



From Gill Carley

When Prime Ministers or politicians 'move on', I've noticed they sometimes use the phrase 'the honour of my life' in their final address to the nation. Well, that time has come for me, here in Market Drayton, as CAP Debt Centre Manager. I have been appointed 'Area Manager - West Midlands' from the 1st of September.

The 'West Midlands Area' in 'CAP terms' presently covers Telford, Bridgnorth, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Hereford, Worcester, Wye Valley, Leamington Spa, Ashby de la Zouch, Rugby, Coventry and Burton on Trent (so not Market Drayton/North Shropshire). There are 15 Debt Centre Managers, along with a number of Job Club Managers and Life Skills Managers, whom I will be responsible for line managing.

I have served as the CAP Debt Centre Manager in Market Drayton since May 2014; seeing the Centre grow over the years to include additional Debt Coaches, as well as an expansion of the CAP services to include a Job Club, Fresh Start group, Life Skills group and the CAP Money course. I want to pay tribute to all the CAP Managers and Coaches over the years who have given their time freely and with love to the people of CAP Market Drayton and the surrounding area and who have inspired me by their commitment and honouring of God in their work. Even through the pandemic, thanks to the Managers and Coaches, the majority of the CAP services have continued to operate in some form.

I also want to thank the local CAP Committee and Churches Together in Market Drayton for all their support of the CAP Services, and of me in particular, over the years. Thanks also to the local Ministers/Clergy and the CAP Prayer Team for all their prayer support too.

I am certain that God has a plan for CAP Market Drayton, just as He has had a plan for me over the years. I believe God led me to this role as Area Manager, after many years of working in various management roles, which each equipped me with skills and qualities that I have used in abundance in my CAP role.

There is a Bible verse that has followed me throughout my 'CAP journey': from 2012 when I went on a Methodist ladies 'Breakout' weekend in Derbyshire and felt prompted to investigate CAP more, through to another ladies gathering at Holy Trinity, Meole Brace church in 2013, where someone prophesied over me that God was calling me to CAP; right up until an 'At 7' MDMC service in September 2013, when I saw it on a wall-hanging as I asked God if I was hearing Him correctly

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future..

I'd never noticed it there before; but was when I asked if it was a new addition, I was told 'No, it's been there years!'

I could go on about how God has shaped my life since I eventually gave in to Him at 40 years of age; finally admitting that I did not have all the answers and finally saying 'Your will be done'. I have never looked back, and I urge anyone who is wondering about saying 'yes' to God to 'Go for it!'

I have shared my testimony with my Debt Clients many times over the years, and I will certainly enjoy continuing to share it in my new role. Why wouldn't you want to? Life with God in it is certainly no easy ride; but, I believe, it is a lot harder without Him.

Finally, it is to our Lord that I give all the thanks and praise. It is His guidance and encouragement that has shaped me through my life (even when I had no real faith), and I continually thank Him for all the blessings that I have witnessed, and continue to experience, every day.

I might be leaving as CAP Debt Centre Manager, but I will not be leaving behind my faith in the One who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life' (John 14:6)

Thank you for all your prayers over the years, it truly has been the 'honour of my life' to serve CAP Market Drayton.

God bless, Gill (June 2021)

Regular Services

To join any of our Zoom services, click on the links below. Copies of service sheets are available from the Church Office.

Sunday 9.00am Communion Service in church

Sunday 10.30am ZOOM (Morning Prayer)

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: Song of Songs 3.1-4; John 20.1-2, 11-18

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09)

[pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09)

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday 10.00am Communion Service in church

Thursday Evening Compline 7.00pm ZOOM

Zoom link: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2lUZUJjMjRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09)

[pwd=R2lUZUJjMjRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2lUZUJjMjRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09)

Meeting ID: 783 2122 9825 Password: 3164610

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

Outdoor Service 11th July 4.00pm

One of the key reasons for holding this service is so that we can sing some hymns together. If we have to move inside because of the weather we won't be able to sing, which would rather defeat the object. Therefore, unless the weather is truly awful on Sunday afternoon, we will persevere outside—so do dress appropriately and bring a brolly!

Dementia Training



Our pilot Zoom Dementia Training course begins on **Wednesday 14th of July, 2.00pm**. It consists of 4, weekly, 1 hour sessions on the 14th, 21st and 28th July and 4th August. Anyone interested should be able to attend all four dates. Places are still available, so please apply as soon as possible. Other sessions will be run again later in the Summer. Please email avrilinnocent@btinternet.com or speak to Val Creasey (07790 344850) or Avril Innocent (07794 260029).

Catherine's on holiday!

Catherine is on holiday from 16th July—1st August. For urgent matters please contact the Church Office or Revd Ian Macfarlane (01630 638791)

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required



No Stock— UHT Milk; Biscuits ; Small Jars of Coffee; Rice Pudding; Sponge Puddings / Slab Cake; Long Life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Custard; Tinned Spaghetti; Deodorant; Wet Dog Food; Dry Cat Food; Washing Up Liquid; Cleaning Products

Low Stock— Toilet Rolls ; Baby Wipes

Other— Shampoo / Conditioner; Shower Gel; Laundry Tabs
Wet Dog Food; Dry Cat Food

UCB Booklets

The booklets covering August to October are now available and can be collected from Church.

Preparations for Restarting the 10.30 Service in Church

we are planning to enable people to link in to the service in church via Zoom. To help with this we would like to get a few more volunteers onto our AV Team and we are also looking to recruit a few online 'hosts', who can welcome and assist our Zoom members and facilitate their breakout room after the service. If you could help with the AV Team and/or Zoom, please contact Ian Macfarlane (01630 638791).

Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)

The group will next meet on Friday 16th July for a trip to Oakgate Nursery and Garden Centre. Further details to follow.

Prayer



Please continue to pray for Guy Skipwith and all Pamela's family. Please pray for Muriel Rowley and Jill Hurst. Please pray for Joe Robinson who is in hospital having fractured a hip.

Staying in Touch

Our Church Office is not staffed at the moment, but e-mails and phone messages are being picked up regularly:

Phone: 01630 653505 **E-mail:** stmarysm@btinternet.com

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

Website: www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk

Facebook: @StMarysMarketDrayton

Vicar: Catherine McBride

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