



St Mary's News and Notices

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity 06 September 2026

14 th after Trinity 06 September 2026 10.00am Iona Morning Prayer

Induction and Collation of our new Rector – arrangements for Wednesday 9th September

We are less than one week away now from the service where the Reverend Amy Ruston is to be inducted and collated as our Rector.

The service for her will be conducted by Bishop Julie Conalty, Bishop of Birkenhead, on

Wednesday 9 September at 7pm.

This service is very significant in the life of our church, and it is hoped that as many members of St Mary's regular congregation as possible will come along to support Reverend Amy.

The service will begin at 7.00pm and the congregation is kindly asked to be seated by **6.50pm**.

Light refreshments will be served after the service.

Car parking

Please note that the normal church car park will be reserved for the many official invitees and clergy who will be attending. Everyone else will need to park at the Crouchley Lane car park and walk down the road to enter church. If at all possible, cars should be shared. For those members of the congregation who will find it difficult to walk down the road, please see if you can be dropped off safely nearer to the church. Anyone who is unable to find a lift and needs help in coming to the service, please let us know by replying to this weekly email as soon as possible and we will try to help arrange a lift.

Help needed at the service

Cakes please Refreshments will be served after this service. Are you able to help by providing a tray bake, home-made biscuits/buttered scones or similar please? We ideally need tray bakes which can be cut into medium squares to be served quickly and easily as finger food. Please could you bring your tray bake already cut into squares and on a plate or tray ready to serve? Round cakes and anything with squishy icing would be best avoided on this occasion.

Please bring your cake to church (covered in foil or cling film) on Wednesday (9th) morning between 10.00am and 12.00pm. Alternatively let Vanessa or Carol Roberts know if you need it to be collected beforehand. Ensure that your tray or plate is labelled with your name.

Serving drinks We also need two or three volunteers who would be willing to serve hot and cold drinks after the service. They would need to arrive about 6.25pm beforehand to make sure they know what is required. If you can help, please email Carol Roberts (robertsbeechwood@aol.com) or Vanessa Lees (vanessalees53@gmail.com)

Foliage needed for flower arrangements We are planning to make the church welcoming by arranging some extra flowers for this service. The hot summer has taken its toll on the shrubs in many gardens, but if you have anything in your garden which is looking good after a bit of rain, we would love to hear from you. Especially needed is filler foliage such as eucalyptus, pittosporum, euonymus etc. Please email Sue Walton (slwalton@tiscali.co.uk) Thank you.



Heritage Weekends – help urgently required

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.

At the present time, very few volunteers have come forward to help over the weekend, and on Sunday afternoon is particular. This fantastic opportunity to share our church will only happen if we can get sufficient helpers to make it viable. If you can spare an hour on either of the days, please sign the sheets at the back of church to let us know when you are available to help.

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!

Community Christmas Tree Festival – making the most of summer produce

Does anyone have (or know of) surplus fruit e.g. apples, plums which can be converted to chutney for sale on our craft and produce stall ready for Christmas? Please let us know.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service - Sunday 27th September

Once again, we are asking for your help in decorating St Mary's Church for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. From Sunday 13th September jars will be available at the back of church. Please take one and return it filled with autumn greenery and yellow and/or orange seasonal flowers. We would like to display tins of foods alongside these so would be grateful if you could also bring 2 tins when you return the buckets/jars. These will be sent to Warrington Food Bank after the service.

There will be an example on display and full instructions are included. Please return your arrangements to church on **Saturday September 26th** between 10.30am and 11am.

Thank you for helping with decorating our church for our seasonal celebration.



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.

Services August/September 2026

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: Use your freezer to prevent food waste

You can freeze pretty much anything, to preserve nutrients as much as to prevent waste. Freeze food before its use-by date, and make sure it's packed in airtight bags or freezer-proof containers to avoid freezer burn. Freeze cheese in portions or grated for ease of use. Defrost food in the fridge overnight, to avoid the so-called danger zone, because bacteria can form above 8C. Once defrosted, it's a good general rule to eat it within 24 hours, and don't refreeze unless it's been cooked since thawing.

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 those affected by the landslip and disastrous flooding in Nepal/Tibet and for all those rescue workers involved
- For all those affected by the warfare in the Middle East and for a lasting peace there
- For children and families in Gaza
- All those suffering as a result of conflict in Ukraine

Contact Details

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Rector: Vacancy – Revd Amy Ruston wef 9th September 2026

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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**

