

# M St MARY'S CHURCH Newsletter

22nd May 2020



*Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. (Hebrews 4.14)*

## Hello Everyone,

If anyone has ever tried to learn a foreign language you'll know that by far the best way of becoming fluent is to live where you'll be surrounded by that language every day; where you can immerse yourself in it and hear and speak it all the time.

We might be tempted to think that God doesn't really understand what it's like to be us. He might seem distant and remote. Nothing could be further from the truth. God speaks our language fluently. And I don't just mean our spoken language – I mean all the things which make up our human existence - all the things that worry us, concern us or frighten us; all the hurts and joys; our pain, our hopes, our doubts, our aspirations, our disappointments – everything we might possibly want to communicate to God in whatever way possible – he completely understands in the very depth of his being. He speaks our language.

How is he able to do that? Because, in Jesus, God immersed himself completely in our lives and experienced everything that it means to be human. Jesus brought something of the divine, something of God himself, right into the midst of humanity, and now, as we think about his ascension, Jesus takes something of our humanity back into the very presence of God in heaven. And that means now there is a human voice in heaven. Now God is fluent in 'human'.

When he was with his disciples Jesus prayed for them and those who would follow on after them. Now, he is still praying for us. There is a human voice in heaven praying for *you*. The one who knows, first hand, all the joys and sorrows you've gone through; the one who is fully human and yet who shares God's glory and presence, is praying for you; standing in the throne room of God, right next to the Father and praying for *you*. That's got to be pretty special, hasn't it? That's even better than the vicar praying for you!

*Catherine*

## Zoom Upgrade

Apologies to those who tried to join our Zoom service last week. You will have gathered that there were major problems with the system. As one person tweeted "It looks like the Church broke the internet!"

You may be asked to allow Zoom to install some updated software before it will allow you into a meeting. It might, therefore, be worth giving yourself a bit of extra time when you next intend to join a service to allow for this.

## Gill & Tom Lowe

Gill & Tom are both doing very well at the moment and would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers and support.

## Foodbank Items Needed

### Stock Items urgently required

|                                      |                              |                |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Tinned Meat (corned beef, ham, Spam) |                              |                |
| Tinned Fruit                         | Jam                          | Rice Pudding   |
| Custard                              | Sponge Puddings / Slab Cakes |                |
| Biscuits                             | Shampoo                      | Size 6 Nappies |

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Rooms on Tuesdays and Fridays 9-11am. If you are unable to bring donations to the Parish Rooms or to the drop-off points in our local supermarkets, please contact Catherine McBride or Carol Corney, who can arrange to have someone come and pick up your donations.



The *Spring Harvest Home* event on YouTube was viewed hundreds of thousands of times around the world. If you missed it you can still view over 250 sessions on the

[Spring Harvest YouTube channel](#). They are also doing a Spring Harvest Home Half Term Special from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, when the Big Start will be back and Bob Hartman will be leading daily devotions.

## Regular Services

To join any of our regular Zoom services, click on the links below. If you need a copy of the liturgy for any of the services, please contact the Church Office.

### Sunday Morning 10.30am (Breaking Bread)

These services are alternating between a Breaking Bread service and a Morning Worship service.

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09)

[pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09)

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

The readings for this Sunday are:

Acts 1.6-14 and John 17.1-11

**Wednesday Morning Prayer 10.00am**—a short informal service lasting about 30 minutes

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09)

[pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09)

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

### Thursday Evening Compline 7.00pm

**Please note new Zoom details:**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2IUZUJjMDRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09)

[pwd=R2IUZUJjMDRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2IUZUJjMDRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09)

Meeting ID: 783 2122 9825 Password: 2KrMnH

You can join any of the above meeting by phone using any of the following numbers and the meeting IDs and passwords above: 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240  
0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874

## Woodcroft

You'll be pleased to hear that everyone at Woodcroft is doing well and they have so far avoided any cases of COVID-19. They have said that they could do with some toiletries for the residents, so if you want to drop anything off at the Vicarage I will deliver them. Please leave items in the plastic box by the Vicarage front door. Thanks, Catherine.

## Staying in Touch

Our Church Office is not staffed at the moment, but e-mails and phone messages are being picked up regularly:

**Phone:** 01630 653505 **E-mail:** [stmarysmd@btinternet.com](mailto:stmarysmd@btinternet.com)

We will continue to post information to our website and Facebook page:

**Website:** [www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk](http://www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk)

**Facebook:** @StMarysMarketDrayton

Vicar

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**If you do not wish to continue to receive these newsletters, please let us know.**

## Thy Kingdom Come



Thy Kingdom Come is a worldwide prayer initiative running for the 10 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost. We are encouraged to pray for our communities and in particular to pray for five people we know, that they would come to know the Lord.

Here's how you can join in this year:

Check out the **TKC website** for resources: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Watch **Daily Reflections** from our local **Market Drayton Churches Together** which will go live each day at 9.00am (including Bishop Sarah on Pentecost Sunday):

The Ascension Day service and Reflections can be found at the following links, where they will remain after going live:

YouTube Channel- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMuYu-V3381Gn9HgE66NYjg>

YouTube Playlist for Thy Kingdom Come- [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhsTZcn46JG5PSWLKOvx2RKDx0I\\_12ORn](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhsTZcn46JG5PSWLKOvx2RKDx0I_12ORn)

## The Big Church Day Out

**23rd—25th May**



This year's Big Church Day Out festival has now become The Big Church Day In, with many Christian musicians performing live from their homes.

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/bigchurchdayout> to view or go to our St Mary's facebook page for further details.

## Prayer Requests



Please pray for the staff and residents of Woodcroft and Tunstall Hall.

Please pray for the people of India, Bangladesh and Bhutan as they cope with the effects of Cyclone Amphan.