

# St Mary's Monthly News

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## September 2016



### From the Parish Priest

Every church celebrates a special festival in honour of their patron saint each year. As Mary's principal feast day falls in the middle of the summer holidays, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, we transfer our Patronal Festival to a Sunday in September. This year we will be keeping our Patronal on September 18<sup>th</sup> with a special festival Eucharist at 1030. Bishop Glyn will be joining us who you will remember from the Prestwich Hospital service last October. This is our opportunity to rejoice together and to celebrate not only the long history of our wonderful church but also to look forwards with confidence. It is the tradition of the church that Mary sits at the feet of Christ in heaven and intercedes for the needs of the world. I think this a wonderful image of Mary, our patron, praying without ceasing for our needs and the needs of the whole world. As we begin our life together again after the summer break I hope that you are well rested and looking

forward to the month to come. You will see elsewhere in this newsletter that we are also welcoming the Bishop of Manchester in October and we will be celebrating Youth Ministry in that month as well with Susie Mapledoram as our preacher. At the end of October we will admit more young people to the Eucharist and further ahead we will be marking Advent Sunday in a big way this year. In our Year of Celebration there is much to be thankful for at St. Mary's. Please continue to pray for God's blessing on our parish so that we may go on growing, giving and serving.

*With love, Chris (Parish Priest)*

### "Church Army September"



Church Army is a mission community of people who are working to transform lives and neighbourhoods throughout the UK and Ireland. They are committed to bringing people to a living faith in Jesus Christ by sharing the Christian faith in words and action and enabling the wider church to be active in Evangelism. During September each year, the organisation has a special focus on sharing their work in church communities. Find out more at [www.churcharmy.org.uk](http://www.churcharmy.org.uk)

### St Mary's Patronal Festival



We will celebrate the parish Patronal Festival on **Sunday 18 September**. Bishop Glyn Webster will preside at the 1030 Eucharist. All are very welcome.



### We support Porch Boxes

A local charity providing crisis packs to individuals or families in need. The packs include enough food for two days and some basic toiletries. Donation boxes can be found in the Wilton Chapel (near the Prayer Tree) at St Mary's. To find out more, see [www.porchboxes.org.uk](http://www.porchboxes.org.uk)



**Pre-School Praise** begins again after the summer break on Thursday 8 September at 1000.

## Church Yard News

One of the many historical figures buried in St Mary's Church Yard is William Sturgeon a physicist and inventor who made the first electromagnets, and invented the first practical English electric motor. Born near Carnforth in 1783, by 1840 he was superintendent of the Royal Victoria Gallery of Practical Science in Manchester and he died in Prestwich in 1850. (Below the first artificial electromagnet, from Sturgeon's original 1824 drawing).



Our Churchyard Action Group meets every Tuesday morning and on the second Saturday of the month, throughout the year. **On Saturday 10 September we shall be tidying the area around William Sturgeon's grave.** Volunteers are always welcome to join us. For more information, contact Bill Cottam (Tel 0161 798 6489).

## A Prayer of Sir Francis Drake

*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves. When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little. When we arrive safely because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the*

*waters of life. Having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity. And in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.*



*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly to venture on wider seas, where storms will show your mastery; where losing sight of land we shall find the stars. We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes, and to push into the future in strength, courage, hope and love.*

## Taizé in Birmingham



The Taizé Community will be facilitating a young adult (age 16-35) gathering in Birmingham next year, over the Early May Bank Holiday weekend 28 April-1 May 2017. As with all gatherings led by the brothers of Taizé, regular community prayer will be at the heart of the weekend. Brother Alois, prior of the international and interdenominational monastic community of Taizé, will speak at some of the evening prayers. The theme of the gathering is "**Hidden Treasure**". Afternoon workshops in the city-centre will celebrate the myriad ways in which people of faith in Birmingham and beyond are

striving to make the world a better place: interfaith relations, the welcome of refugees and asylum seekers, engaging with the sick and with prisoners, living more ecologically, becoming aware of the problems of human trafficking, the arms trade and inequalities in financial systems. Afternoon activities will also include music and the arts, and questions of faith, vocation and Christian community life. More information can be found at [www.taize.fr/en\\_article20500.html](http://www.taize.fr/en_article20500.html)

**Espresso Church** meets at Costa Coffee in the Longfield Centre, Prestwich on the first Monday evening of every month at 1845. Espresso Church is initiative of Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal. It aims to build a Jesus-centred Community – an invitation is offered to discover what this means today and be part of the journey together. More information is at: [www.facebook.com/Espressochurch](http://www.facebook.com/Espressochurch)



The vision of the Diocese of Manchester is to be a worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community. Its core message of faith, hope and love is as relevant today as it's ever been. Recognising that the modern world is a noisy place in which it can be difficult to get noticed, Bishop David is challenging the Diocese to become '**Church for a different world**'. More information is at: [manchester.anglican.org/different-world](http://manchester.anglican.org/different-world)

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## Diary Dates

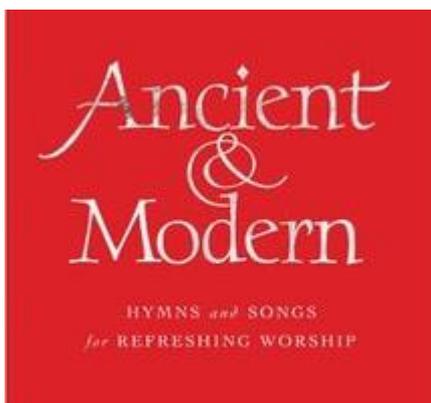
**Sunday 11 September** – Junior Church resumes  
**Sunday 18 September** – St Mary's Patronal Festival, with Bishop Glyn presiding at the 1030 Eucharist  
**Sunday 2 October** – Harvest Thanksgiving

**Sunday 16 October** – Celebration of Youth Ministry at the 1030 Eucharist, with Susie Mapledoram preaching  
**Sunday 23 October** – Prestwich Hospital Service, with the Bishop of Manchester presiding  
**Sunday 30 October** – All Saints Sunday

**"Magnificat" Word Search (see Luke 1: 46-55). This is our Patronal Festival Gospel Reading.**

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## Music at St Mary's

The Parochial Church Council has recently approved a new music policy for St Mary's, committing us to a continued emphasis on excellent music to enhance our worship. With this in mind we are introducing a new hymn book during September, replacing our existing hymn books, some of which date back to the 1950's. Dedications can be placed in the new red books – perhaps you would like to remember a loved one or to dedicate a book in thanksgiving – at a cost of £10. You can find dedication forms at the back of the church. The new hymn books will be blessed at the 1030 Eucharist on Advent Sunday at the end of November.



**Prestwich Mission Partnership Youth Group** meets every Sunday evening during school term. The Youth Group was established in January 2015 and now has a membership of more than 30 with around 20 young people regularly attending each week. On **Sunday 16 October** at the 1030 Eucharist we shall be celebrating this important aspect of our mission among young people. The preacher at the Eucharist will be Susie Mapledoram, Youth Officer for the Diocese of Manchester, with contributions from our young people.



This year our **Harvest Thanksgiving** celebrations will take place at the 1030 Eucharist on Sunday 2 October. Please bring gifts of non-perishable foods to be donated to Porch Boxes – see article on page 1.



**Education Sunday**, which is marked by all Christian Churches in the UK, falls this year on 11 September, when our Junior Church will be resuming after the summer break. A Prayer for the beginning of the new school year: *Loving God, send your Spirit to accompany us on our*

*daily journey. Give us wisdom that we may find you in all things. Give us understanding that we may study well. Give us compassion that we may show your face to those we meet. Give us generosity that we may share the gifts you have given us. Give us faith that we may have confidence in ourselves. Above all give us love that we may bring joy into the lives of those around us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

### Regular worship at St Mary's



**Sunday**  
0800 Eucharist  
1030 Sung Eucharist  
**Tuesday**  
0730 Morning Prayer\*  
**Wednesday**  
0730 Morning Prayer\*  
1000 Eucharist  
**Thursday**  
0730 Eucharist\*  
1000 Pre-School Praise  
**Friday**  
0730 Morning Prayer\*  
0915 Eucharist in St Mary's School

Services marked \* take place in the Oratory at the Rectory, Church Lane.

**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. **The 22<sup>nd</sup> Prestwich Scout Group** meets on weekday evenings. **Pre-School Praise** is on Thursdays at 1000. We enjoy a close relationship with our **Parish School**. More information at: [www.stmarysprestwich.org/church-groups](http://www.stmarysprestwich.org/church-groups).

### Sunday Gospel Readings



**4 September**  
0800 Matthew 6: 24-end  
1030 Luke 14: 25-33  
**11 September**  
0800 Luke 7: 11-17  
1030 Luke 15: 1-10  
**18 September**  
**Patronal Festival**  
0800 Luke 1: 46-55  
1030 Luke 1: 46-55  
**25 September**  
0800 Matthew 22: 34-end  
1030 Luke 16: 19-end

We welcome contributions to St Mary's Monthly News by email to [stmarysprestwich@hotmail.com](mailto:stmarysprestwich@hotmail.com)



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