

M St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

3rd—17th July 2022

Dementia
friendly church

Thomas the Twin

'Thomas, called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.' John 20:24

In addition to the major Christian festivals that we celebrate each year, Christmas & Easter for example, the church also celebrates Saints days for notable biblical characters. This coming Sunday is the Festival of St Thomas the Apostle, who is perhaps better known to us as – 'Doubting Thomas'.

Now I wonder how many of you know the Bible tells us that Thomas was called the 'Twin', with some Bible translations using the word '*Didymus*', which also means twin.

In John 20:24 we read: '*Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.*' This passage then proceeds to tell us how Thomas comes to be given his 'Doubting' nickname.

So, having noted the words '*Thomas, called the Twin*' do you know who the other twin is? It is - *You! Me! All of us!* Whoever you are, reading this page today, you are Thomas' twin. Think about it: how often have you doubted God's love, His goodness, His grace, His faithfulness, and His promises?

What's the solution? An up-close-and-personal encounter with Jesus like Thomas had.

But while the Bible tells us little about him, Thomas' cautious approach to believing in the resurrection laid the foundation for evidence-based faith and for the Protestant teaching of sola fide, or faith alone. And even though he lived 2,000 years ago, Thomas also serves as a foil for Christians today—those who have not seen and yet have believed.

It happens when you read His Word and a verse leaps off the page, causing you to exclaim, '*My Lord and my God!*' It happens in conversation with a friend when he or she shares such wisdom and insight that you find yourself saying, '*My Lord and my God!*' It happens when you pray like the psalmist: '*Be good to Your servant, that I may live and obey Your word. Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in Your instructions.*' (Psalm 119:17–18)

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Eunice Gibbons

We announced the sad news last week that Eunice had died. And thought you might like to see this picture of her rubbing shoulders (literally!) with Archbishop

Rowan Williams. Eunice's funeral is planned for Thursday 28th July 3.00pm at St Mary's Church.

The Phoenix Group

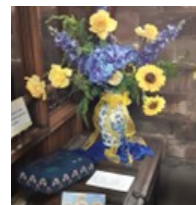
-for those who have been bereaved



Meeting on Friday 15th July at 10.30am at the Festival Drayton for Coffee and a chat. Then a trip to Oakgate Nurseries on Friday 19th August. Details to follow.

Flowers

We are very fortunate to have a group of people who look after and arrange the flowers beautifully in the church each week.



If you would like to donate flowers or funds, perhaps for a special occasion (birthdays, anniversaries), please put your name next to the date you wish to have, in the flower rota at the back of church. If you wish, you can also arrange the flowers yourself on that date. If you would like to know more, please talk to Nita Heath or Barbara Bashford.

Exciting News for the Deanery

We are moving forward with the Youth Mission Enabler post and are looking for expressions of interest from anyone living within the Market Drayton area who may feel God calling them to support older children and youth through this role.

Closing date for applications: Wednesday 20th July

Interview date: Wednesday 27th July

Please contact Ali Doulton for further information on alisondoulton@btinternet.com

Taking Care

We know that there are a lot of Covid cases around at the moment, so it seems a good time for a reminder that if you do have any Covid symptoms then please take a test and wear a mask or, even better, stay home. Keep using the hand sanitizer provided when entering and leaving church and before taking Communion and give others some space if they wish. Thank you.

Regular Services

Sunday 3rd July 2022

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings: 2 Kings 5. 1-14 Luke 10.1-11, 16-20

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

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

MDMC @6

The next @6 on 10th July, with preacher Jeff Short, will start at **4.30pm** with a Bring and Share tea.



Tuesday 5th July 3.30pm—5.15pm

St Mary's Parish Rooms, Church Street, Market Drayton

Mayor's Civic Service

Sunday 7th August 3.00pm

Everyone is welcome to this service, as we pray for our Mayor, Mark Whittle, and our town. If you can help with welcoming, then please let Helen Hughes know.

Christ Church Monthly Film Club

The film club has resumed and is held monthly on a Monday afternoon at 1.30pm. Admission and all refreshments are free

Showings are as follows

15 th Aug	Second Hand Lions
19 th Sep	Wuthering Heights
17 th Oct	Meet The Fockers
21 st Nov	Winter In Wartime

Foodbank Items Needed



Please check the Market Drayton

Foodbank website for which items are most needed

<https://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

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

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

Church Office

Helen will be on leave from 4th July and will return on 18th July. During this time phone messages and emails will be monitored occasionally. For urgent matters please contact Catherine McBride (details below). A reminder to all those on various rota duties: if you are unable to do your 'slot' please swap with someone else. If you are a reader or intercessor during the weeks Helen is away, and you need to swap, please let the person leading the service know of the changes you have made.

Can you count?!

If so, would you consider joining the team which count our weekly cash collections and donations? It may be a 'behind the scenes' role, but it is vitally important. Contact Lindsay Bashford (652656) for more information



Please pray for...

Helen Sweet's son-in-law Alan, David Smith, John Panter, Rod Hardacre, Liz Barnes, David Jones, Guy Skipwith, Mary Burt. Jayne Stonehold's mother Irene, Catherine Smith (currently in intensive care with Covid). Also for Kath McClellan's daughter, Sue, who is due to be priested on 3rd July at Coventry Cathedral.

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

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