11 September 2026	2.00pm The marriage of Tallulah and Alex Revd Keith Hine	
15 th Sunday after Trinity 13 September 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest Reverend Amy Ruston	12.00pm Holy Baptism Reverend Anita Raggett

Green Tips: Our Gardens during Drought

As the dry spell continues and our gardens are suffering from heat and lack of water, there is plenty of advice available to keep us enjoying our gardens despite the weather.

The RHS is advising us on which plants we need to consider growing in the future:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/plants/for-places/drought-resistant>

More ideas from the Duchy of Cornwall Nurseryman:

<https://www.theenglishgarden.co.uk/gardens/garden-design/drought-tolerant-garden-ideas/>



And advice from Gardeners' World magazine - **Let your lawn go brown**

An established lawn, with a healthy root system, will withstand periods of drought. When grass turns brown it looks like the whole lawn has died, but it will recover once rains return.

If your lawn is still green and in active growth, adjusting your mowing regime can help. Raise the height of cut and let clippings fall (set your mower to cut the clippings small if possible).

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 affected by wildfires and for firefighters
- For children and families in Gaza
- All those suffering as a result of conflict in Ukraine

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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
Save the Dates!

**Community
Christmas Tree
Festival**

Friday 04 December 2026
Saturday 05 December 2026
Sunday 06 December 2026

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