

M St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

24th April 2022

Dementia
friendly church

Weddings.

A few years ago, I went to my sister's wedding. Well, to be more accurate, I spent the 3 days beforehand helping get the venue ready, sorting out the last-minute details – which even with an extraordinarily organised wedding as this was, were plentiful! Then, on the beautifully hot day itself, the angst of long delays on the motorway causing the makeup artist, florist and photographer (as well as several guests) to be late, nearly led to a meltdown of more than just the icing on the cake! (Having made the cake, I was getting a bit hot under the collar about that too!).

I feel therefore, I can somewhat empathise with the servants of the wedding in Cana! Everything was going to plan, the bride and groom were safely married, the guests were happy, and the party going with a swing... and then.... No more wine to drink... not only was that awkward, it was a disaster in terms of social etiquette. Such a thing would bring shame on the whole family.

The servants (and whoever was in charge and about to inform the steward!) must have had their back against the wall... nowhere to go for wine and no-one to call on to help...

An overheard conversation? Did one of the servants tell Mary? We don't know. Only the statement 'when the wine was gone'... something had to be done to help the bride and groom and Mary knew just the person.

Not only did the wine taste good: (saving the best 'til last was not traditional (as who knew what they were really drinking after a few glasses!) but the stone jars were filled to the brim with the best wine of the wedding feast.

I love that Jesus gives the best and in overflowing measure... and how each day He waits to give us the same abundance as we look to Him and 'do whatever He says'.

Maggie

Thank you

Some of you may have noticed that we had a new cloth on the Communion Table on Easter Sunday. Many thanks to Pauline Downs for making it for us.



Swap Shop

Saturday 7th May
10.30am in the Parish
Rooms.
Helpers and suitable items
required.

Queen's Jubilee Weekend

Plans are being made for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Here's what we know so far and some ideas for getting involved.

Thursday 2nd June

Church Street and the Church Car Park will be closed for street fete, with lots of traditional stalls, games, crafts and competitions: hook-a-duck, pin the diamond on the Queen's crown, best decorated crown, tombola, decorate a gingerbread man, face painting, throw wet sponges at the Vicar!—that kind of thing. If you and a group of friends would like to host a stall, please let me know by the end of April.

It would also be great to have the church open for people to look around and to be able to offer the Parish Rooms for people to eat their picnics and watch footage from the coronation. Could you help with that?

Friday 3rd June

At some point the service from St Paul's cathedral will be broadcast—we think late morning.

Saturday 4th June

We will be holding a civic service here at St Mary's in the morning. If you are available to help with stewarding, please let Helen know.

Sunday 5th June

As well as our usual Sunday services, we will be exploring the idea of having some kind of street party/picnic/bring and share lunch type of event. Watch this space! (And start praying for good weather!)

Holiday

Catherine McBride will be on holiday after Easter until 30th April.

Regular Services

Sunday 24th April 2022

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Morning Worship

Readings: Isaiah 25. 1—9 John 2. 1—11.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

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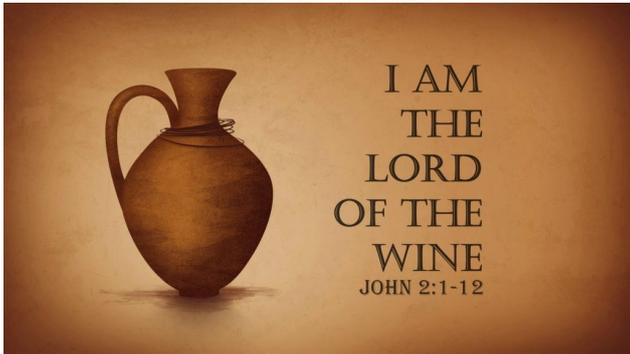
Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

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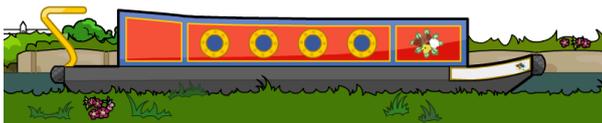
Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion (CHURCH)

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



Thank you for all the hot cross buns that were donated to our Easter outreach on the canal towpath. We gave away buns, Easter eggs, balloons, Easter service cards and Boaters' Christian Fellowship leaflets to approximately 200 people over four days. Nine people from St Mary's came to help us and 27 families did a quiz along the towpath. Lots of people stopped to talk. It was a great opportunity to remind them that Easter is about Jesus and not just about chocolate!

Jan and John Halford



Please pray for...



John Watkin, Helen Sweet's son-in-law Alan, David Smith, David Clarke, John Panter, Rod Hardacre, David Jones and Jayne Stonehold's mother Irene, who is in hospital having further tests following the discovery of a tumour on her liver.

Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required

Packets of Instant Mash; Biscuits; UHT Milk; Long Life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Toilet Rolls.

Sponge Puddings/ Slab Cakes; Washing Powder / Tabs; Washing up Liquid; Male / Female Deodorant; Shampoo.

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

Market Drayton Foodbank will be closed from Good Friday. It will re-open on Tuesday 26 April.

Market Drayton 10K

The Market Drayton 10K will be on Sunday 8th May, starting at The Grove School at 11.00am. It's not often that the Vicar encourages people not to come to church(!), but can I encourage you to think about volunteering to help (you could still come to the 9.00am service!). It would be a great witness to our community as we seek to be a church that is outward-looking. We have some St Mary's hi-viz vests you can borrow. Contact the Race Director, Tim Beckett, to find out what help is needed at marketdrayton10k@gmail.com or on 07808 144348.



Our next Messy Church...

is on Tuesday 3rd May

3.30pm—5.15pm in the Parish Rooms.

Lots of fun crafts games, stories and songs (and food!) for children and their families..



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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