

14th November 2021



Remembrance Sunday gives us an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those who have served us in many different ways, both at home and abroad, so that we can enjoy safety and security. Of course we also remember and pray for those who continue to serve and protect us today and who continue to sacrifice so much.

That was brought home to me when I was a curate and took part in a service at Shrewsbury Abbey to welcome back the 1st Battalion Royal Irish Regiment from their latest tour in Afghanistan. The building was full of hundreds of young (very young it seemed to me!) men and women and I found it hard to fight back the tears as I listened to their commanding officer pay tribute to three colleagues who had been killed; all young men in their twenties.

Jesus said 'Greater love has no-one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.' It's a saying we often remember at this time of year. And Jesus knew what he was talking about, because he was just about to do that very thing on the cross: a sacrifice that would bring peace between us and God.

So, what's the best way to remember and honour those who sacrifice so much for us? One clue might be in what Jesus says just one sentence before the one I've quoted above, where he says, 'My command is this: love one another as I have loved you.' The world would be an entirely different place if we all tried to put that into practice, wouldn't it? Perhaps, as part of our personal acts of remembrance, we might take a moment to commit ourselves to trying to love others with the same sacrificial love Jesus demonstrated. It won't be easy, but perhaps it will be a good way to honour those who have sacrificed so much to bring us peace.

Catherine



We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

Services This Week

Please note there is no 9.00am service this Sunday 14th November.

Sunday 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service (CHURCH)

Please note that you will need a ticket to attend this service. Please contact the Church Office. This service won't be Zoomed, but it will be live-streamed to our Facebook page (@StMarysMarketDrayton)

Sunday 14th November 6.30pm Iona Service (CHURCH)

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

Marathon for RNIB

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who has donated to David Smith's fundraising marathon for RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People). He completed his marathon in sunshine with some faithful supporters walking with him, as well as children from the MD Infants' School. Money raised to date, including gift aid, is over £3,000. Thank you for your support.



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

Next rehearsal is on Thursday 18th November at 7.30pm in church. 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. Please also pray for Barry Salter, Jean Arbon and David Jones.



Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required

Carrier Bags; Sponge Puddings/Slab Cakes; Tinned Spaghetti; Jam; Eggs; Washing Powder/Tabs/Liquid; Washing up Liquid; Wet Dog Food

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

Messy Church Needs You!



We're delighted with the way that our Messy Church has been going since it's re-launch in October, in its new time slot of 3.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month. It has been lovely to see many more children and families and lots of new faces. We now really need to expand our catering team, so that it doesn't fall to the same people each month and we can have a number of alternating teams. Can you whip up a simple spag bol, or rustle up some chicken nuggets? If so, we could use your culinary skills! If you can help, or would like to find out more, please talk to Julia Farrant (639582) or Ali Doulton (01948 780168).

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.

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