

# M St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Dementia**  
friendly church



## Trinity Sunday

Sometimes God can show up in the strangest of places. One day he turned up in my A level Physics class. Mr Chambers was endeavouring to demonstrate the Triple Point of water. That's the temperature (273.16 K/0.01 °C) and pressure (about 6.1173 millibars) where water molecules exist in all three states – solid, liquid and vapour. As he cooled the flask of water and pumped the air out of it, steam started to appear above the liquid and ice started to form on the inside of the flask. And as the class cheered because one of Mr Chambers' demonstrations had finally worked, I was sitting there thinking WOW – that's just like the Holy Trinity.

The idea of the Holy Trinity may have taken shape quite early on in history of Christianity, but it has taxed theologians and ordinary Christians for centuries since. It is really hard to get your head round. Our human language is simply inadequate to properly explain how three can be one and one can be three. We can use illustrations, like the Triple Point of water, which vary in their helpfulness, but they all fall short in some way or another.

But whichever illustration we favour, perhaps it's more important to ask ourselves – so what? What difference does it make? I would say that understanding that we have a Triune God – who is Father and Son *and* Holy Spirit makes a huge difference.

I'm a daughter of God, my heavenly Father, because of the Spirit in me, made possible by the Son's life, death and resurrection. That has to make a difference to how I live and behave and the choices I make.

The awesome God of all creation, is the same God who got splinters in his hands; who demonstrates how much he loves us by coming to us and being with us. I have a God who is incarnational, who willingly came right into our mess, to show us the way through it and give a way out of it. That should influence how I react when I encounter need.

The God of all creation, who gave himself for me physically, still gives himself to me – he is with me right now. He's with me in the work meetings and hospital appointments.

He's with me in the conversations I have; he's with me when someone asks me to pray for them, he's with me when things are hard. I am not left powerless and that makes all the difference.

The Holy Trinity is hard to get your head round. It is a mystery. But when you start to live it, it makes wonderful, perfect sense.

## Mothers Union Trips

Outstanding payments for the trips would be gratefully appreciated as soon as possible please. Kindly give to Kath McClellan or telephone to arrange (654781). Coventry £20 and Jodrell Bank £28 for concessions and £30 for Adults, in cash or cheques form. Thank you



## Care Home Chaplaincy Team

We would like to establish a team to support the clergy in offering short monthly services at both Woodcroft and Tunstall Hall. If you would like to be part of this valued ministry, please let Catherine know. If you were part of the original team before the pandemic and would like to continue, again could you let Catherine know. Thank you.

## Safeguarding Training Update.

Thanks to those who have already done one or both of their Safeguarding training modules, please keep the certificates coming in. All members of the PCC and the Pastoral Team have to complete the modules, together with others who have leadership roles at St Mary's. Help is available if you have any problems.

## Community Coffee Morning

Unfortunately there will not be a Community Coffee Morning this month.

The next one is scheduled for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.



## Regular Services

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Morning Worship

Readings: Romans 5. 1-5 John 16. 12-15

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

## Licensing Service

Catherine will be licensed as Rural dean and Jane Morris as Assistant Rural Dean at a service here at St Mary's 7.00pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. We're delighted that this is also when Ian will be licensed as our Assistant Minister. All are welcome.

## Church Youth Mission

It was great to hear an update at our recent APCM from Hannah Garside about the local Youth Church Enabler role. Hannah mentioned the weekly Zoom prayer meeting where we can pray for the young people of Market Drayton and the surrounding villages and pray for the future direction of this role and the ongoing and new mission projects for young people.

These weekly prayer meetings are on Tuesdays 9.30 - 10.00am and you can use the following link:

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83794974913?pwd=STNhNUJwVUVlam5PQ0x1RkZjY2Yzdz09>

Meeting ID: 837 9497 4913 Passcode: JesusRocks

Please join us to pray for this important area of mission.

Several from St Mary's have already pledged financial support for the Youth Enabler role. If you would like to pledge, please contact Revd Becky Richards [beckyrichards@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beckyrichards@hotmail.co.uk). If you could help with grant applications, please contact Hannah [youthchurchmission@yahoo.com](mailto:youthchurchmission@yahoo.com)



### Please pray for...

Helen Sweet's son-in-law Alan, David Smith, John Panter, Rod Hardacre, Liz Barnes, David Jones, Guy Skipwith, Mary Burt and Jayne Stonehold's mother Irene. David Clark thanks everyone for their continued prayers as he recovers from heart surgery.

## Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required

**NO STOCK UHT Milk (semi and full); Long-life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Toilet Rolls; Soup**

Rice Pudding; Custard; Tinned Spaghetti; Cooking & Pasta Sauces; Laundry Powder/Tabs; Washing-up Liquid; Dry Cat & Dog Food; Cleaning Products; Sponge Pudding/Slab Cakes; Cereal; Carrier Bags

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

## CAP Money Course

A free, short course that makes managing your money simple.



budget. save. spend

## New Money Course

Starts Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am at MD Methodist Church  
Please call Ali Doulton on 07554 738425 to book.

## David Smith Update

Many people have been praying for David after his major operation for an aortic aneurism in January. We do thank you for your prayers and they are still needed, for Helen as well please. David is making progress slowly and is getting his strength back in his legs, although his sight has unfortunately diminished.

## Staying in Touch

The office is now open Mon-Fri 11.00am—1.00pm.  
Helen will be in the office from 9.00am.

**Phone:** 01630 653505

**E-mail:** [stmarysmarketdrayton@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmarketdrayton@gmail.com)

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

**Website:** [www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk](http://www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk)

**Facebook:** @StMarysMarketDrayton

**Vicar:** Catherine McBride

**E-mail:** [vicarofstmarys@gmail.com](mailto:vicarofstmarys@gmail.com)

**Phone:** 01630 656943

**If you do not wish to continue to receive these newsletters, please let us know.**

**Please note the office BT email address no longer works.  
Please use [stmarysmarketdrayton@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmarketdrayton@gmail.com)**