

**PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST MARY THE VIRGIN, DAVYHULME**

**NEWSLETTER JUNE 2026**

**A GROWING, SERVING AND NURTURING CHURCH AT  
THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY**

**REFLECTION**

This year, 1 June marks a significant change in the Church's year. Over the last 6 months, we have celebrated the coming of Our Lord at Christmas, the season of penitence and preparation during Lent, the sorrows of Holy Week, the sheer exhilaration of Easter and the birthday of the Church with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Now, having marked the nature of our belief on Trinity Sunday, we come to the 'Ordinary Season' (23 Sundays long this year): the liturgical colours in our churches return once more to green (the colour of nature), and the readings in the lectionary concentrate more on what Our Lord taught in the course of His life, rather than on what happened to Him.

This means that this season sounds more mundane than the previous 6 months, and the issue is that, increasingly, our society seems to depend on excitement and action. That, of course, is nothing new. The Roman poet Juvenal coined the phrase 'Bread and circuses' to refer to the contemporary political method of keeping the impoverished urban classes happy, and to maintain control over them. Maybe, dare I say it, the apparent revolving door of No 10 is the current equivalent? In a country once renowned for calmness and understatement, we now seem to be speaking and acting in hyperbole more frequently than in measured terms, and to be seeking some new sensation every day.

I used to think that the colour green, the colour for these next 23 weeks, was boring and dull – just a background colour. However, as I'm writing this, I'm looking out at my garden and I can see myriad different shades of green; roses, forsythia, buddleia, salvia, fatsia, ivy, and the weeds, of course (!), none are the same. All these things come from God, our Creator, from huge trees to tiny seedlings; each is wonderfully different but each equally displays God's love for His creation. The trouble is that we have a terrible tendency to take it all for granted because, a) we've seen it all before, b) and it's all just green. So it's all just ordinary and mundane!

As we start this year's green season then, we need to look at Our Lord's life and teaching with new eyes, alert to the words and sights that we've never noticed before. Through its lectionary, the Church will guide us through the teachings of Jesus during His time on earth, but we must open our ears and eyes and not think we've heard it all before. It may have been read to us many times in the past, but have we listened? Have we taken it in? Has it affected our lives? Only when we can answer yes to those questions can we understand what God is saying to us right now.

**REGULAR SERVICES**

We can ensure you of a warm welcome as you join us for worship at any of our regular services.

**Sundays** – 10.00am Eucharist and Children's church. Tea and coffee are served in the hall after the Sunday morning service.

**Please note that there will be a said Eucharist on Sunday 28 June at 10.00am**

**Wednesdays** – 10.00am Eucharist. Please note that on Wednesday 3 June the service will follow the BCP.

**Thursdays** – 9.30am Morning prayer in church.

**Fridays** – 9.30am Morning prayer in church.

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**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**Thursday 4 June**, 7.30pm. There will be a said Eucharist that day to celebrate Corpus Christi. The name 'Corpus Christi' is Latin for 'the body of Christ'. This service celebrates the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

**WORKING PARTY**

Can you spare a couple of hours on Saturday 30 May from 9.30am? We are having a working party at church to do minor jobs, mainly painting and gardening. No special skills needed just come along with you painting / gardening gloves. Refreshments will be available.

**MORNING PRAYER**

Daily Prayer is the official app to help you follow Morning, Evening and Night Prayer and the one followed when Morning Prayer is said in church each Thursday and Friday morning at 9.30am.

Daily prayer is available as an app (with integrated audio) or as a podcast. For every day of the year, it presents the three services in full and includes Bible readings (NRSV translation), psalms, canticles and seasonal variations.

Prayers are led by our clergy team, and all are very welcome to come and join.

**CHURCH FINANCE**

It is only with your help that we are able to pay our Parish Share, church insurances, all our regular utility bills, and the increasing maintenance costs, both one off and regular inspections. Parish share payment was £5,500.

Making a regular donation towards church costs involved in the mission and ministry of this church helps with the church's financial planning and enables this church to continue to play a significant part in the local community.

Regular donations can be made by standing order or by having weekly giving envelopes. If you would like more information about how to donate on a regular basis in either way please speak to Yvonne.

If you are a UK tax payer, Gift Aiding your giving allows us to claim money back from HMRC. In the past financial year Gift Aid averaged at £1,000 a month.

Please do pray about how you may be able to continue to help this church financially and in many other ways.

**CONFIRMATION 2026**

Our confirmation service this year will be on Sunday 21 June at 6.30pm. If you or a family member are thinking about confirmation and would like to know more, please have a word with Rev Matthew.

### **ELECTORAL ROLL**

This is your parish church's register of electors. Joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and stand for election to the PCC.

For more information please have a word with Rev Matthew, Sue McGrane or Yvonne .

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS**

At these meetings on 10 May the Annual Accounts and the Annual Report for 2025 were received. Copies of these documents are in church if you haven't already got a copy. Thanks were expressed to all who held office in the past 12 months, especially to Fiona who stood down after serving diligently as church warden for the past 6 years. Fiona will continue to lead our ECO church work and support children's church – thank you so much.

Yvonne was elected as church warden for 12 months.

The following were elected to the PCC for 3 years – Tim Beckett, Andrea Shepherd, Elaine Deay, Fiona Jones. Liz Spencer, Viv Ward and Yvonne Mackereth were elected as Deanery Synod reps for 3 years. Please pray for all our PCC members as they continue to serve this parish over the next year.

### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Our Children's Church leaders welcome you on Sundays during term time as we gather at 10 a.m. in church. In the hall our activities are based on Bible themes and include stories, songs, prayers, games and craft. Our sessions are inclusive for all ages from babies up to Year 6 primary. We rejoin the congregation for the Eucharist.

[childrenchurch@stmarysdavyhulme.org](mailto:childrenchurch@stmarysdavyhulme.org).

### **INVITATION**

Following his Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, 27 June 2026 in Manchester Cathedral, Revd John Alex Muyita warmly and cordially invites you to attend the First Eucharist Service at which he will preside on Sunday 28 June, 10:30 am at St Clement's Church. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall next to the Church after the service.

Your presence, prayers, and fellowship will be greatly appreciated by Revd John as we give thanks to God for this special occasion.

*"Here I am, Lord. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8*

### **ECO CHURCH**

We are grateful to Year from St Mary's school for planting wild flower seeds in our wild area and then pots with summer bulbs near the water butt area. The children wanted to help the community, and we are sure their planting will bring a smile to our visitors as well as supporting pollinating insects. Around our grounds we have pollinating plants both in the tended garden areas and the wilder areas.

World Bee Day 2026: 20 May 2026/Awareness Days

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2 p.m. our MU celebrates the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the MU with scones, cream, jam and strawberries. Music on piano and accordion. Tickets £5 in advance. Please ask Ian and Shirley in church. For more details. [www.mothersunion.org](http://www.mothersunion.org) Homepage -

Mothers' Union

### **CHURCH FLOWERS**

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the church flowers, perhaps to mark a special occasion or in memory of someone special, please could you add your name to the list in church. Gift Aid envelopes are available if you are able to gift aid your donation.

### **ECO CHURCH**

One more step in our ECO friendly activities at church. We are now using ECO friendly hand soap and washing up liquid, both purchased in large containers from which our existing small bottles are refilled.

### **COUNT FOR NATURE**

Each June we join in the National Count on Nature activities around our church grounds as part of our ECO Church activities. Last year our church was one of nearly 6000 participants.

These activities can be followed with your families in your own time with a resource box of activities, identification booklets, magnifying glasses, clip boards and pencils etc near the main door. Accessible for all ages, individually, friendship, family groups.

### **NEVER FORGOTTEN**

#### **BABY LOSS PEER SUPPORT**

The next meetings are at 6.30pm, on Sundays 14 & 28 June 2026. A non-judgemental safe space, share as much or as little as you want. A space to remember our babies. For further information and future dates contact Rachelle [neverforgotten1708@gmail.com](mailto:neverforgotten1708@gmail.com)

### **CHURCH GROUNDS**

We are so fortunate to have large grounds in the middle of a busy and increasingly built up Davyhulme. These take a lot of looking after and we are grateful for any help, either in your own time sweeping and weeding where you see the need or joining Linda and Fiona most Thursday mornings 10 till 12 in the grounds. A big thank you to Martin as well who has been getting the front grass on a weekly basis.

Donations of general peat free compost, bark or perennial pollinating plants (not shrubs) very welcome. Please leave them near the water butt near the Remembrance Garden. For more info please contact [welcome@stmarysdavyhulme.org](mailto:welcome@stmarysdavyhulme.org)

### **FOOD BANK**

Donations can be left at church every Wednesday and Sunday morning e.g. tins/ cans to give a warm meal, long life milk and juice, deodorants and personal care, empty half dozen egg boxes to enable the food bank to give out eggs. Thank you to Peter and Sue who continue to take your donations to the Food Bank each week.

### **QR CODE**

This QR code will take you directly to the church contactless giving device. Using this via your phone, you are able to then make a donation directly to the church bank account. Thank you.

