

26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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## There is a saying...

'Everyone will have their 15 minutes of fame'.. or apparently going back to Elizabethan times, be a 'nine days wonder'! It certainly seems that the media and multi-media we all access on a daily basis, offer the lure of fame – tiktok is not just for the young these days! Social media, news stories... so many people seem to want to be famous.

Perhaps it is rooted in our desire to be known, to count and make a difference. Or maybe it is simply the idea that we will be treated with respect and honour if we gain popularity and greatness. Or is it the lure of the glamour and wealth that appears to accompany multi-media presence? Whatever the trigger, notoriety or popularity, the urge for fame drives many and in that drive so many lose their way, their sense of who they are and indeed so often their self-respect and even their life.

I wonder what went through Jesus' mind when his disciples didn't answer his question about their argument on the road? (Mark9.33-34) I am sure he knew! Just as God knows our hearts and thinking, when we look for greatness, power, control.... Or even when we consider ourselves too unworthy of such things. Knowing ourselves truly, brings release from grasping after power and a greater understanding of our rightful place in God's kingdom as His sons and daughters: fully known and fully loved.

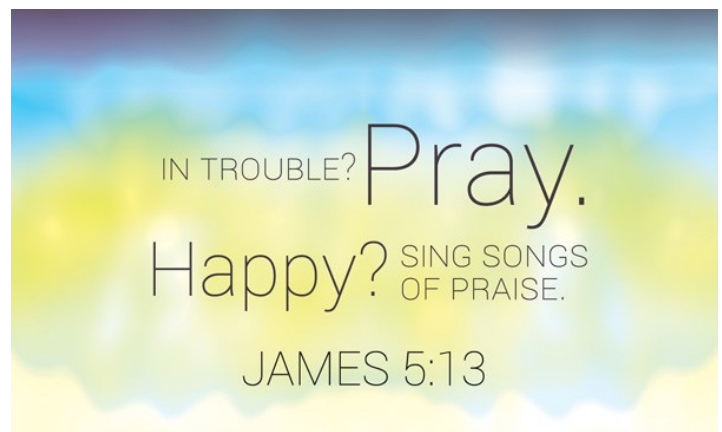
A great friend and mentor of mine, now in glory, often spoke of a conversation he had with God early in his ministry (which was extraordinarily powerful in teaching and healing). God asked Ken if he wanted prominence or significance. I wonder which one we would choose?

*Maggie Everett*

## Please pray for...



Malcolm Grey-Smart as he continues to recover from heart attack. Helen Sweet's son-in-law, Alan, diagnosed with cancer. Jo-Anne Elab who is recovering from surgery. Peter and Pat Fox's grandson, Alisdair (3½), in hospital with a severe chest



## Operation Christmas Child Samaritans Purse

Recently, Carol Corney asked me if I would take over from her to become the representative for Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse is the project whereby we sign up to fill a shoe box (provided by the church), with things suitable for children living in difficult circumstances in over 100 countries. If you haven't taken part before it can be quite an enjoyable thing to do, finding pens, pencils, colouring books, soft toys and many other things to thrill a child who wouldn't normally have these things.

Please think about taking part and LET ME KNOW. The boxes have to be ordered soon, but there is time to start looking for bargains in the shops. You can also fill in a box on-line; although I would still like to know that you are taking part. Any queries please give me a ring (658577) or email me [hea\\_smith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hea_smith@yahoo.co.uk). Helen Smith

## St Mary's Parish Rooms

The Parish Rooms Committee is looking to recruit a couple of additional members. Working with our Parish Rooms Manager, our role is to oversee the smooth running and upkeep of the premises, which are an invaluable asset to the church and community. We meet 4 times a year, with some ad hoc meetings as needed. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Catherine McBride.

## St Mary's Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 10th October. Please bring non-perishable items for the Foodbank to either of our services that morning. You can double check to see what they need by going to their website [marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk](http://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk) or checking the notice on the welcome desk in church.



## Regular Services

### Sunday 9.00am Communion Service (CHURCH)

### Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship (CHURCH)

Readings: James 5.13-end; Mark 9.38-end

**We regret that we are unable to cover Zoom at this service this week**

### 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

## Market Drayton 10k Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Helping with this event would be a great way for St Mary's to be seen to be supporting and engaging with our community and living out our value of being outward looking. So we are proposing cancelling our 10.30 service that day, so that people can help out. The event needs people to help with marshalling, goody bag handout, assisting with the start and finish, help with the fun run and race number allocation. For more details or to offer help with the event e-mail [marketdrayton10k@gmail.com](mailto:marketdrayton10k@gmail.com) or contact the race director Tim Beckett on 07808 144348.

## Calling All Knitters –Christmas Angels



Churches Together will be distributing Christmas Angels again this year but we need your help! It is hoped that we will have enough angels to deposit around the town and also to the villages. The angels are a great source of joy and a great way of reminding people of the true meaning of Christmas. Patterns are easy to follow

and are available at [www.christmasangels.net](http://www.christmasangels.net) or from church.

## Part-time Cleaner Required

5 hours per week, to increase the capacity of our cleaning team. Previous experience preferable but not essential as some training will be given.

Please apply in writing, to The Churchwardens, St Mary's Church Market Drayton by 1.00pm Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September. Further details available from Helen Hughes, Church Administrator on 01630 653505 or [stmarysmarketdrayton@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmarketdrayton@gmail.com)

## Foodbank Items Needed



### Stock Items urgently required

**No Stock—** Packets of Instant Mash; Long Life Cartons of Fruit Juice; UHT Semi-Skimmed (green) Milk; Eggs; Pasta Cooking Sauces (pasta not needed); Sponge Puddings/Slab Cakes; Biscuits; Cleaning Products

**Low Stock—** Soup; Cereals' Tinned Potatoes; Toilet Rolls

Please be advised that the number advertised in the church directory for the Foodbank is no longer in use. If you need to contact the Foodbank please call **01630 654007**.

## Market Drayton Foodbank Job Opportunity

Market Drayton Foodbank has been helping families and individuals in crisis for many years and this is a rare opportunity for someone to join our dedicated, enthusiastic team at this particularly challenging time. We are looking for a part-time (16 hours per week) **Assistant Manager and Volunteer Co-ordinator** to work with, and encourage, our fabulous volunteers; to help coordinate our emergency parcel distribution model and to support our manager in a variety of key administrative roles. If you have a good range of organisational, IT and communication skills and have a real heart for using your professional ability to help people in need, then you could be just what we are looking for. For a role description and application form, please contact our Foodbank Manager – Helen McSherry at [info@marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk). **Closing date for applications Tuesday 28 September**. Interviews to place on Monday 4 October.

## 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](http://www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk)

**Facebook:** @StMarysMarketDrayton

**Vicar:** Catherine McBride

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**Phone:** 01630 656943

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