

M St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

8th May 2022

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A Life-Time Race

No doubt on Sunday afternoon there will be a lot of people with aching limbs and feeling very tired after participating in the Market Drayton 10K run. However, I'm sure the vast majority will be feeling a great sense of pride and fulfilment for what they have achieved: a top finish, bettering their expected time or, perhaps even just being able to complete the course! We congratulate them all and, at the same time, thank all those responsible for putting on the event and all the volunteers, particularly those from St. Mary's.

Not all of us will have participated in this event but Paul reminds us that we are all involved in a race which lasts a lifetime. Paul takes this race seriously. He says: *"Remember that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize. You also must run in such a way that you will win. All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step. I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should"* (1 Cor. 9:24-27). The race we are in is: that of living our lives for Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. We do this by obeying Jesus' commands: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength; and love your neighbour as yourself"* (Mark 12 30,31); and *"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone everywhere"* (Mark 16:15). As he comes to the end of the race Paul describes it like this: *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished the race and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me -- the crown of righteousness that the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that great day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his glorious return"* (2 Tim. 4:7,8). Are we taking this race we are in as seriously as Paul, and looking forward to gaining the prize – the crown of righteousness? For that matter, are we even taking our life-time race as seriously as those participating in the Market Drayton 10K?

David Jones



Queen's Jubilee Weekend

Plans are being made for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Below are some things we will be doing at St Mary's and how you can help.

Thursday 2nd June 2.00-6.00pm

We plan to open the Parish Rooms during the street fair in the afternoon, to allow people to have a sit down and watch footage of the Queen's coronation on the screen. Could you help man the Parish Rooms for an hour and perhaps serve some refreshments?

It would also be nice to have the church open for people to look around. Is that something you could help with?

Saturday 4th June

We will be holding a civic service here at St Mary's in the morning (time to be confirmed). Would you be able to help with the service in some way (welcome, AV etc)?

Sunday 5th June

As well as our usual Sunday services, we will be having a bring and share lunch. Watch this space! (And start praying for good weather!)

If you can help with any of the above events, please let Catherine now as soon as possible.

Safeguarding Training Update.

At St. Mary's we are very fortunate that we have many members who have taken part in Safeguarding training. It is now time to renew our training, and this can be done on-line. I will be contacting those who need to renew their training, giving further details on how to do it. Continuing and new members of the PCC, and members of the Pastoral team, must all undertake Safeguarding training. If you are a more recent addition to the St. Mary's family and would like to do it, please speak to me. Barbara Bashford Safeguarding Coordinator.

Christian Aid Week 15-21 May

Envelopes are available in church and donations will be collected in services on the 15th and 22nd May.

Regular Services

Sunday 8th May 2022

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Morning Worship

Readings: Exodus 16. 1-18 John 6. 1-13

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

Trips out with Mothers Union

Church members are invited to join the MU on day trips to both COVENTRY and JODRELL BANK:

Wed 22nd June— Coventry

leaving M.D. 11am, home by 8pm. Tour of Cathedral and Evensong service later with free time between. Cost approx £10.



Sat 2nd July—Jodrell Bank, leaving M.D. at 9.30 and home by 5.30/6pm. Admission £10 for Concessions and £12 for Adults, and Coach £10. Optional new Space Dome

(Planetarium) Show, 30 mins, at additional cost of £6. Please sign list(s) in Welcome Area as appropriate, including Planetarium Show if wished. Further info on leaflets provided.



Charity Concert - Here Comes The Sun

Saturday 14th May 2022 7.00pm St Mary's Church

Elaine Cook's choir, *A Choired Taste*, are delighted to return to performing, presenting a light repertoire of mostly a capella songs and joined by Dominic Cook on clarinet and saxophone. Light refreshments, including cake, will be served at the interval. Please come and support them. Entry is FREE but donations are requested in aid of CAP and Diabetes UK.

Please pray for...



Helen Sweet's son-in-law Alan, David Smith, David Clarke, John Panter, Rod Hardacre, David Jones, Guy Skipwith and Jayne Stonehold's mother Irene, who is in hospital having further tests following the discovery of a tumour.

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required

NO STOCK Dry Cat & Dog Food

Carrier Bags; Cereal; Shampoo; Packets of Flavoured Rice/Pasta/ Noodles; UHT Milk; Long-life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Cleaning Products; Sponge Puddings/ Slab Cakes; Washing Powder / Tabs; Washing up Liquid;

We have plenty of

Nappies; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Tinned Tomatoes. 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



New Job Club Course

starts Monday 23rd May

12.30—2.45pm at The Zone

To book a free space for yourself or someone you know, please contact: 07554 738425



Your PCC Needs You!

Have you ever thought about serving our church family by becoming a member of our Parochial Church Council? Our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Monday 23rd May at 7.30pm in church**, where we will be electing new PCC members. Please do pray about whether this is something God is calling you to and if you want to find out more speak to Catherine, or one of our Churchwardens.

Mother's Union

Meeting Monday 9th May at 2.30pm in the Starmer room, with speaker Jane Newton from Loggerheads Befrienders. All very welcome



Know anyone who was born in 1926? Let Laurina know on rushworths38@gmail.com

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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Facebook: @StMarysMarketDrayton

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