

7th November 2021



The individual was always important

to Jesus. He had time for the women – unheard of in those times, the outcasts – whether leper or tax collector and the very ordinary fishermen. No matter who it was, when someone asked for His attention, they got it. Now they may not have always liked what He said (remember the rich young ruler?) but they got His focus, His love and the truth.

In the epistle and Gospel readings this week we are reminded very clearly of the ONCE and for all sacrifice of Jesus, as well as the way in which HE called people to follow Him, one by one.

There was clearly something compelling about Jesus. Why else would Simon and Andrew have **'At once left their nets and followed him.'** Or indeed, James and John: **'left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.'**

As a church we have a wonderful purpose: to help people know Jesus, to love Jesus and to live for Jesus and to draw others into that relationship with Him too. Underpinning how we do so is the love of Jesus for each and every individual.

There is a wonderful story told of a young boy who, as he walked along a beach one day, saw in the distance an old man moving along the water's edge and regularly bending down and throwing something into the sea. Curious to discover what was going on, the boy walked over and watched as the old man picked up a starfish, stranded by the tide and threw it back into the sea. The boy was bemused and said to the old man: 'why on earth are you bothering to do that? There are hundreds maybe thousands of starfish caught by the tide. You can't possibly help every single one. What difference can you make?' The old man stooped again and picking up another starfish, which he threw into the sea, replied: 'It makes a difference to this one'.

Maggie



As a dementia-friendly church, we share occasional insights and reflections from those living with dementia:

From Tommy Bingham, living with dementia: When you visit bring a book, a photo album, favourite music, even a map, just to reminisce. The ideas are endless.

If you would like to know more about listening to people with dementia, go to www.dementiadiaries.org

Mothers' Union Meeting

Monday 8th November at 10.30am in the Parish Rooms. Our speaker will be Vicki Bevington from the Women's Refuge in Newcastle. Also Bring & Buy. Visitors will be most welcome.

Community Coffee Mornings

Hurrah! Community Coffee Morning will be restarting on Thursday November 18th from 10am-12pm and on the third



Thursday of each month. It's a time to catch up, chat and enjoy a cuppa and cake. Why not invite someone along who may enjoy a bit of company after such difficult times. We have a small team but would so appreciate new folk to join us. Could you help serve the cakes or the teas and coffees, helping with some washing up or helping with the room set up from 9am (Alan and Hilda do a sterling job setting up tables but wouldn't mind some help). It's also great to have a few folk who can sit and talk to others who may come alone. And if you're wondering the team consists of Jan Jones, Elaine Goodwin, Elaine Mason, Shelly, Stella, Liz Barnes, Keren and 'setters up' Alan and Hilda. See you on the 18th

Regular Services

Sunday 9.00am BCP Communion Service (CHURCH)

Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion (CHURCH)

This service is also available on Zoom

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

Readings : Hebrews 9.24-end Mark 1.14-20

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

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 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

Remembrance at St Mary's



Thursday 11th November 10.00am: Holy Communion with a remembrance theme. All welcome.

Remembrance Sunday service 14th November 10.45am. If you want to attend you will need to book a ticket. Please contact the Church Office in the first instance.

Sunday 14th November 6.30pm, simple Iona service.



Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)

The group will next meet on Friday 19th November with a trip to Bridgemere for Christmas shopping, coffee and chat. Please meet outside Lidl at 10.30am as usual.

Christmas Choir Practice

Rehearsals for this year's Carol Service start on Thursday 11th November at 7.30pm in church. For the first 3 weeks this will only include gentlemen and altos with sopranos joining from 2nd December.



Please pray for...



Helen Sweet's son-in-law, Alan. Tracy Cook following another operation on her foot. Elaine Cook's son, Dom, just recently diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Norman Law, son of Margaret Law, recovering from surgery.

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required



No Stock— Washing Powder/Tabs/
Liquid; Washing Up Liquid; Shampoo/Shower Gel/
Toothpaste

Low Stock— Eggs; Tinned Spaghetti; Gluten Free/Lactose Free Cake and Biscuits; UHT Full Fat (Blue) Milk; Long-Life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Sponge Puddings / Slab Cakes; Pasta Cooling Sauces; Wet Dog and Dry Cat Food

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

CAP Money Course



A new CAP Money Course starts on Tuesday 16th

November from 7.00pm—

9.00pm. The course runs for 3

sessions and takes place at the Methodist Church in Market Drayton where you will receive a warm welcome, coffee and cake. For more information and to book your place please contact Ali Doulton on 07554

Music Recital

An evening of song with Harry Fradley (piano) and George Fadley (singer), will be held at St Mary's on Saturday 4th December at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be available during the interval with proceeds and donations going to Christians Against Poverty in Market Drayton. Tickets are available from BroSys computer shop in town or via this link <https://jkartists.co.uk/aneveningofsong-t-mmlery/>

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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