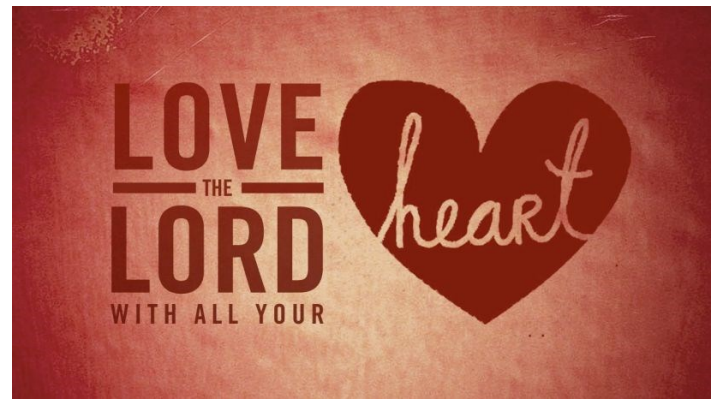


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## Loving God

It can be hard to talk about sin these days. It seems like such an old fashioned word and rather meaningless to many people.

I was reminded of this just the other evening when I was preparing a couple for the baptism of their child. We were asking ourselves about the meaning of the water used in the baptism service. We reflected on how, just as the water cleans us on the outside, Jesus can make us clean on the inside; giving us a fresh start and a clean slate. But from what? And there comes that strange little word, sin.

It's so easy to think of it as just 'the big stuff' – the 'thou shalt not's' like murder and stealing and then, for most of us at least, it becomes something that other people might do, but not us.

But when Jesus was asked 'What is the greatest commandment?', he didn't give them a 'a thou shalt not'. He said the greatest commandment is a 'thou shalt': love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Quickly followed by love your neighbour as yourself. (Matthew 22.37-39).

Being devoted and committed to the Lord, with every fibre of our being, in every sphere of our life, every moment of our life is the greatest commandment and, if we're honest, we break it with great regularity. Likewise, if we're honest, we don't always show the same care and concern for others as we expect for ourselves.

It's a tough ask; a high bar. This is 'the big stuff'. And we all fall short. Sometimes we can become painfully aware of not loving God or others the way he calls us to and of how that can have repercussions in so many areas of our lives: our sense of peace and well-being, our attitudes and relationships with others.

That's why the reminder of Jesus's cleansing forgiveness is so amazing and precious and cause for great celebration.

*Catherine*

## Market Drayton 10k Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Remember there is no 10.30 service this Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> October). We hope instead you will consider supporting the Market Drayton 10K. The event needs people to help with marshalling, goody bag handout, assisting with the start and finish, help with the fun run and race number allocation. For more details or to offer help with the event e-mail [marketdrayton10k@gmail.com](mailto:marketdrayton10k@gmail.com) or contact the race director Tim Beckett on 07808 144348.

There will be a 9.00am Communion service as usual.

## St Mary's Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 10th October. Please bring non-perishable items for the Foodbank to either of our services that morning. You can double check to see what they need by going to their website [marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk](http://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk) or checking the notice on the welcome desk in church.



## Operation Christmas Child Samaritans Purse

Samaritan's Purse aim to provide shoeboxes of goodies for children living in difficult circumstances in over 100 countries; things like pens, pencils, colouring books, toys etc. Boxes have to be ordered soon, but you can also fill in a box on—line. If you would like a box, or have filled one on—line, or have any queries, please let Helen Smith know (658577 or email [hea\\_smith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hea_smith@yahoo.co.uk)).

## Please pray for...



Helen Sweet's son-in-law, Alan, diagnosed with cancer. Peter and Pat Fox's grandson, Alisdair (3½), now home from hospital following a severe chest infection. Tracy Cook following surgery on her foot, and wrestling with a subsequent infection. Diana Robinson, following the death of Ian and for the family of Elwyn Bickley.

## Regular Services

**Sunday 9.00am Communion Service (CHURCH)**

**Due to people helping with the 10K run, there will be NO 10.30am Service this Sunday (3rd October)**

**Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM**

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

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

**Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion (CHURCH)**

You can also join our Zoom services on your landline using any of the following numbers, with the meeting IDs and passwords above: 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240  
0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874

## Deanery Celebration

We are holding a Deanery Celebration on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm at Christ Church, Little Drayton, where our guest speaker will be Revd David Primrose, formerly Director of Transforming Communities for Lichfield Diocese and now an honorary Canon at the Cathedral. Everyone is welcome.



### Calling All Knitters – Christmas Angels

Churches Together will be distributing Christmas Angels again this year but we need your help! It is hoped that we will have enough angels to deposit around the town and also to the villages. The angels are a great source of joy and a great way of reminding people of the true meaning of Christmas. Patterns are easy to follow and are available at [www.christmasangels.net](http://www.christmasangels.net) or from church.

**Tuesday 5th October**

**3.30 pm—5.15 pm**

**St Mary's Parish Rooms**



## Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required

**No Stock—** Sponge Puddings/Slab cakes; Long-Life Cartons of Fruit Juice; UHT Semi-Skimmed (green) Milk; Packets of Instant Mash; Eggs; Pasta/Cooking Sauces (not pasta); Biscuits; Cleaning Products

**Very Low Stock—** Soup; Cereals; Tinned Potatoes; Toilet Rolls

Please be advised that the number advertised in the church directory for the Foodbank is no longer in use. If you need to contact the Foodbank please call **01630 654007**.



## The Girls Friendly Society

GFS has started up again for the first time in nearly 2 years. It is held in the Parish Rooms on Thursdays between 5.45pm—7.00pm. If you know of any girls from 5—12 years old who would enjoy crafts, games, baking, biscuits and the like please bring them along.

**Helen Hughes** our administrator, will be on leave next week and will return on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Please forward all items for the newsletter and any urgent queries to Catherine.

## Staying in Touch

The office is now open Mon-Fri 11.00am—1.00pm. Helen will be in the office from 9.00am.

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**Facebook:** @StMarysMarketDrayton

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