

M St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

26th June 2022

Dementia
friendly church

From someone living with dementia:
When you visit bring a book, a photo album,
favourite music, even a map, just to reminisce.

Life is like a...

How would you finish the line? Are you with Forrest Gump - box of chocolates? Perhaps you are more of a Shakespeare fan – a play, 'all the world's a stage'. Or do you think in terms of: a garden, blank canvas, or a jigsaw? A favourite with many is: a journey. Which could be a marathon not a sprint, a roller-coaster, or a maze; it could be an uphill struggle, or all downhill from here; and of course, there are the diverging paths. Is it a walk in the dark woods, or on sunlit uplands? You might have to walk alone, or you might 'never walk alone'. Perhaps you have another metaphor for life you find helps.

In today's Gospel we find Jesus setting out on a real journey. He is heading south to Jerusalem. He is walking; step by step his sandals are on the dusty road, he is physically there. It is not a metaphor, it is not a symbol. And Jesus gives an invitation; "Follow me."

Today, Jesus still calls people to, "Follow me." Sometimes we interpret this as meaning we accompany him on a metaphorical journey – or we may 'upgrade' that to a *spiritual* journey. But that may lead us to find that Jesus' words are no more than a comforting thought to help us through the hazards we find on life's journey. Something to tuck away in our backpack – just in case.

I believe that we can know that Jesus is really with us. That his presence is an objective truth. A temptation I face is that I invite Jesus to join me on my journey, on the path I have chosen, as if I'm the one saying, "Follow me." Instead, our Bible reading teaches me that Jesus calls me to follow him. To join him on *his* journey. For Jesus does more than show us a way to live, he tells us in John's Gospel that he is The Way

And he invites you and me to join him. So, let the adventure begin!

Rod Doulton



Hello singers

Market Drayton Choral Society is planning a 50th anniversary celebration concert on 19th November, singing Handel's 'Messiah' under the direction of the highly experienced David Thomas (see below).

But we haven't yet heard from enough singers who intend to take part, and we risk losing this fantastic opportunity to kickstart the next phase for the choir.

We need enough people signed up by 30th June in order to engage our conductor and book soloists and musicians, so please get in touch as soon as possible to add your name to the list.

Rehearsals will begin in September, Wednesday evenings at the Alexandra Rd school. To register, please reply to nancystewart.stewart@gmail.com and state your voice part.

David Thomas: David has recently moved to Shropshire, having taken early retirement as Head of Music at Winchester College. He has also been headmaster of a specialist music school and was Musical Director of a large amateur choir. David has extensive conducting experience with choirs and orchestras, including for the London Mozart Players and a baroque group, and has been involved in CD and video recordings and broadcasts on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM. David tells us, 'I know that an amateur group needs to enjoy its rehearsals, whilst achieving a high standard; a light touch, a sense of humour, a passion for the music, and a forensic attention to detail are the foundations of my approach.'

Haughmond & Wrekin Filling Station

27th June 7.15pm

Rodington Village Hall

A time of worship, teaching, prayer and fellowship, with speaker Revd Dr Christopher Landau, Director of ReSource. Future dates 25th July, 22nd August.



Regular Services

Sunday 26th June 2022

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Morning Worship

Readings: 2 Kings 2. 1-2, 6-14 Luke 9.51-end

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09)

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Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09)

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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

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?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83794974913?pwd=STNhNUJwVUVlam5PQ0x1RkZjY2Yzd09)

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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. If you could help with grant applications, please contact Hannah

youthchurchmission@yahoo.com



Tuesday 5th July

3.30pm—5.15pm

St Mary's Parish Rooms, Church Street, Market Drayton

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; Shower Gel; 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

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Starts Mon 27th June 10.00am at MD Methodist Church

Please call Ali Douulton 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. Also Kath McClellan's daughter,

Sue, who is due to be priested on 3rd July at Coventry Cathedral. We pray for the recently bereaved families and friends of 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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We will continue to post information to our website and Facebook page:

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