

M St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

15th May 2022

Dementia
friendly church

Dementia Action Week 15 -- 22 May 2022

“One thing I do know”

Many years ago, I was due in court. A violent, criminal case. You'll be relieved to know that it was not me 'in the dock'. I was called as a witness. Nevertheless, it seemed quite daunting having to attend court, but I felt duty-bound to do so. On the day of the trial, I was there at the appointed time, but the defendants had changed their plea, and so I was spared the 'witness box'. Perhaps you have had an experience of appearing as a witness. How did you find it?

In our gospel reading today from John chapter 9 we hear about another witness's experience. If you can, it is worth reading the entire chapter to see the way the blind man's reflection on his encounter with Jesus develops. In verse 11 he refers to, "the man they call Jesus"; then in verse 17, "he is a prophet"; and then in verse 33, "if this man [Jesus] were not from God, he could do nothing".

After the authorities have finished with the man born blind, Jesus catches up with him again. The man's eyes have truly been opened for he speaks to Jesus, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped him.'

Each one of us has our own story to tell. Just like the man in the Bible reading, we can tell of our own encounter with Jesus. The ways in which he has helped us. Perhaps we have received healing, or we have known his presence and guidance as a Good Shepherd. Maybe he has been your light in a time of darkness. But how would you put it in your own words?

We have good news to share. All we have to do is share our own story of how Jesus is real to us, how he has changed our lives. It is that first-hand account that has authenticity and is compelling. I can tell my story, you can tell yours. But we need to and we must tell it, as there is a world in desperate need of hearing it.

Rod



Queen's Jubilee Weekend

Sign up sheets are now at the back of church for you to help with some of the events over the Jubilee weekend.

Thursday 2nd June 2.00-6.00pm

We need volunteers to welcome in church and at the Parish Rooms, where there will also be refreshments and (hopefully) a video of the coronation.

Saturday 4th June 1100am Civic Service St Mary's Church

Would you be able to help with the service in some way (welcome, AV etc)?

Sunday 5th June

After our usual Sunday morning services we will be having a BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC on the church green

If you can help with any of the above events, please do sign up or speak to Catherine for more information.

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.

Update from David Clarke

David and Pam Clarke would like to thank everyone for their prayers while David has been receiving treatment and also waiting for a heart operation. David now has a date for surgery - 24th May, and would be grateful for further prayers that this op goes ahead and is successful. Thank you

Regular Services

Sunday 15th May 2022

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings: 2 Corinthians 4. 1-18 John 9. 1-25

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

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.

Dementia Action Week 15-22 May

Please support Dementia Action week by joining us at the Community Coffee Morning and our Dementia Friendly Service.



Songs of Praise

22nd May 2022 at 3.30pm

in St Mary's Church Market Drayton
A Dementia friendly service followed by refreshments

Community Coffee Morning

Thursday 19th May 2022

10.00am - 12.00pm in the Parish Rooms

Please join us for coffee, cake and chat.



Please pray for...



Helen Sweet's son-in-law Alan, David Smith, David Clarke, John Panter, Rod Hardacre, Liz Barnes, 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 Carrier Bags

Cereal; Shampoo; Packets of Flavoured Rice/ Pasta/ Noodles; UHT Milk; Long-life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Dry Cat & Dog Food; 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



Could you help? We are looking for volunteers to help at Job Club and Life Skills courses. For further details please see information at back of church



Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)

Friday 20th May 10.30am

Meeting at Festival Drayton for coffee and chat

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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