



**Rev. Bruce Perrin**



**Sunday**

**15th February, 2026**

**Authority of Jesus**



**St Mary's**

**8.00am**

**Morning Prayer**

*Bruce Perrin*

**11.15am**

**All Age Worship**

*Bruce Perrin*



**Christ Church**

**9.15am**

**Morning Worship**

*Bruce Perrin*



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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)

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## Readings and Intercessions



St Mary's



Christ Church

### Readings 8.00am & 11.15am

Acts 4 : 1 – 22 (pg. 1095)

Luke 20 :11 –28 (pg. 1055)

### Readers

8.00am *Dorothy Meakin*

11.15am *Jan Royle*

### Readings

Acts 4 : 1 – 22 (pg. 1095)

Luke 20 :11 –28 (pg. 1055)

**Reader – *Mark Ratcliff***

**Intercessor *Ruth Hobson***

**Intercessor 11.15am.**

*TBC*

## Next Week's Services – 22nd Feb. 2026

**St. Mary's** 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
) 11.15am. Holy Communion (CW)  
**Christ Church –** 9.15am. Holy Communion (CW)

## Events

To find out more about any of the events please speak to a member of the welcome team or visit [hollingworthchurch.org.uk](http://hollingworthchurch.org.uk)

Date	Time	Place	Details
Mon. 16th Feb.	2.00pm	St. Mary's	House Group
Tues. 17th Feb.	9.15am	St. Mary's	Prayers for local and international issues. 30 mins.
Tues. 17th Feb.	5.30pm - 7pm	St. Mary's	Pancake Party, Bring your favourite filling, Pancakes, Lemon and sugar available. Sign up on the notice board.
Wed. 18th Feb.	9.00am - 10.50am	St. Mary's	Open House- social gathering, all are welcome.
Wed. 18th Feb.	11.00am	St Mary's	Service for Ash Wednesday

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## Notices

My grateful thanks to everyone who helped me to get back on the road after my car was written off following a recent MOT.

I really appreciate your kindness and your Christian love at this difficult time!

Thank you again and God bless you all. Peter Sykes.

# ***Pancake Party 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026***



**Come and Join us – all ages welcome**

**St Mary's Church, 5.30-7pm**

**Bring your favourite pancake filling – Pancakes, Lemon and  
Sugar available**

**(please sign up on the noticeboard)**

# PANCAKES and beyond!

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It's not many weeks until we'll be eating Pancakes, and getting ready for LENT. So why not start to plan ahead?

Traditionally Lent has been a time of reflection, of looking at ourselves and acknowledging our flaws and weaknesses, and bringing them before God, to thank him for his goodness in sending Jesus to offer us hope and a better way to live, one that leads to fullness of life trusting in Him. As a part of this, for centuries people have "given things up for Lent", be it rich food (now usually Chocolate and alcohol), or a leisure activity, or more recently TV! People used to give things up for lent, as an act of discipline, to honour God, by showing him that he was more important than whatever we'd given up. This discipline mirrored (in a small way) the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf.



"Giving things up for Lent" has remained a part of our culture for many, even though they don't make any connection with Jesus through it. Instead, they recognise value in the self discipline that it requires as part of a 'personal improvement plan', much like a New Year Detox, or a diet before a Summer Holiday.

## So What About THIS Lent – what are you going to do?

I would like to encourage you to think carefully in the next few weeks about both '*giving up*' and '*taking up*' for Lent.

Ask God what he'd like you to '*give up for Lent*'? What is important in your life (would you miss it?), that you could honour God through? If it's coffee, then every time you are offered one, or think about one, you could offer a prayer of thanks to Jesus instead, or have a bible verse in your pocket to take out and read. If it's TV, why not take time to talk to people and to God (Pray) instead?

But also ask God what to '*take up for Lent*'? You could commit to spending 15minutes (extra) each morning talking and listening to Jesus. You could choose to give a gift to someone unexpected each week to bless them, or invite someone around for a coffee/meal each week, (but not just the usual people).

As a church we will be reading through the events of the last week of Jesus' life, starting with an early Palm Sunday on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, then each Sunday thinking through another part of Holy Week, until Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday, and resurrection on Easter Sunday (Details below).

You could choose to read through the events of Jesus' life and death in gospel of Luke, again during the week, and discover who Jesus was, what he was like, and what he did for humanity.

Have a plan, before Pancake Day, and choose how you can make the most of lent, to grow in faith and love for Jesus?

Every Blessing

Bruce

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<b><u>Lent/Easter 2026</u></b>			
<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Theme</u></b>	<b><u>Reading</u></b>
17/02/2025	Tue	Shrove Tues	Church family pancake party @ St Mary's 5.30pm
18/02/2025	Wed	Ash Weds	Joint Communion Service at St Mary's @11am Lk 15:11-32
01/03/2026	Sunday	Early Palm Sunday	Lk 19:28-48
08/03/2026	Sunday	What do we owe to God?	Lk20:19-26
15/03/2026	Sunday	Passion I - Last Supper	Lk22:1-30
22/03/2026	Sunday	Passion II - Garden of struggle	Lk22:31-62
29/03/2026	Sunday	Passion III - Justice on trial	Lk22:63-23:25
30/3-31/3/26	Mon/Tue	Messy Easter Holiday club - Monday & Tuesday 10 - 12.30	
30/3-2/4/2026	Mon- Wed (Holy Week)	6.30pm meditations at St Mary's	
02/04/2026	Passover (Thursday)	5.30pm Passover meal @ St Mary's including Communion – (bring & share)	
03/04/2026	Good Friday	10am Meditation at Christ church	
05/04/2026	Sunday	Easter Sunday - Resurrection Day	John20:1-18



## 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 week 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