

M St MARY'S CHURCH Newsletter



Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1.9)

Hello Everyone,

We must all know stories of courage which inspire us. Let me tell you one.

Just after midnight on the 15th April 1912, two ships sailing through the freezing waters off Newfoundland received a distress call from a third ship which was going down. The vessel nearest to the sinking ship was the cruise liner the *Californian*. They were less than 13 miles away and saw the distress rockets sent up into the night sky. The captain, Stanley Lord, decided not to go to the rescue, as he considered the risk to himself and his ship was too great. So, the *Californian* did nothing.

There is speculation that another ship was even closer, within 10 miles of the stricken vessel: the seal-hunting ship, the *Samson*. But they were operating illegally in territorial waters and didn't want to get into trouble. So, the *Samson* did nothing.

The second ship to pick up the distress call was the *Carpathia*. She was more than 60 miles away from the sinking ship. The wireless operator ran to his captain's cabin with the message. Ignoring the first officer, he burst in, "The *Titanic* has sent out a distress call, she needs our assistance immediately". Captain Arthur Rostron's first words were directed at his first officer, Horace Dean: "Mr Dean, turn this ship around."

As they sped towards the *Titanic*, the *Carpathia* prepared to take on as many as 2000 extra people, converting even the pump rooms into temporary dormitories. The captain ordered all the ship's energy to be diverted to the engines. The *Carpathia*, designed for speeds of up to 15 knots maximum, was travelling at 16 knots. Extra lookouts were posted about the ship to watch out for ice. This was a dangerous mission. Later, Captain Rostron would admit that he believed "some other hand than mine was on the helm that night."

When the *Carpathia* reached the coordinates in the distress call, the *Titanic* was gone, but for the next four hours they moved back and forth picking up 705 survivors in the lifeboats.

It often takes courage to do the right thing, rather than the expedient thing or the safe thing. If we are seeking prayerfully to follow the LORD's leading and then step out in courage, we find that his is the other hand on the helm.

Catherine



St Mary's Values

The sermons on our church values can be found on our YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3RShnzNqIS-bTomDxAxqJA> Feel free to share this link with any family or friends who might be interested in seeing what St Mary's are doing. Hard copies are available to pick up from church during opening times on Wednesdays or Saturdays.

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)

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Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

The readings this Sunday are: Joshua 1.1-22 and 2 Timothy 1.6-7

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)

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Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday Evening Compline 7.00pm

Zoom link: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2lUZUJjMDRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09)

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Meeting ID: 783 2122 9825 Password: 2KrMnH

If you would be willing to read or do the intercessions for any of our services please let Helen Hughes know at the Church Office.

You can join any of the above meetings 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



UCB Word for Today August-October

Copies of these will be in the church for you to pick up when the church is open for prayer on Wednesday or Saturday 11.00am-1.00pm.



Returning to Worship in Church

Please don't forget to let Helen Hughes know at the Church Office if you are planning to come to the new service in church:

Starting 2nd August, 9.00am Communion service in St Mary's

Also, if you would be willing to volunteer as a welcomer, please let Helen know.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who have been recently bereaved, particularly the families of Linda Ridge and Christopher Smith.



Please pray for James Harvey following his recent cancer diagnosis.

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required

Tinned Spaghetti Jam Custard
Rice Pudding Biscuits
Sponge Puddings/Slab Cakes

For Children's Holiday Lunches

Tinned Chilli Con Carne Tinned Mince Beef
Tinned Ravioli /Spaghetti Tinned Hotdogs
Tinned Fruit Biscuits Cereal Bars

We have plenty of

Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Fish & Tea.

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.

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:

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