

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

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

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

REFLECTION

Every time we attend the Eucharist, we say that we believe in the Communion of Saints, and at the end of the preface to the eucharistic prayer, the priest says the words '....therefore with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying.....'. It is an integral part of the Christian faith that we believe that we are united in our prayer and praise with all our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us.

November brings us to the time of year when this focus on the whole church, militant here on earth, and triumphant in heaven, come to the fore. We start with the wonderful Feast of All Saints on 1 November. On this day, we concentrate on and give thanks for all those Christians who have inspired the whole church by the example of their faith. As well as the known ones who have their own feasts in the calendar, there are many who inspired others, but whose names are not generally known, and it's our opportunity to celebrate their lives.

The following day (2 November – All Souls Day), we commemorate all those whom we have loved in this life, but who are now at rest in Our Blessed Lord's loving arms. We believe that death has been overcome by the Resurrection of Jesus, and so we remember our departed loved ones by name and join our prayers with theirs, rejoicing in this triumph over death, and giving thanks for God's grace.

On 8 November, we remember particularly our English saints and martyrs, of which there are many, known and unknown. Lastly, of course, on 11 November and on the Sunday nearest to it, we remember those who have given their lives in war and in the service of freedom.

All this may sound a bit daunting, especially as we face a few months of long dark nights and cold weather. However, rejoice – Jesus has promised us He is with us till the end of time (Matthew 28:20), and with the penitent thief and all those who believe, in God's good time we shall be with the Risen Christ in Paradise (Luke 23:43).

Father Chris

MORNING PRAYER

All are very welcome to join Rev Matthew and Rev John for morning prayer in church each Thursday and Friday morning at 9.30am.

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.

Wednesdays – 10.00am Eucharist. Please note that on Wednesday 5 November the service will follow the BCP.

Thursdays – 9.30am Morning prayer in church.

Fridays – 9.30am Morning prayer in church.

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NOVEMBER SERVICES

All Saints - Sunday 2 November at 10.00am

Archdeacon Karen Best will preach at this service.

All Souls - Sunday 2 November at 7.00pm

A said Eucharist service where there will be an opportunity to each light a candle as names of departed loved ones are read out.

Remembrance Sunday 10.00am 9 November

The laying of wreaths and poppy crosses at our war memorial, will form part of our 10.00am Eucharist.

Toy Service 10.00am Sunday 30 November. The children will be leading parts of the service so please come along and support them. All donations of toys will be given to the Toy House for distribution to local families.

ADVENT 2025

Saturday 15th November - Pre-Advent Quiet Morning - 9.30am-1.00pm at St Mary – All welcome.

Take some time away from the busyness of life to be still with God and one another.

Advent Course - Tuesday 25th November - 7.30pm at St. Mary's

This year's Advent course is called 'Embracing Humanity'. The course will give opportunities for Bible study, discussion, prayer and reflection. The course will run for four weeks. All are welcome.

Sunday 30th November - Advent Carols and Readings by Candlelight - 6.30pm at St. Clement's
Come and get ready for the seasons of Advent and Christmas with a service of Advent carols and readings by candlelight.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 29 November Christmas Fair 11.00am-2.00pm

This is our main fund-raising event of the year. The raffle tickets are available now so please take some and sell lots!! Red bags for donations are also at the back of church. There will be a wide variety of stalls in the church hall and church, our grand Tombola, children's stalls and much more. We also have a selection of refreshments to tempt you. The school choir will entertain us in church at 12 noon.

Please do come along to support Elsie and the team and all those who have worked so hard to arrange this Fair.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Angela, Joanne, Chelle and Fiona are at church each Sunday during term time to welcome you. We gather at 10 a.m. in church on a Sunday. You can contact us at childrenschurch@stmarysdavyhulme.org.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 21 December at 6.30pm

A service of carols and readings in the traditional style.

Christmas Eve

10.00am - Said Eucharist

4.00pm - Crib service including Carols round the crib

9.00pm – First Eucharist of Christmas

Christmas Day

10.00am – Eucharist

28 December – 10.00am Eucharist

MOTHERS' UNION

We meet on 12 November at 2.30pm when we welcome back Helen and her accordion. Helen will be speaking about "Journeys around the World". All welcome for what will be a very entertaining afternoon.

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

There are many ways to reduce plastic waste including, for example, refilling cleaning products. Local stores and supermarkets also stock a wide range of Fair-Trade products. Thank you for your support for the Fair-Trade / Eco Church coffee morning. A donation was sent to Fair-Trade from the proceeds of this event.

CHURCH FINANCE

Thank you to all those who give regularly and generously to the upkeep of this church. It is only with the help of so many that we are able to pay our Parish Share, £59,000 this year, all our regular utility bills, and the other high costs related to maintaining this church.

Significant repairs to the flat roof over the corridor, were needed recently as it rained in! The cost was £17,000. Any donations towards this would be much appreciated.

If you do not already donate to the church on a regular basis, please consider this. Making a regular donation towards the costs involved in the mission and ministry of this church helps with the church's financial planning and enables the church to extend its mission in the wider community.

The Gift Aid that we can claim on Gift Aided donations makes a significant contribution to church finances. If you are able to Gift Aid any donations and have not signed a Gift Aid form, please speak to Yvonne.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE at CHURCH

Some of our young people now come along and share in the whole Eucharist service. You are always welcome. There is the opportunity after the service for a chat and catch-up with your friends in the church hall. Our prayers and best wishes to all our young people as continue their studies, or plan for future challenges ahead.

NEVER FORGOTTEN

BABY LOSS PEER SUPPORT

The next meetings, all at 6.30pm, are Sundays 9 November, 23 November, 14 December.

For further information and future dates please contact Rachelle at neverforgotten1708@gmail.com

CHURCH GROUNDS

There are peaceful moments and lots of nature to be enjoyed around our grounds. The general autumn tidy up is in place where help is much appreciated. Perhaps you could collect a bag a leaves and take it home. Every little helps.

A big thank you to Fiona and others who have done some much needed work around the War memorial in time for Remembrance Sunday and some remedial work around the Garden of Remembrance. Please let us know if you could help - welcome@stmarysdavyhulme.org

FOOD BANK

We have received a big thank you from the Food Bank for our harvest donations that equated to 728 meals. Donations can be left at church every Wednesday and Sunday mornings. As well as packet and tinned food, in date please, clean carrier bags are very useful. Empty half dozen egg boxes 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.

PRAYER for the CHURCH

God of our ancestors,
Whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation and whose love reaches to the ends of the earth,
Grant us your grace,
That in serving others as you serve us we may remain steadfast in commitment and generous in our care,
That the world would glimpse in our actions a reflection of your constancy and tenderness,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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.

