

St Mary's Monthly News

Regular worship at St Mary's



Eucharist

Sunday at 0800 & 1030

Wednesday at 1030

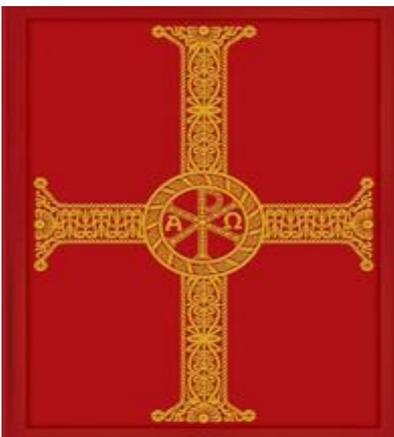
Thursday at 0730 in the Oratory at the Rectory

Friday at 0915 in St Mary's School

Morning Prayer in the Oratory at the Rectory

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday at 0730

Sunday Gospel Readings



6 September

0800 Luke 1: 46-55

1030 Luke 1: 46-55

13 September

0830 Matt 6: 24-end

1030 Mark 8: 27-end

20 September

0800 Luke 7: 11-17

1030 Mark 9: 30-37

27 September

0800 Luke 14: 1-11

1030 Mark 9: 38-end

Children are a valued part of our community.

Junior Church meets on Sunday at 1030. The Prestwich Mission Partnership **Youth Group** meets on Sunday at 1830. **Uniformed Organisations** meet on weekday evenings. We enjoy a close relationship with our **Parish School**. For more information see www.stmarysprestwich.org/church-groups.



Contact us

Visit the St Mary's website for up to date information:

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Parish Priest: Chris Wedge

St Mary's parish prayer

Loving Father, we pray your blessing on our parish. Help us to have hearts open to your Holy Spirit. Give us the courage to follow the way of Christ. Strengthen us to be faithful in prayer and loving service. Help us to play our part in building up your Kingdom here and now.



We welcome contributions to St Mary's Monthly News by email to stmarysprestwich@hotmail.com

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Welcome to our new monthly newsletter

The communications industry has a lot to teach us about sharing our faith and inviting more and more people into the love of God. Psychologists tell us that we have one tenth of a second to make a first impression. It is certainly true that human beings are sophisticated communicators and are highly skilled at decoding the unwritten or unsaid messages being transmitted in all sorts of situations. One of our churchwardens describes me as 'the tidy police' because I am always putting things away and clearing surfaces in church. When somebody comes into St. Mary's I don't want them to be confronted with clutter and bric-a-brac. Our ancient holy church should speak of otherness and beauty; it should never look neglected or cluttered and should always point to somethings bigger than ourselves. Our new look magazine is an attempt to speak more powerfully and

meaningfully to our readers about the reality of God in the lives of our community. The PCC is committed to church growth (attendance is up 30% on last year) and we want to be a church on the move, a growing church and a church which reaches out to people. In this magazine we have the opportunity to share our faith with readers and to welcome them to join us in the life changing pilgrimage we are all engaged in.



This month we celebrate our **Patronal Festival** on 6 September. On that day Dean Govender will be joining us from Manchester Cathedral as our preacher as we rejoice together and thank God for the life and witness of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The day before, Saturday 5 September, there will be a celebration BBQ on the Rectory lawn. On 20 September Stewart Barnet will be authorised in the cathedral at 1430 as a Lay Minister. Stewart will be leading our parish visiting and will be setting up a team of people who will work together to share God's love. These are important events in our community life so please

make every effort to join in the fun if you are able to. Throughout this month thank God for our shared life at St. Mary's, pray that the church may continue to grow and be bold and invite others to join us in the light and love of God.

With love, Chris (Parish Priest)

Porch Boxes is a local charity providing crisis packs to individuals or families. The packs include enough food for two days and some basic toiletries. Porch Boxes also provide different types of packs depending on need including: baby boxes, family 7 day packs, Christmas boxes, street packs for people living rough and home starter packs for people moving on from hostels. Staff from local agencies like Social Services contact Porch Boxes if they come across a person or family in need and someone from the project delivers a parcel to the agency who then pass it on to the



person. Referrals also come from other charities, schools or people supporting those in crisis. Porch Boxes relies on donations of food and toiletries, and a

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number of groups, churches and primary schools support the work with donations throughout the year. A donation box can be found at the back of St Mary's. Please consider bringing a small contribution with you each week. More information can be found at www.porchboxes.org.uk/

St Mary's Church Yard is a working burial ground and a wonderful place for all who love nature, history and ecology. At every turn there is a unique view and a new discovery. For quiet reflection there is no better place to remember a loved one or celebrate their life.



St Mary's Churchyard Action Group plays a vital role in the maintenance and improvement of this ancient site and we are always looking for new volunteers to help. More information can be found on the St Mary's website at www.stmarysprestwich.org/church-groups/churchyard-action-group/. We also offer the opportunity to make a financial contribution to support the work

of the Church Yard Action Group - funds have been used recently to help with projects such as wall repairs and path re-surfacing. If you have a family grave or memorial plot in the churchyard, or if you simply appreciate this special place and wish to help, we invite you to make a £10 donation annually (cheques to be made payable to St Mary's Churchyard Action Group).

14 September is Holy Cross Day

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Year of Mary

We have designated 2015-16 as the Year of Mary in our parish life – an opportunity to learn more about our Patron saint and to follow her example in drawing closer to Jesus. *Year of Mary*

booklets are available at the back of church – inside you will find a short form of daily prayer which you might like to use at home.



Praying for the Queen

The Church of England has issued this special prayer to celebrate Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II becoming the longest-reigning monarch in British history, on 9 September 2015:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom.



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Diary Dates

- Saturday 5 September** – Parish BBQ
- Sunday 6 September** – Patronal Festival
- Sunday 20 September** – Licensing of Stewart Barnet at 1430 in Manchester Cathedral
- Saturday 3 October** – Parish Autumn Fair



Who is Jesus? Word Search

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 Everlasting
 Faithful and True
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 King
 King of Kings
 Lamb of God

Lawgiver
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 Lion of Judah
 Lord
 Lord of Lords
 Master
 Master
 Mediator
 Messiah
 Mighty God
 Morning Star
 Nazarene
 Only Begotten Son
 Passover
 Priest
 Prince of Peace
 Prophet

Redeemer
 Resurrection
 Rock
 Savior
 Servant
 Shepherd
 Son of David
 Son of God
 Son of Man
 Vine
 Way
 Wonderful
 Word