



Christmass Services at St James the Great, Haydock

Sunday 11th December

150th Anniversary of Consecration

8.00am: Holy Communion

6.00pm: Anniversary Eucharist

with Rt Revd Paul Bayes, Bishop of Liverpool

Wednesday 21st December

2.00pm: School Christingle Service

Sunday 18th December

Fourth Sunday in Advent

8.00am: Holy Communion

10.00am: Sung Eucharist

11.45am: Said Eucharist

6.00pm: Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve

6.00pm: Crib Service

7.00pm: Holy Communion

11.30pm: Midnight Mass



Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day

8.00am: Holy Communion

10.00am: Sung Eucharist



26th December

St Stephen, First Martyr

12 noon: Said Eucharist

27th December

St John the Evangelist

7.30pm: Eucharist

28th December

Holy Innocents

9.30am: Said Eucharist

1st January 2017

Second Sunday of Christmas

8.00am: Holy Communion

10.00am: Sung Eucharist

11.45am: Said Eucharist

6.00pm: Evensong & Benediction

On the occasion of its 150th Anniversary

St James the Great, Haydock
invites you to enjoy



A Choral Christmas

with the internationally famous

Warrington
Male Voice
Choir



at 7.30pm on

Friday 9th December

In the aftermath of the Warrington bombing in 1993 the Choir became internationally famous as "The Choir for Peace". Terry Waite CBE became its patron in recognition of its achievements. The Choir's musical excellence has brought numerous festival honours including National Champions of Great Britain and prize winners at Llangollen. Now is your chance to hear this outstanding choir here in Haydock - tickets are available, but numbers are limited: first come, first served!

Tickets are now on sale, price £8 - ring
01 942 72 79 56 or else 01 747 24159
or email <david.marblew@gmail.com>

Haydock
St James the Great

150



Years

1866 - 2016

This December the church of St James the Great, Haydock celebrates its 150th Anniversary. We'd like to invite you to join us in that celebration. During the month, special events will include:

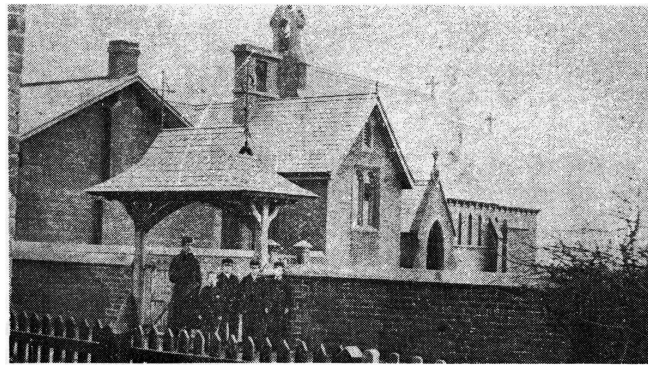
Christmas Fair and Wreath sale

A Choral Christmas with
the Warrington Male Voice Choir

150th Anniversary Eucharist

Carols by Candlelight

Midnight Mass



Celebrating 150 years of faithful ministry and service

We celebrate an important and historic moment, not only in the life of the church but also in the life of the village of Haydock. The consecration of a new church to serve the local mining community took place on 11th December 1866. This marked not simply the opening of a new building but also the inauguration of a ministry and a tradition which has been faithfully upheld down through the years to the present day.

The photograph above, taken in 1869, shows the original building as it was when Fr Greenwell (seen at the lych gate with some choir boys) became the first parish priest. His high church services became nationally famous, and the newspapers published railway timetables so folk could come from all over the country to see and take part in the ground-breaking worship here.

Today's much larger building preserves the original 1866 church as our Lady Chapel, and today's church people continue in the same tradition of worship as that established by Fr Greenwell 150 years ago.



**Saturday 3rd December
From 10.30am to 2.00pm
in the Parish Centre**

This traditional event will not only feature Santa Clause in his Grotto, but also all the stalls and conviviality you might expect. There'll be refreshments, and in case that's not enough, there'll also be a cake stall featuring delicious home made cakes! There'll be stalls with a range of seasonal goods, useful for last minute Christmas presents! A plant stall, tombola, and traditional bric-a-brac stall complete the picture and, as tradition requires, there'll be a Raffle.



THE WREATH SALE

**WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HELD AS
PART OF THE CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**Hand made Door Wreaths and
Wreaths and Pots for remembrance will be available**

Don't miss out on this very traditional community event - come with the family and join in! It's an opportunity to have a chat over tea and cake, and you'd be most welcome!