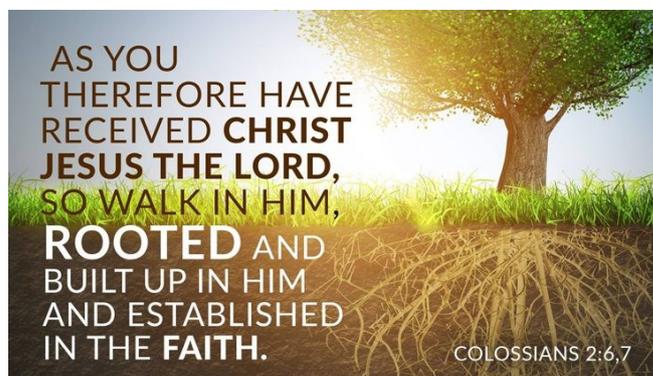


M St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

29th May—5th June 2022

Dementia
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“He is ascended”

Jesus ascended to heaven to be with his Father. This is such a strength for us, we know that our friend, whom we love, who loves us, sits beside the One on whom everything depends and pleads our cause. Jesus acts on our behalf not because of what we do but because we are humans and we need a way to get back to God. Encounters with God are truly scary. The people of the Old Testament were firm in the belief God is so overwhelming that humans cannot survive a physical meeting with Him. When the disciples saw Jesus walking towards them on the water, at first they thought it was a ghost, pretty frightening. Then Jesus, whom they did not recognise at first, said “I am” the Jewish name of God himself – totally terrifying. Then Peter, intuitively grasping that Jesus was God and could do anything, asked if he could join him on the water. Of course he could, but only while that inspiration of faith sustained him. As the wind blew, Peter’s faith lessened and he began to sink. Jesus, however, knew exactly what to do to get them both safely into the boat. After the Ascension we can still meet Jesus, know him, love him and live for him. The bible is full of stories about the humanity of Jesus, his approachability, his concern for everybody – this a source of truth, there is no ‘fake news’ about it. Jesus is the real deal.

Paul did not come to know the truth about Jesus until after His ascension. That did not stop Paul from being full of Jesus and telling his good news wherever he went. Like Paul we can have the confidence that Jesus is with us always and with the Father always – He is the link that joins us to God. Paul prayed for the Ephesians, in a prayer that includes us all, that through God’s power, grace and spirit we may know how wide and long and high and deep is Jesus’ love. With that on our side, how can we go wrong?

Lindsay

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. David Clark thanks everyone for their continued prayers as he recovers from heat surgery.

Queen’s Jubilee Weekend

Thursday 2nd June 2.00-6.00pm Street Fair; 9.30pm Beacon lighting at rear of St Mary’s Church

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION ON THURSDAY

**Saturday 4th June 11.00am Civic Service St Mary’s Church
Sunday 5th June Bring Your Own Picnic**

After our usual Sunday morning services we will be having a BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC on the church green

Mothers Union Trips

COVENTRY on Wed 22nd June - we regret we have an extra charge for the services of the Cathedral, to cover the cost of a guide, use of the Pavilion for lunch, as well as lunchtime tea and coffee. So the total cost is now £20 each. We are really sorry about this.

JODRELL BANK on Sat 2nd July - the venue needs to know how many people would like to see the half hour Space Dome Show, new this year and an extra £6. So the total, with coach fare, for Concessions, would be £25-£28 per person.

Would all those interested/signed up please contact Carol (653137) or Barbara (652656) to advise. Thank you.

Care Home Chaplaincy Team

We would like to establish a team to support the clergy in offering short monthly services at both Woodcroft and Tunstall Hall. If you would like to be part of this valued ministry, please let Catherine know. If you were part of the original team before the pandemic and would like to continue, again could you let Catherine know. Thank you.

Safeguarding Training Update.

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 29th May 2022

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Morning Worship

with Carolyn Lawrence (CAP Mgr) speaking about CAP

Readings: Ephesians 3. 14-21 Matthew 14. 22-33

Sunday 5th June 2022

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 2. 1-21 John 14. 8-17(25-27)

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)

No service on 2nd June

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 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.

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.



Alzheimer's UK Discussion

The Methodist church is hosting a discussion by Alzheimer's UK on Tuesday June 7th 2.30pm. The speaker who covers North Shropshire will be both informative and instructive. All are welcome.

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required

NO STOCK Toilet Rolls; Soup

Low Stock UHT Milk (Semi & Full); Long-Life Cartons of Fruit Juice

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

Church Youth Mission

Here is the link for the Tuesday youth prayer meetings on zoom, 9.30am - 10am. We pray for the youth in Market Drayton and surrounding villages, for young people in general, ongoing projects such as youth groups, situations such as exams and anything else that people let us know about

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83794974913?pwd=STNhNUJwVUVlam5PQ0x1RkZjY2Yzdz09>

Meeting ID: 837 9497 4913 Passcode: JesusRocks

Contact details: Hannah Garside

youthchurchmission@yahoo.com

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:

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Facebook: @StMarysMarketDrayton

Vicar: Catherine McBride

E-mail: vicarofstmarys@gmail.com

Phone: 01630 656943

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