

1st September 2024

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the world" (Psalm 8:1)

The Old Testament Reading for today is that wonderful Psalm, Psalm 8.

When we come to think about God, we know Him because of our personal relationship with Him, but one difficulty is that, in a way, we don't know Him because we can't imagine Him. This is a Psalm that helps us with this dilemma. Here, what the Psalmist does to get over the problem of not being able to describe God, is to describe what He is like through the evidence of His presence in the world. He is described by the Psalmist as a majestic (what a wonderful word) God, the evidence of which is seen around us in His creation and how His creation is ordered. For example, look at the heavens, the moon and the stars which God has put in place, so much of which is far beyond our imagining. Today, with the advent of more and more advances in astronomy, we are discovering objects in outer space that could never have been dreamed of in the Psalmist's day. Then, closer to home, we see the amazing creation of ourselves. We are told that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139). Moreover, we have been made in God's likeness and have been given the privilege and ability of sharing in the care of His creatures" (Genesis 1:26). Through these things we have insight (just a little) into knowing what God is like. Today, we have a great advantage over the Psalmist because we can know God through His Son, Jesus. The Bible tells us that "*Jesus is the image of the invisible God. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross*". So, we may not be able to imagine God, but we can know Him and have a real, side by side, relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus.

*"O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the world"*

David



Please pray for...



David Lucas, Colin Smith, David Halford, John Panter and David Smith. Please also pray for those who have been bereaved, particularly the families and friends of Beryl Allen, Kathleen Corfield and Jane (Carol) Gandy. David Leach is now much better and has expressed his gratitude for all the prayers and kindness shown to him over the last few months.

Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name to be added or removed from this list.

Church Clock

Repairs to the clock are underway. Many people have asked if they can make donations towards the cost of repairs.



This can be done by scanning this QR code or clicking here <https://givealittle.co/c/4LCcgzleOjgqN78gn05FSA>

UCB2 Radio Catherine's Interview

Catherine's interview on UCB2 Radio aired on the 21st August. The easiest way to find it on catchup is via the link below:

https://timbre-player.sharp-stream.com/embed/feed/4f13965a-a85f-42e7-b363-9b6001e10001?layout=legacy&custom_theme=65

Click on 'This is My Story with Matt Brown' 21/08/2024 to start the programme and then you can move the slider along to find the interview. It starts at 29.00 minutes into the programme. You should be able to access it for about a month.



Bring & Share Lunch

Sunday 8th September hosted by Pam & David Clarke at The Stables, TF9 2QC

Mother's Union

Our next meeting will be a Holy Communion Service, led by Catherine, on Monday 9th September at 2.30pm in church, followed by refreshments. We look forward to seeing all our members after the summer. Barbara & Carol



Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated.

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings: Psalm 8; Matthew 13.31-35

These services will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRM R2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3Rm OG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday 10.00am BCP Holy Communion

Patronal Celebration Sunday 8th Sept

At our 10.30 service next week (8th Sept) we'd love to hear about what St Mary's means to you. If you'd be willing to share some brief thoughts in the service, please let Catherine know by Wednesday 4th Sept. Thank you.

Sunday Sermons

Listen back to Sunday sermons over the last few months on our website:

<https://www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk/media>

Save the Date: The Disappearance of Eliza Grey

Come and join us at **2pm on Tuesday 10th September** for a performance of this inventive and entertaining show which explores the issues around dementia friendly communities. The play lasts around 90 minutes and tea and coffee will be available during the interval. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you are hoping to attend.



Phoenix group

(for those bereaved)

Friday 20th September 10.30am at the Festival Drayton Centre Visit from the Police who will be talking about keeping safe this Winter

UNITE!

Saturday 14th September 7pm at MDMC

Open Christian Testimony, contemporary praise music, prayer PLUS guest speaker, PETER GLADWIN (badly burned baby turned teenage criminal turned failed suicide attempt, turned to JESUS and given a new life!). See poster at back of church.



MDMC Sunday 8th September.
All welcome.

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required.



Cartons of UHT Milk (no stock); Cartons of Long-life Fruit Juice (no stock); Tins of Ham and Chicken; Jam; Laundry Washing Tabs/Pods.

We have plenty of—Cereals; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Tinned Tomatoes; cleaning products, conditioner.

If you need to contact the Foodbank, please call **01630 654007** (not the one in the church directory).

The trolley at the back of church is now in use and donations are gratefully received.

Coffee Rota

Being able to socialise with some refreshments after a service is an important part of being a church family here at St Mary's and making newcomers and visitors feel welcome. We need some more people to join this important ministry, so please talk to Pat Fox if you can help.

SWAP SHOP

Saturday 14th September, from 10.30 am in the Parish Rooms. Donations will be gratefully received, as well as helpers please.



Messy Church

Tuesday 3rd September 3.30pm in the Parish Rooms



We are still looking for one or two more to join our Messy Church catering team. Please talk to Catherine McBride or David Lake if you can help.

Staying in Touch

Please either leave a message or send an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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