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## **Readings & News: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025: St Mary's Dedication Festival** **St Mary's Todmorden, St Michael's Cornholme and St Peter's Walsden**

**Isaiah 61: 10-end** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its shoots and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

**Galatians 4: 4-7** <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup> And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**Luke 1: 46-55** <sup>46</sup> And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, <sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup> His mercy is on those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; <sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

### **Collect:**

Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through Mary, Mother of Jesus: grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

**Post Communion:** God most high, whose faithful young servant bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary your joyful path, listening to your word and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Hymns: 7<sup>th</sup> September: St Mary's Hymns O&N**

**To Enter:** Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round - **154**

**Gradual:** We have a dream - **715**

**Offertory:** Fill our hearts with joy & gladness - **172**

**Communion:** Let all mortal flesh keep silence - **381**

**Communion:** Laudate Dominum - **933**

**Recession:** Tell out my soul - **631**

### **St Peter's: Service @ The Mill**

There are no services at

**Walsden** during August & Sept

BUT St Peter's will support the

**Scarecrow Festival on**

**20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> September**

**TODAY: 7<sup>th</sup> September, Rainbow Faith Service 4pm at St Mary's.** Celebrating Hymns, Hers and Theirs based on Greenbelt's Beer and Hymns.



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**Harvest and Foodbank Collections:** We will celebrate **Harvest** on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October** and collect for Todmorden Food Drop In. The most needed items are: Baked beans, Instant coffee, Pasta, Corned Beef and other Tinned meat meals, Biscuits, Tinned peas, carrots, sweetcorn, tuna, fruit, rice pudding, custard; plus Peanut butter, tampons/ Sanitary towels, Laundry tablets/capsules, Toothbrushes & paste, soap, shampoo & conditioner: **You can also donate at:** <https://localgiving.org/charity/todfooddropin>  
**We will also have a Jacob's Join lunch at church; all welcome; sign up at the back**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept** Men's fellowship trip to Whitaker park and museum, Rawtenstall. Leaving Stansfield Road @ 9.30am; calling somewhere for lunch (venue TBA) on the way back. Any queries, please call John B 01706 817541

**Confirmations:** Bishop Smitha will visit St Mary's on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November for Confirmations at 2.30pm. We already have some candidates. If you would also like to be confirmed or received into the Anglican Church please speak to Rev Catherine.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 2-6pm – Oktoberfest:** Beer, Wurst and much more...

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Ghostly Tales** – recruiting now for people to help tell the stories of St Mary's, Christ Church and Todmorden's Spooky past

**For notices, weddings, funerals, baptisms and volunteering** please contact:  
 Rev Catherine: 07711 611201 / [Catherine.Shelley@leeds.anglican.org](mailto:Catherine.Shelley@leeds.anglican.org)

#### **A new Bishop for Leeds Diocese:**

Almighty God, you give us bishops to be shepherds of Christ's flock, guardians of faith and lead your people in mission. Send your Holy Spirit upon this Diocese of Leeds to guide us as we discern your choice for our new bishop and receive them with joy; walk with them in faith; and serve with them in hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Eco Church:** September is the month of Creation tide, the month for Harvest, Indian summers and the turning of the year towards winter rest and hibernation. As we celebrate Mary's birthday today, let us pray to *Mary, Queen of Peace and Mother of the restitution of the whole of creation, that she may give us the wisdom, generosity and courage we need to care for the whole of creation, redeemed by her Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**Refreshments:** Please ensure sugar and food are put away and crumbs swept up. Stray food attracts stray mice etc Please help avoid pests.

**We continue to pray for:** Gwen Mills, Muriel Cridge, Jacob Howarth, Roy Yearsley, Viv Hawsworth, Mandy Fielden, Norman Cruikshank, Margaret McArdle; Sarah Battershell, Robert Scholey, Gillian Cottam, Daniel Roberts, Glynys Radnzcic, Joyce Campion, Trevor Smith, Meg Kennedy, Margaret Blackburn, Jeffrey Hunter, Caroline Van den Brut, Jerzy Browne, Maureen Fielden, Roger & Pat Dale, Clifford, Jonathan, Nigel Bentley, John Taylor, Rita, Lisa & Michael Kenyon, Les Marshall, Janet Mitchell, Helena Cook, Edith Thomas, Natasha McArdle, the Middle East, Ukraine, Somalia, Sudan and the Yemen.

**Recently Departed:** David Wilson, Tricia Roberts, Brian Howley

**In Memory:** Kathleen Dewhirst      Miriam Bentley      Christine Bellamy-Brown  
 Reg Olley      Vera Highley      John H Forester      Donald B.G. Thorne      Jean Uttley,  
 Ada Waller      Margaret Vernon      Stewart Dennett      Neil Waterworth  
 Robert A Stockwell      Roberta "Bobbie" Greenwood