

9th January 2022

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## ***"I am with you always"***

I love books. I love photography. So, imagine my delight on Christmas Day when I unwrapped a guidebook to photographing North Wales. Spot on!

The book is full of lots of technical camera details. It also gives information about best times of day or year for particular locations. And it contains many beautiful photos to inspire and encourage the reader to get out and get snapping. I can see quite a few days out coming up.

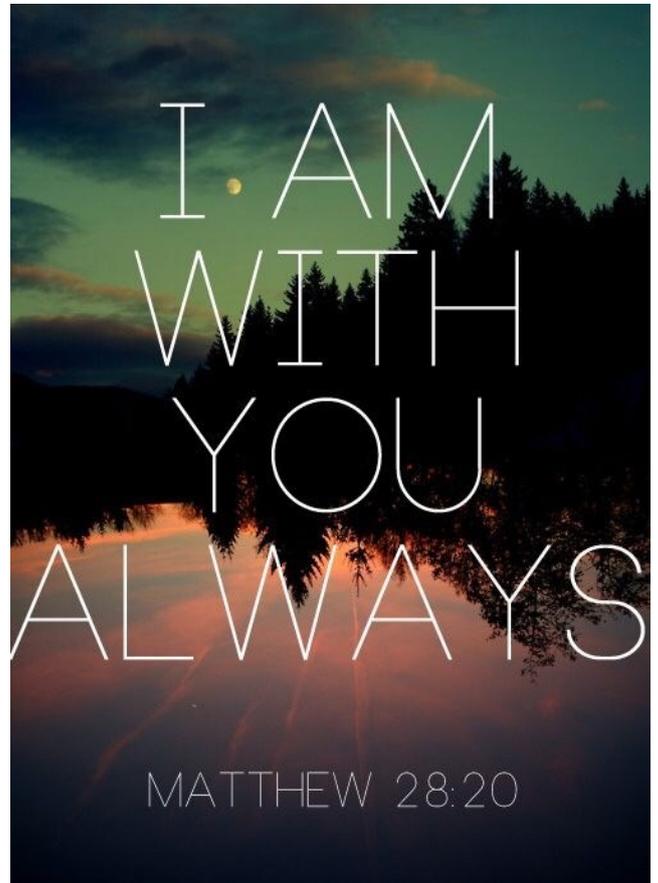
As I quickly flicked through the book, I noticed an inserted sheet of paper... A booking for a days photography workshop in Snowdonia... with... the... author. Wow, a chance to have some personal help and guidance from the author of the book.

At the end of the day, our ways will part. We may never meet again. But I'll still have my book, my memories of the day, any notes I've taken, and hopefully a memory card full of stunning landscapes. But the day will have gone. I hope my photographic skills will have improved with the experience of the day.

What a contrast to the promises we hear from Jesus in our readings today. We heard Jesus with his followers on two occasions: at the Last Supper, and just before the Ascension. He promises that, at the end of the day, their ways will not part. "I am with you always," (Matthew 28.23). And he explains in John 14 how this is possible through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As we look towards our purpose and vision over the coming weeks; what are you thinking or feeling? Be honest with yourself, and with God. I pray that we will be full of excitement and anticipation, for we are equipped with all we need. We have the guidebook AND we have the author, and we look forward to working with him to create something wonderful and beautiful here in Market Drayton!

*Rod Doulton*



## **Living in Love and Faith**

Living in Love and Faith (LLF) is a process by which the Church of England is seeking to explore Christian teaching and learning about human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. It is intended that the process will contribute to the Bishops' discernment of a way forward in relation to questions relating to these issues. A number of resources have been produced, including a book, a series of films and podcasts and a 5-session course. For more information on these resources please see <https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/our-faith/living-in-love-and-faith/>

Parishes are being encouraged to hold their own LLF courses and we will be holding our own courses in the new year. We will try and provide a number of options, for example daytime, evening and online, so that everyone who wants to can take part.



## Regular Services

**Sunday 9th January 9.00am BCP Communion Service**

**Sunday 9th January 10.30am Morning Worship**

Readings: Matthew 28.16-20 John 14.1-27

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



### Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)

The group will meet on Friday 21st January at 10.30in Wetherspoons, for coffee and a Chat.

## Market Drayton Churches Together

Due to Covid concerns and to keep everyone safe it has been decided that the AGM will now take place via Zoom.



Details and Zoom link to follow

## Mothers Union



Monday 10th January 2.30pm in the Parish Rooms

Hannah Garside will be speaking on her role as Youth Church Mission Enabler

Subs required now please.

## Please pray for...

Helen Sweet's son-in-law, Alan. David & Rosemary Platt's new grandson. Tracy Cook, recovering from surgery. Val Creasey's daughter Sarah. John Panter, who is unwell. Please also pray for Barry Salter, Jean Arbon and David Jones.



## Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required



Coffee; Long-Life Cartons of Juice; UHT Milk—Blue (whole); Tinned Fish (not Tuna); Rice Pudding; Custard; Sponge Puddings / Slab Cakes; Washing-up Liquid; Washing Powder/ Tabs; Dry cat Food

We have plenty of

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

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

## ACORN update!

Hello friends—We are very excited to be actively integrating the ACORN spiritual practice into our church life here at St Mary's. If you would like to find out more, and/or if you would like to get involved, do please get in touch with Sue or Keren.



[suefrankfort@gmail.com](mailto:suefrankfort@gmail.com) or [kerenmacfarlane@gmail.com](mailto:kerenmacfarlane@gmail.com) or see <http://www.gpcweb.org/assets/documents/ACORN.pdf>

Tuesday 1st February 2022

3.30pm—5.15pm in the Parish Rooms



Join us for Activities, Songs, Food, Crafts, Games and Stories

## 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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