



St Mary's News and Notices

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity 20 September 2026

16th after Trinity **20 September 2026**
10.00am Holy Communion Service

Wardens' Words

The Vacancy is over! The Reverend Amy Ruston is here: we thank God for her calling. We wanted to use this moment to say a huge thank you to you all for everything you have done during the interregnum and for the contributions that made last week's Collation service so memorable. The evident energy of the family of St Mary's has taken us forward during the year, it has been a real team effort, and we know that that will continue as we all follow and support Amy in her ministry in Lymm.

George and Liz

Heritage Weekends – Can you spare an hour?

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.

Please see also the timings of the Churchyard Tours with Alan Williams.

heritage open days

St Mary's Church, Lymm

Saturday 19 September 2026
10.00am – 4.00pm

Sunday 20 September 2026
12.00pm – 4.30pm

Explore the history of Lymm Parish Church
Guided Tours
Refreshments

Churchyard Tours with Alan Williams:
Sat: 1.00 to 1.40pm 2.00 to 2.40pm
3.00 to 3.40pm
Sun: 1.00 to 1.40pm 2.00 to 2.40pm
3.00 to 3.40pm

In association with Lymm Heritage Centre

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.

Harvest Supper – Thursday 1st October

Our Harvest Supper will be held at Lymm Golf Club on **Thursday, 1st October 2026** at 6.30pm for 7.00pm.



Tickets this year are £24 and payment in cash is preferred please. Contact Vanessa if you would like tickets for this event which is always a very happy occasion. Last orders Friday 25 September.

The menu is the usual Hot Pot served with bread and pickles followed by Apple Pie with custard or cream. Please let me know of any dietary requirements when booking your tickets.

We will have some fun table quizzes for a little light-hearted fun and the bar at the golf club will be open for purchase of drinks.

Friends and family are very welcome to join us.

Godly Play coming up soon:

There will be two more Godly Play sessions this term, on **18 October and 22 November**.

We begin at 10.00am in church and then enjoy our story in the Fellowship Room, rejoining the service during the Communion.

This term's sessions will be an Old Testament story of The Exodus, and in preparation for Advent, we will explore the Holy Family story.



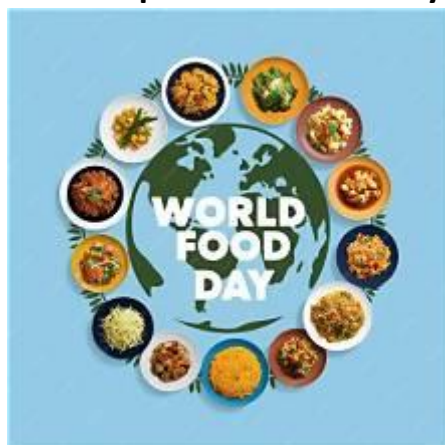
If you know any children or young people who would like to join in, please encourage them to give it a try – it works for all ages!

Services September/October/November 2026

16 th Sunday after Trinity 20 September 2026	10.00am Holy Communion	
17 th Sunday after Trinity 27 September 2026	10.00am Harvest Thanksgiving Tinned collection for Food Bank	12.00pm Holy Baptism
18 th Sunday after Trinity 04 October 2026	10.00am Holy Communion	
19 th Sunday after Trinity 11 October 2026	10.00am Holy Communion	12.00pm Holy Baptism
20 th Sunday after Trinity Luke the Evangelist 18 October 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Anointing and Prayers for Healing Godly Play 10.00am	

Last Sunday after Trinity 25 October 2026	10.00am Iona Morning Prayer	12.00pm Holy Baptism 6.30pm Said Holy Communion
All Saints Day 01 November 2026	10.00am Holy Communion	6.30pm All Souls Service
Remembrance Sunday 08 November 2026	10.00am Remembrance Sunday Civic Service	
2 nd Sunday before Advent 15 November 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Priest: Reverend Samson Ajayi	
Christ the King 22 November 2026	10.00am Holy Communion Godly Play 10.00am	
1 st Sunday of Advent 29 November 2026	10.00am Holy Communion	

Green Tips: World Food Day



16th October 2026 is **World Food Day**.

The world's farmers produce enough food to feed more than the global population, yet hunger persists. Around 733 million people are facing hunger in the world due to repeated weather shocks, conflicts, economic downturns, inequality, and the pandemic. This impacts the poor and vulnerable most severely, many of whom are agricultural households, reflecting widening inequalities across and within countries.

Food is the third most basic human need after air and water – everyone should have the right to adequate

food. Human rights such as the right to food, life and liberty, work and education are recognised by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and two legally binding international covenants. We need to build a sustainable world where everyone, everywhere has regular access to enough nutritious food. No one should be left behind.

What could you do? You can demonstrate respect for nature, farmers, and our agrifood systems by taking simple actions such as planning our meals carefully, using creative recipes to minimize food waste, or composting organic matter instead of throwing it in landfills. Use your council food waste bin as much as possible.

Find out how you can get involved by visiting the website:

<https://www.fao.org/world-food-day/en/>

Please Pray

- For Revd Amy Ruston as she begins her ministry here in Lymm
- 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 children and families in Gaza
- All those suffering as a result of conflict in Ukraine
- For farmers everywhere who are challenged by climate change
- For those who do not have enough to eat and for the aid agencies who work to feed the hungry
- For our local Food Bank and its workers

Contact Details

Website - www.stmaryslymm.org

Rector: Revd Amy Ruston revd.amy.ruston@gmail.com

Lay Readers: Derek Buckthorpe 01925 752810 Ian Bunday 01925 755286

Church Wardens: Elizabeth France 07956 408300 George Bainton 01925 757732

PCC Secretary: Derek Buckthorpe 01925 752810

PCC Treasurer: David Young 01925 759919

Choir Director / Organist: Susan Gadd 07398 399121

Church Hall Secretary: Kath Hough Telephone: 01925 754435

Pastoral Care Team: Derek Buckthorpe 01925 752810, Pauline Buckthorpe 01925 752810 Ian Bunday 01925 755286

St Mary's Prayer Circle – Co-ordinator for Prayer Requests Jill Wasey 01925 754265 email jhwasey@yahoo.co.uk Members - Susan Brooks 01925 755735 Derek Buckthorpe 01925 752810, Pauline Buckthorpe 01925 752810 Ian Bunday 01925 755286 Vanessa Lees 01925 757471, Angela Roberts, Jill Wasey

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**

