

St Mary's Prestwich

Sunday 4th October 2026 - Trinity 18 – HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Today's Preacher is Revd Simon Mars

The Celebrant is Revd David Cooper

Bible Readings:

Ezekiel Isaiah 5:1-7 (James Williams), Philippians 3:4b-14 (Rob Hodgkinson),
Matthew 21:33-46 (Revd Simon Mars)

Music: Voluntary: Chorale Prelude "Nun Danket" J.S. Bach (BWV 657)

Processional hymn **286**; Gradual hymn **290**; Offertory hymn **750**;

Communion hymns **285 & 287**; Anthem: O taste and see - R. Vaughan

Williams; Final hymn **739**; Recessional Voluntary: Sinfonia from Cantata 29 -
J.S. Bach

Notices

CELEBRATING HARVEST

Today is Harvest. Of course, the ancient and traditional idea of "bringing in the sheaves" is long since gone in our urban, industrialised Prestwich. But we still celebrate the bounty of God's goodness and let this thanksgiving challenge us to respond. The Foodbank boxes are at the back of church, and these will be emptied regularly to be donated to the local Foodbanks, helping those who are struggling locally. Maybe your Harvest offering could be a regular donation into these boxes?

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Advance Notice

Due to the Prestwich Redevelopment work, the route for the Prestwich Remembrance parade and commemoration on SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER will need to start from Church Lane. Since this, and the necessary road closures needed will all happen just before and during our 1030 service, the PCC have affirmed the decision to reschedule the 10.30am service to 9.30am. Therefore, on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, the service schedule

will be as follows: 8.00am Holy Communion (said); 9.30am Remembrance Day Service. This one-off special service will be an inclusive non-eucharistic service to which everyone taking part in the parade and Prestwich commemoration are warmly invited. We will bless the new Prestwich Remembers flag and read the Roll of Honour. At the end of this, we have the opportunity to join the Prestwich parade to the War Memorial outside the Pados building.

MISSION COMMUNITY CONFIRMATION SERVICE

The Mission Community Confirmation service will be on WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER at 7.00pm. Preparation sessions will begin soon. If you are interested in being confirmed (or baptised and confirmed), then please have a word with a member of clergy. Those who have already made a request will be contacted in the coming week.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

It's the Christmas Fayre on Sat Nov 28th in school and Lindsay is looking for people to help in planning, setting up on the Friday night, and being there on the day to run a stall.

If you are able to help in any way please email Lindsay
stmaryswarden11@gmail.com or sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

INCOME SURVEY & ATTENDANCE SURVEY

Every October, the Church of England carry out a "census" of data collections, featuring an anonymous survey of income for regular members only, and an attendance survey of services that each church holds across each week. Please make sure you are counted and if you attend more than once a month, please complete an income form and drop it in the box.

Thank you