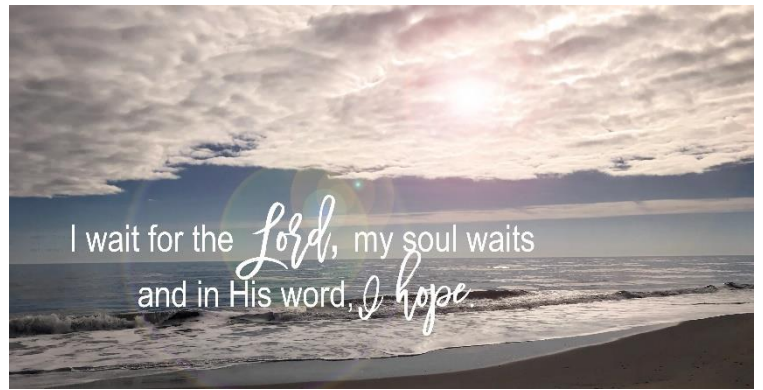


30th June 2024



What makes a great sandwich?

The sandwich has a long history. Hillel the Elder wrapped the paschal lamb with bitter herbs in a matzah at Passover. I know my grandchildren love very similar 'wraps' today. The name comes from the 4th Earl of Sandwich who ordered his valet to bring him salt beef between slices of toasted bread so that he could eat and gamble at the same time.

When Mark wrote his gospel, there were no others to copy. His is the first. Mark started a genre of writing, 'gospels', to set out Jesus' life and ministry, the historic context of his saving grace. Mark wrote his account in partnership with Peter, a wholly reliable eyewitness. What we get is a punchy, vivid, fast-moving narrative – presenting Jesus in a profusion of memorable stories. This week we get two stories, one embedded in the other – a Markan sandwich, in which both the filling and the bread are deeply satisfying. The two main characters, Jairus and the unclean woman, are both pretty desperate. He the synagogue leader is certain that his daughter is dying and begs Jesus to help. On the way, the woman, ritually unclean for ages and completely excluded from society, seizes her chance, in the hustle and bustle of the crowd, to touch Jesus' clothes. This action, she is sure will lead to her cure. How right she was: "Daughter, your faith has cured you." Jesus cuts through the stigma, the shame and welcomes the woman back into society. By now, poor Jairus hears his daughter has died but, once again, Jesus spurns convention and presses on to see the girl. For me, this is the most tender moment in all of the New Testament. Jesus with a few witnesses raises the girl with the words 'Talitha koum' (Little girl, get up). The very words of Jesus indelibly imprinted in Peter's memory and recorded for us all by Mark.

Both Jairus and the untouchable woman believed first, before they met Jesus and He acted. We still have that option today. Can we be as faithful and fearless as the woman and Jairus?

Please pray for...



David Leach, David Lucas, Colin Smith, David Halford and David Smith

Please pray for those who have been bereaved, particularly the families and friends

of Helen Smith, Pat Currell and Linda Smith.

Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name to be added or removed from this list.

Funerals

Sadly, we've had a number of deaths recently of those well known to our church family. Last week we also lost Pat Currell, whom many of you knew. Here are details of the various funerals and memorial services you may want to attend. Please pray for the families of Philip, Helen and Pat:

Philip Leonard Johnson's thanksgiving service will take place at St Peter's, Stoke on Tern, on Tuesday 2nd July at 3pm.

Helen Smith's funeral will take place here at St Mary's on Wednesday 3rd July at 11.00am.

Pat Currell's funeral will be at St Mary's on Tuesday 9th July at 3.00pm.

Messy Church



Tuesday 2nd July 3.30pm – 5.15pm
in the Parish Rooms

We are still looking for one or two more to join our Messy Church catering team. Please talk to Catherine McBride or David Lake if you can help.

Mothers Union

Our next meeting will be on Monday 8th July in the Parish Rooms at 2.30 pm.

The speaker will be our Churchwarden, Maggie Everett - "The Power of Vision".

Visitors are most welcome.



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Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated.

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship CW with Healing

Readings: Psalm 130 Mark 5.21-end

This service will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRM R2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3Rm OG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday 10.00am BCP Holy Communion

Dementia Friendly Service



Our 10.30 service on Sunday 14th July will be dementia friendly. All are welcome.

Welcoming Visitors

We need a few more volunteers to join our dedicated team who ensure our church is open for visitors on Wednesdays and Saturdays (11am – 1pm). If you are able to help please contact Barry Salter or the Church Office.



Celtic Prayer Services

Celtic prayer services will be held at St Margaret's Moreton Say on Wednesdays 10 July and 14 August, starting at 7pm. All Welcome



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Sunday 14th July 6 – 9pm

MDMC with speaker Rev

Catherine McBride

Shropshire Hope Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 20th July 8.30am Telford Minster, Meeting Point

House, Southwater Square, Telford TF3 4HS

Tickets cost £10 and can be booked via Eventbrite

Shropshire <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shropshire-hope-prayer-breakfast-tickets-883946396467>

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required.

Long-life Fruit Juice; Soup; Sanitary Towels.

We have plenty of—Cereals; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Tinned Tomatoes.

If you need to contact the Foodbank, please call

01630 654007 (not the one in the church directory). The trolley at the back of church is now in use and donations are gratefully received.



Lichfield Diocese Vision and Strategy Presentation

Bishop Sarah and our Acting Archdeacons, Jo Farnworth and Mary Thomas, will be presenting the Diocese's new Vision and Strategy at a meeting to be held here at **St Mary's on Monday 22nd July, 6.30-9.30pm**. This Vision and Strategy is the Diocese's response to the work that all the Deaneries did as part of the Shaping for Mission exercise, which began towards the end of 2020. Bishop Sarah would like to extend the invitation to the meeting, where there will be opportunities for discussion and questions, to anyone who would like to come. Copies of the Vision and Strategy, as well as our Hodnet Deanery Shaping for Mission vision, are available at the back of church, together with a sign-up sheet. If you plan to come, please let us know, so that we have an idea of anticipated attendance.

Tearfund Appeal

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Tearfund have announced that all monies donated between 17th June and 11th August will be matched, meaning **for every £1 you give they will receive £2**. If you could spare any money, this may be a good time to give to them.

Staying in Touch

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