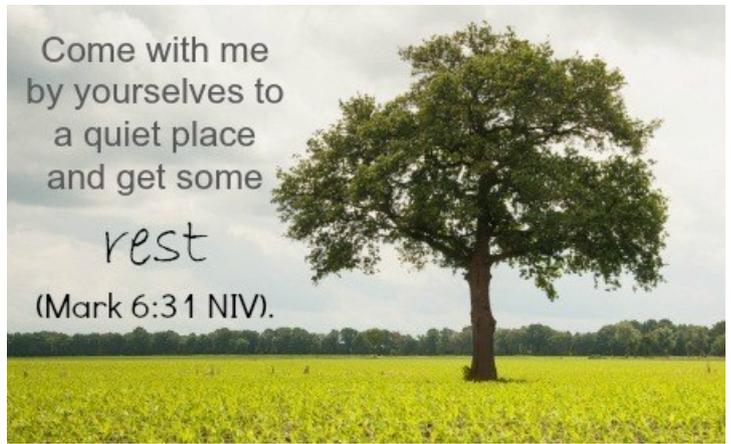


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18th July 2021



Jesus said: “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest” (Mark 6: 31)

During the past year or so, the isolation caused through the various lockdowns has been very hard for some people, particularly those who live alone and have had little contact with other people. However, on the other side of the coin, some have found it a break from the normal breakneck speed of life, when, for instance, they have not had the mad rush of the daily commute; rather, they have been able to work at their own pace and have a bit more time for themselves and their families. There are times in life when we long for a few spare moments so that we can relax, sort ourselves out and receive refreshment and strength for what lies ahead. But, let’s admit it, sometimes it is really hard to find these moments.

The Gospel reading for today is taken from parts of Mark, chapter 6. If we read the whole chapter, it seems that this is the situation with Jesus and his disciples. Near the beginning of the chapter (vv. 6 – 13) Jesus sends the twelve disciples out into the villages to continue His work of preaching and healing and then, later in the chapter (vv.30 - 32), it is clear that Jesus wants to be alone with His disciples so that they can share their experiences with Him and they can have time to rest and refresh themselves. But that is not to be, because the crowds had anticipated where Jesus was going, so, when they arrived at the remote place Jesus had chosen, the crowds were waiting for Him. Jesus then taught the people, and because of their situation and his compassion, he fed them (“The feeding of the five thousand”). After this Jesus sends the disciples across the lake in a boat while He sought solitude on the mountain to pray alone (v.46).

This chapter reminds us how difficult it can be to put time aside to relax and refresh ourselves. But spending time alone in prayer was vitally important for Jesus. For us, it is not only finding time for ourselves but, just as important, finding time every day to spend time with Jesus in order to be refreshed, strengthened and renewed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is saying to us: “COME WITH ME BY YOURSELF TO A QUIET PLACE AND GET SOME REST”.

David.

Catherine’s on holiday!

Seems a good place to remind you that Catherine is on holiday from 16th July—1st August! For urgent matters please contact the Church Office or Revd Ian Macfarlane (01630 638791)

Messy Church BBQ



We’re holding a Messy Church BBQ, with games and crafts on **Monday 16th August from 4.00-6.00pm at The Vicarage**. To help us gauge numbers for catering purposes, please book a place by 11th August by contacting the Church Office or messaging us on Facebook (details overleaf).

Sponsor a Polo Shirt!



Longlands Primary School are changing their school uniform. At a recent Market Drayton Churches Together meeting, we felt this would present real difficulties with the school being in an area of high deprivation. MD Churches Together are therefore going to make a donation towards some new polo shirts for pupils from hard-pressed families and wondered if others would like to join us by ‘**sponsoring a polo shirt**’ at a cost of **£8**. Please drop your sponsor money into the Church Post Box (on the wall behind the main gate) by the beginning of August. Thank You.

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 (Breaking Bread)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NfDmTzRMR2JXbXR0SctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Readings: Ephesians 2.11-end; Mark 6.30-34; 53-end

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 Communion Service in church

Thursday Evening Compline 7.00pm ZOOM

Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2lUZUJjMDRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09>

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

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).

Baptism 22nd August

We are very excited to be baptising Krisstoffer Jukes on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd August in Julia Farrant's pool at Longford Old Hall. More details to follow, but if anyone else would like to join Kriss in being baptised by full immersion, or would like to renew their baptismal vows in this way, then please let Catherine or Ian know.

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 recovering from a fractured hip.

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

CAP Job Club



The next CAP Job Club starts on Monday 26th July at 12.30pm at the Zone, off Linden Way, Market Drayton. This course will run for 8 weeks. The Job Club is a friendly, relaxed, supportive, Christian environment where new friends can be made and clients

can get the support and gain told needed to help find employment. Each session begins with a light lunch and social time. Please do share details of the course with anyone you might feel may benefit from it. For more details and to book a place, please contact Ali Doulton on 07554 738425 or email alidoulton@capjobclubs.org.

Home Needed

If anyone knows of a 2 or 3 bedroom house to rent in Market Drayton or the surrounding areas please let Helen in the office know on 07484 670184. Landlord must be able to allow dogs.

Market Drayton Churches Together New webmaster needed...

Churches Together are still looking for someone to look after its website. For more information please contact Sue Frankfort on 01630 655158

Staying in Touch

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

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Facebook: @StMarysMarketDrayton

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