



St Mary's News and Notices

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity 04 October 2026

18th after Trinity **04 October 2026**
10.00am Holy Communion Service

Pauline Buckthorpe

As many of you will now know, Pauline Buckthorpe, our dear friend and sister in Christ, died on Sunday 20th September. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Derek has requested that we let people know, so if you know anyone who does not receive this email, but who would wish to be informed, please do let them know.

Please hold Derek, David, Claire and James and all the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Pauline's funeral will take place on **Thursday 15th October 2026 at 3.30pm** at St Mary's following her committal at Altrincham Crematorium beforehand.

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!



St Mary's Bookworms

The next meeting of St Mary's Bookworms will be on Tuesday, 24th November at Liz France's house at 7.30pm. We shall be reading *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans, her debut novel. *The Correspondent* is a moving story about a 73-year-old woman attempting to come to terms with her past and reconnect with the people she loves through a series of letters. It has won the prestigious 2026 Women's Prize for Fiction. We always welcome new readers to join us for a relaxed and informal discussion about the book. Will you join us?

Services October/November 2026

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	10.00am Iona Morning Prayer	12.00pm Holy Baptism

25 October 2026		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: How to Help Hedgehogs in Autumn

Helping hedgehogs does not require a large garden. Even small changes can provide better food, shelter and access.

Create a Hedgehog-Friendly Garden

Allow some areas of your garden to grow naturally. Leave dry leaves, logs and twigs in suitable quiet areas. These materials can provide shelter while supporting insects and other wildlife.

Avoid using unnecessary pesticides and slug pellets.

You can also create a small wildlife corner. This gives hedgehogs more opportunities to forage and rest.



Fresh water is important for hedgehogs throughout the year. Place a shallow dish somewhere quiet and accessible. Refresh the water regularly to keep it clean. Hedgehogs need fresh water daily. Never replace fresh water with milk. Milk can cause digestive problems for hedgehogs. A clean, shallow water dish is the safer choice.

You can create a simple hedgehog shelter using natural materials. Choose a quiet, shaded area away from regular disturbance. Then, provide leaves, twigs and logs around the area. Purpose-built hedgehog houses are another option.

Autumn gardens can contain several hidden dangers for hedgehogs. Bonfire piles are particularly risky because hedgehogs may use them for shelter. Always check a pile carefully before lighting a bonfire.

Create a Hedgehog Highway

Hedgehogs do not simply disappear when autumn arrives. Instead, they continue moving around while searching for food and nesting materials. They may travel through gardens, hedges, parks and other suitable habitats. Hedgehogs need to move between gardens while searching for food. Unfortunately, solid fences can block their normal movements. A small ground-level gap can create a useful route.

A hedgehog highway connects neighbouring gardens without major changes. Keep the opening clear and ensure it leads somewhere safe. This simple change can improve access to food and nesting areas.

Please Pray

- For the Buckthorpe family
- 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
- All those suffering as a result of conflict in Ukraine
- For our local Food Bank and its workers

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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**

