



Sunday 31st August, 2025.

**Jesus' Greatest
commandment**

The Good Samaritan



St Mary's

8.00AM

Morning Prayer

Jan Malpas

11.15am)

Holy Communion (CW)

Children's Group

Graham Harrison



Christ Church

9.15am

Holy Communion (CW)

Graham Harrison



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Welcome!

We're so glad that you can join us today as we meet with God, to worship Him together, engage with His word (the Bible) and learn how we can live life as God intended, in all its fullness.

If you need any assistance, please speak to one of our stewards, they would love to help you with anything about the service, any children/youth work, and the facilities etc.

Whether you are just wondering about faith, or have been a follower of Jesus for many years, we pray that you will be blessed by your time with us as much as we are by having you join us today.

Every blessing,

Bruce (Vicar)

Readings and Intercessions



St Mary's

Readings

Phil. 3 : 12 – 4 : 1 (pg. 1180)

Luke 10 : 25 - 37 (pg. 1042)

Joan Mather

Intercessor – *John Carruthers*



Christ Church

Readings

Phil. 3 : 12 – 4 : 1 (pg. 1180)

Peter Blundell

Luke 10 : 25 - 37 (pg. 1042)

Joyce Blundell

Intercessor

Ruth Hobson

Next Week's Services 7th Sept, 2025

St. Mary's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

11.15am Morning Worship + Childrens Group

Christ Church

9.15am Morning Worship

Events

To find out more about any of the events please speak to a member of the welcome team or visit hollingworthchurch.org.uk

Date	Time	Place	Details
Mon. 1 st Sept.	2.00pm	St. Mary's	House Group
Tues. 2 nd Sept.	9.15am	St. Mary's	Prayer Meeting for local, national and international issues (30mins)
Wed. 3 rd Sept.	9.00am	St. Mary's	Open House- social gathering, all are welcome
Thurs 4 th Sept.	6.30pm	Christ Church	Service of Healing and Wholeness
Fri. 5 th Sept.	10.30pm	Christ Church*	Funeral of Mr. Eric Platt. Followed by burial at United Reform Church 11.15am.

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Notices

Looking at Jesus as we read Luke's Gospel –

When we read the gospels, the stories are often familiar and we can miss some of what the author wanted us to know. But if we try to read with fresh eyes we can dig into the depths of the stories when we start asking the sort of questions that Author Luke was answering through his account of Jesus' life and ministry. Questions like:-.....

Who is Jesus?

What does Jesus show us about who God is?

What does Jesus show us about who we are?

What does Jesus want/expect from us?

Each Sunday over the summer let's try and answer these questions and discover more about Jesus.

Romans Re-visited.

Did the Romans course that we did in Lent this year whet your appetite to look more closely at St. Paul's letter to the Romans? If so, this may interest you:

Between September 1996 and October 1999 (when I was still Vicar of a Parish) I preached a series of Bible study sermons (44 in all) covering the whole of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

Prompted by our Lent course I decided to re-visit these and I have now collated the transcripts into a single PDF document or 'e-book' which I would be pleased to make available to anyone who would like a copy.

If you would like the e-book, please email me: fg.harrison@talktalk.net and I will reply by emailing you a copy. Obviously this would be my preferred way of circulating the sermons, but if you don't have access to a computer or tablet, please speak to me and I will print a copy for you.

In case you would like a preview what you might be letting yourself in for, I have inserted the loose pages into a Presentation Book which you can inspect in the Community Room.

Graham Harrison



Prayer changes things



Praying for our church family's needs Summer/Autumn 2025

At the moment it seems that we are in a season of scarcity at St Mary's.

God is clearly at work in the many wonderful things happening that are happening in the life of our church family, both as we reach out to the community; families coming to Messy church, all sorts of people gathering at Open House, people walking into church and joining us from the new houses etc; and within the church family where we are seeing lots of people growing in faith and encounter with Jesus through the Romans course and beyond. But at the same time, Sunday numbers are down as people come less often, the team of people serving are feeling weary and we are facing a significant shortfall in our finances (between £7,000 to £10,000) - for the first time in 20 years we may not be able to pay our parish share this year.

In response to this, from Pentecost until Advent this year we are going to have a minutes silent (or open) prayer in every service, to bring our church family's needs before our heavenly Father. Jesus commands his followers to come in prayer and ask for our needs and the needs of his mission to be met. *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."* (Mtt 9:37-38)

In John 14:13-14 he says *"I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."*

In Matthew 7:7-11 Jesus says to them *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened... If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"*

So that is what we are going to do. We are going to go on a faith adventure together, and come before our Father every week, thank him for what we have received, and to ask him to meet the needs of His Church.

There are five areas that we will be praying into...

- 1) Thanks – Thank God for all that He has already given to us and done for us.
- 2) Finance – money to pay the bills, cover our costs, and bless the community.
- 3) Workers – the opportunities in our church and wider community are huge, but we have limited people able to get involved, so let's pray for more.
- 4) Growth – In personal faith and in community in the church
- 5) Growth – Numerical growth on a Sunday, in small groups, young church and in our warm spaces.

Throughout this season we should all be asking ourselves if we are doing all that Jesus is asking of us with our time, Money and in prayer? What is God asking of us?

We will have a gift day in the Autumn to focus our response, but our main ambition is to lift our needs to God, to seek His will, and to be faithful to the mission that he has called us to – *"To Grow Jesus' Kingdom Together"*



Prayer changes things



Vision Statement

Our vision is to see our church making a difference to the lives of the people in Hollingworth, Tintwistle and the surrounding area through the power of the Holy Spirit, our commitment to God's word and our worship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the power of prayer, inspiring worship and the gifts God gives us we want to see lives changed, disciples growing, people healed, needs met and God's Kingdom extended.

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Giving to St Mary's

It costs about £1,000 per month to run St Mary's.

This all comes from generous gifts from the congregation.

You can give electronically with our contactless machine near the entrance, or by scanning this QR Code.

(If you pay tax you can also gift aid your gift)



**St Mary's
& Christ Church**
Growing Jesus' Kingdom Together