



See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! *1 John 3.1*

## GOD – MY FATHER

As Father's Day approaches, I was thinking about my father who died more than 20 years ago. He was a good father whom I loved very much, and I was thinking of the different ways I addressed him. As a young child I called him "daddy" but then as I grew older it became "dad". However, when I was talking to other people about him, I would normally refer to him as "my father". Even though I had a sister, neither of us rarely referred to him as "our father". This was because for both of us our relationship with our father was a very personal one and the "my" emphasised the deep relationship we each had with him.

When Jesus was asked by one of his disciples to teach them to pray, Jesus answered with a prayer starting: "Father, hallowed be your name" (*Luke 11:2*). In Matthew's Gospel it starts slightly differently: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." (*Matthew 6:9*). I was struck by the slight difference in how God is addressed. I am sure it is right that when we pray this prayer together that we address God as "Our Father" because God is indeed the Father of us all. Because of what Jesus did for us by dying on the cross, by believing in Him and through the Spirit of Christ we have all become children of God.

I realise, however, that often when I am alone and pray this prayer, I guess out of habit, I still start the prayer "Our Father". It occurred to me: "why, when alone don't I refer to God as "Father" or "My Father", as to me this expresses a closer and more personal relationship. Also, we have the right to do this because God's Word tells us that because we have the Spirit of Christ in us, our relationship with God is so close that we can call God "Abba Father" (i.e. "Daddy") (*Rom.8:15*).

On this Father's Day, as well as being thankful for our earthly fathers, let us remember that we have a Father in heaven who knows and loves us deeply and individually, and whom we have the privilege of calling "My Father" or if you prefer "Daddy".

*David Jones*



Malcolm and Stephanie Grey-Smart will be at the Middlewich folk and boat festival from Friday to Sunday. Do keep them and the work of the Waterways Chaplains in your prayers.

## 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 had a lovely service with some of the residents at Tunstall Hall earlier this week. If you would like to be part of this valued ministry at either Woodcroft or Tunstall Hall and help with our monthly services or perhaps visit someone who might not otherwise have many visitors, please let Catherine know. If you were part of the original 'care homes 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.

## Regular Services

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Kings 19. 1-4 (5-7) 8-15a Luke 8. 26-39

Reading for 10.30 service: Luke 11.1-13

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)

## FYI

Did you know that The Phoenix Centre in Market Drayton is now a venue for covid vaccinations. Go on line or ring 119 for appointments

## 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

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

## 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. We pray for the recently bereaved

families and friends of Peter Dunne, John Vincent and Adrian Rourke.

## 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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**Facebook:** @StMarysMarketDrayton

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