

M St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

22nd May 2022

Dementia
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Dementia Action Week 15 -- 22 May 2022

There Is Always Hope with God – Luke 8.26-39

Our Gospel reading this week tells the story of Jesus casting out a 'Legion' of demons from a possessed man and then giving permission for the demons to enter a large herd of pigs on a nearby hill who then rush headlong downhill into Lake Galilee and drown. For a Jew, every detail in this story shouts *filth*, from the pigs to the Gentiles who lived in the region, the presence of demons, and the tombs. And yet, Jesus went to this "dirty" district on purpose. Jesus crossed the Sea of Galilee just to free a man who was long past help, steeped in destructive behaviour, and living among the dead.

Why? Because of Jesus' incredible love and he's gone and done the exact same thing for us. This story replicates our story, Jesus came all the way from heaven just for us - a people who are long past help, steeped in destructive behaviours, and living among the dead. He came on purpose, wilfully being crucified, so we too can be freed from our enslavement to the devil and his works and become able to have a right relationship with God.

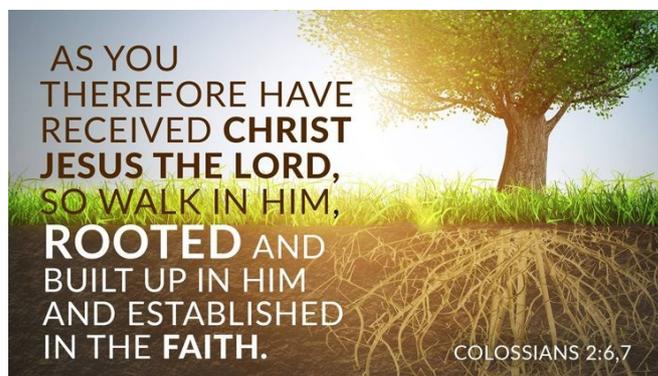
Be assured, no one is too lost for Jesus to save. No one is too far gone. There's no grip God can't lose and no shackles He can't break. Don't believe the lie that God doesn't care enough even to save the most 'unlovable'. At the cross Christ has already proved just how much He loves all of us.

My favourite part of this story comes at the end. The once demon-possessed man was clothed, in his right mind, and sitting with Jesus. Can you imagine the wonder and awe and gratitude in that conversation? Because our stories are similar to his, I certainly hope we can. The truth is, apart from Jesus, we're all too far "gone" to be saved.

But here is the thing - **there is always hope with God**. God can reach people in ways we can't - this story is proof of that.

The Lord is the God who saves the unsavable. So even when it looks impossible, and we just don't see it happening, remember, no one is too lost, or too far gone to be saved.

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APCM Monday 22nd May 7.30pm in Church

If you would like to stand for PCC or Deanery Synod at Monday's APCM election forms are at the back of church, together with hard copies of the APCM reports and documentation. If you would like to watch the meeting on Zoom, you can use the following link. However, there has been no special dispensation this year to allow people to vote online. Therefore, only those at the meeting in person will be able to take part in any votes and be recorded as being present at the meeting.

Zoom details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82082563850?pwd=OVFrL0pwL3lrdzhGOG9xWC9HM2ZoQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 8256 3850 Passcode: 474842

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.

Regular Services

Sunday 22nd May 2022

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Morning Worship & Baptisms

Readings: Colossians 2. 6-15 Luke 8. 26-39

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZkZ09>

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



Dementia Friendly Songs of Praise

This Sunday, 22nd May at 3.30pm
in St Mary's Church Market Drayton
Refreshments available after the service.

Ascension Day Service

This will be held at St Chad's Norton in Hales at 7.00pm, where our preacher will be Revd Richard Bubbers. All are welcome.

Thy Kingdom Come 26th May-5th June 2022

Thy Kingdom Come (Ascension Day to Pentecost) is an important time of ecumenical prayer for the Holy Spirit to move in our world, our communities and our hearts. This year we will be marking this locally by holding Compline services at different churches each day around our Deanery. These will usually be at 7.30pm, with one or two exceptions. A list of the venues and times will be produced soon. Pre-recorded videos will also be available to watch each day, if you are unable to get to a service or want to use these for your own devotions at home.



Please pray for...



Helen Sweet's son-in-law Alan, David Smith, David Clarke, John Panter, Rod Hardacre, Liz Barnes, David Jones, Guy Skipwith, Mary Burt 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

Rice Pudding; Custard; Gluten and Lactose free Biscuits, Puddings; Tinned Spaghetti; Soup; Cooking and Pasta Sauces; Dry Cat & Dog Food; UHT Milk (semi & full); Shampoo; Long –Life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Sponge Puddings/Slab Cakes; Cereal; Cleaning Products; Laundry 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

Church Operations Manager

Please do pray, as we continue to advertise for our new post of Operations Manager. See the poster at the back of church for more details and do draw it to the attention of anyone you think might be suitable.

Market Drayton Connectivity Plan

New transport, public space and connectivity proposals for Market Drayton are available [here](#). You can see the plans and give your views in a short survey until the 10th June.

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:

Website: www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk

Facebook: @StMarysMarketDrayton

Vicar: Catherine McBride

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