

M St MARY'S CHURCH Newsletter

8th May 2020



Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust

Hello Everyone,

This Sunday's reading (John 14.1-14) is one which I use quite often at funerals. The promise that Jesus is preparing a place for his followers in his Father's house, where they can be with him, is a great comfort to us, as it was for those original disciples. But when Jesus says to them, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." is the only reason for untroubled hearts the promise of some future heavenly dwelling? What about if our hearts are troubled now, - today?

Certainly having a future hope that is secure and certain, no matter what today might throw at us, can be a great source of comfort in the present and helps us to have a different perspective on things. But I think Jesus would also want us to trust in him for *today* as well and to hear those words, "Do not let your hearts be troubled", to be his much-needed encouragement and reassurance for us *today*.

Trusting in Jesus and having his peace in our troubled hearts is a journey, not just a destination and Jesus himself is that journey. When quizzed by his puzzled friends about how to get to this promised home with God, Jesus tells them, "I am the way, the truth and the life" It is as we travel each day with Jesus, immersing ourselves in everything he teaches us about ourselves, about the Father and about our relationship with him, that we experience his fulness of life growing within us.

There is very much the sense that we need to consciously choose to place our trust in Jesus and to journey with him. We need to make him the way we choose to travel each day. We need to decide that it will be his voice, his truth, we listen out for each day, amongst the many voices that clamour for our attention. We need, each day, to choose the real life he offers, rather than the pale imitations the world so often offers.

Today, do not let your hearts be troubled. Choose Jesus, instead.

Catherine

Birthday Wishes

All of us at St Mary's would like to wish our wonderful Church Warden, Avril a very Happy Birthday for Sunday. Thank you for all your hard work, especially over the last few weeks.

Thank You...

...for all the cards, e-mails and phone calls to say how much you are appreciating our Sunday Zoom services. It is a real encouragement to know that they are helping so many of you feel connected to God and one another. You might be interested to know that we are thinking of how we can continue to offer some sort of online presence for St Mary's after lockdown. So, please pray for us as we try to discern the best way forward. *Catherine & Ian*

News from the Foodbank

Market Drayton Foodbank would like to thank everyone for their help, support and prayers during this difficult time. Support and donations are still very much needed.



Stock Items urgently required

Tinned Fruit	Tinned Spaghetti
Custard	Cereals (not porridge or cornflakes)
Washing up Liquid	Toothpaste
UHT or Fresh Milk	Cartons of fresh or longlife Fruit Juice
Rice Pudding	Sponge Puddings / Slab Cakes
Biscuits	Laundry Washing Powder/ Liquid
Men's Toiletries for Shaving	

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.

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. It is also possible to join the meetings by phone. If you would like details of how to do this then 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?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

The readings for this Sunday are:

Acts 7.55-end and John 14.1-14

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

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

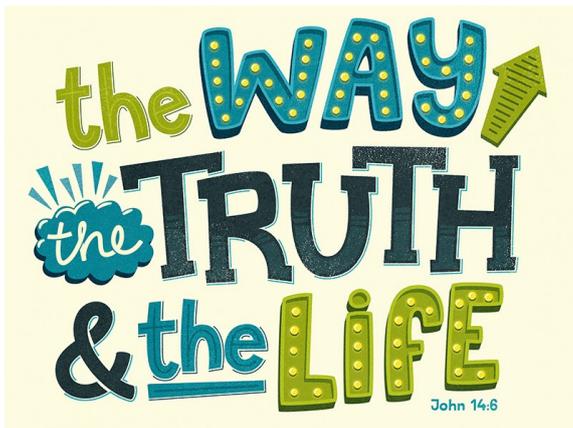
Thursday Evening Compline 7.00pm

Please note new Zoom details:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2lUzUJjMDRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09>

Meeting ID: 783 2122 9825 Password: 2KrMnH



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

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

Website: www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk

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

Churches Together Men's Prayer Hour

Men, join us on Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm for an hour of prayer. Please feel free to contact me about topics that we should pray over. Join the Zoom meeting by clicking on the link below. God Bless, Justin Frankfort.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85341135635>



This year's Christian Aid week will undoubtedly be a different experience, but we still aim to make it the same life-changing and joyous

week we've run since 1957. It's more important than ever that we come together as a community to worship and support our sisters and brothers living in poverty.

To donate and find out how you can take part in fundraising events please visit the website at Christianaid.org.uk.

VE Day Events—Friday 8th May

There will be a **Deanery VE Day service at 10.30am**. This will be live streamed on Facebook and Youtube via the Cheswardine Benefice Website (www.theunitedbenefice.com). The link to the Youtube video channel is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMuYu-V3381Gn9HgE66NYjg>

Market Drayton also has a live **town event** which will be broadcast on **Drayton Crier at 10.40am** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DraytonCrier/>

The broadcast will start with a pre-recorded video, then go live to the war memorial to see two wreaths being laid and a fly-past and then finish with another pre-recorded section. The video features our mayor and town crier, Catherine, Ian and Padre Nathan King, a piper and bugler. You'll be able to see the whole thing later in the day on YouTube www.youtube.com/channel/UCTfRjXSvzYSg18ALvHjBjEg

St Mary's are having a Zoom **VE Day Tea Party at 3.30pm**—do drop in and bring your cuppa and some cake. We'd love it if people bring a wartime song to sing, poem to read or family story to tell.

Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89740062911?pwd=cTBKK3pidWJNWHdKcnFzS2xRVTV6dz09>

Meeting ID: 897 4006 2911 Password: 469213

Prayer Requests



Please pray for those who have recently lost loved one. We particularly pray for the families of Rob Dourish, Norman Manuel and John Simpson Brandon.

Please pray that the right steps will be taken as we look forward to coming out of lockdown.