

31st October 2021

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## What will Heaven be like?

This is a question that has always troubled me, someone who likes to think hard about things and see how they fit together. Hell, as my mother might have said, is horrid, but Heaven? That is a very difficult topic! For a start, Heaven clearly was and is and is to come. Fortunately, the Bible provides plenty of information for us. In Genesis we get a view of what Heaven was like – the garden of Eden with Adam and Eve sharing the goodness of the Creation with God himself. Jesus doesn't exactly tell us what Heaven is like but reassures us that there is room for everybody. He is also very clear that the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand if we only know where to look. The key to this Kingdom is to know Jesus, love him and live for him – if we all do this, all the time, His kingdom will have come. Finally, in Revelation we discover that eventually everything, yes everything, is going to be made new. The new Heaven and new earth are going to be wonderful but quite unlike anything we already know about.

Perhaps we can get a sense of that new Heaven and new earth by trying to imagine what it must be like to be transformed from completely blind (or completely deaf or completely without any other sense) to fully seeing (or hearing, or touching, or smelling, or tasting) and experiencing God's creation in a completely new way for the first time. Is this why the New Testament has several descriptions of Jesus healing those lacking one or other sense? There is a common thread here. Heaven is where God is – either in the Garden of Eden, or Jesus alive and living in the world with us, or in His new creation whenever or wherever that happens to be. So, to be truly in Heaven, then, now or in the future, where we need to be is by God's side, there can be no better place. The really, really great thing is that Jesus is the way that makes for you and me and everyone. I can't think of any better news.

## UCB Word for Today

The latest version of the magazine is now available at the back of church

## St Mary's Autumn Meeting

The meeting will be held this coming Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2021 in church beginning at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity to hear about new PCC plans following their Away Day in September and find out how you can be involved. It is not as formal as the APCM; but, nonetheless, it is an important meeting within the church calendar and everyone is encouraged to attend in person if possible. For those who are unable to attend in person, the meeting will be Zoomed, but for those zooming there may not be the same level of interaction available compared with those attending in person. This is the direct Zoom link along with the ID & Passcode.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87381552690?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87381552690?pwd=WTJKVERlaUdMTUplQ2lVaWpYcG1EUT09)

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ID: 873 8155 2690 Passcode: 560364

## Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

A reminder to please return your filled boxes to church by **7th November** at the latest. If you have any questions please contact Helen Smith know (658577 or email [hea\\_smith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hea_smith@yahoo.co.uk)).

## Poppy Display

This year a poppy display will go along the church wall and gate. Those organizing the display have asked if anyone can help by knitting or crocheting some poppies. The patterns are available at the back of church. All poppies should be left in the collection box in church by Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, ready for the display to go up on the 7<sup>th</sup> November.



## MOTHERS' UNION

M.U. will meet on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November in the Main Hall of the Parish Rooms, when we shall welcome Vicki Bevington from the Women's Refuge in Stoke. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Time of the meeting is to be confirmed.

## Regular Services

### Sunday 9.00am BCP Communion Service (CHURCH)

### Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion (CHURCH)

This service is also available on Zoom

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

Readings : Revelation 21/1-6; John 14.1-14

### Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

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

[pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09](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 Patients Group — Travel Arrangements Questionnaire.

Completed questionnaires can be returned to MD Health Centre, Murray's Pharmacy, Boots Pharmacy, Loggerheads Pharmacy, MD Library or MD Town Hall by 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021. A post box will be available in all these places. Additional copies of the questionnaire are available on the table at the back of church.

## Community Coffee Mornings

Hurrah! Community Coffee Morning will be restarting on Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12pm and on the third Thursday of each month. It's a time to catch up, chat and enjoy a cuppa and cake. Why not invite someone along who may enjoy a bit of company after such difficult times. We have a small team but would so appreciate new folk to join us. Could you help serve the cakes or the teas and coffees, helping with some washing up or helping with the room set up from 9am (Alan and Hilda do a sterling job setting up tables but wouldn't mind some help). It's also great to have a few folk who can sit and talk to others who may come alone. And if you're wondering the team consists of Jan Jones, Elaine Goodwin, Elaine Mason, Shelly, Stella, Liz Barnes, Keren and 'setters up' Alan and Hilda. See you on the 18<sup>th</sup>



## Please pray for...



Helen Sweet's son-in-law, Alan. Tracy Cook following another operation on her foot. Elaine Cook's son, Dom, just recently diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. Norman Law, son of Margaret Law, recovering from surgery.

## Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required



**No Stock—** Washing Powder/Tabs/Liquid; Washing Up Liquid; Shampoo/Shower Gel/Toothpaste

**Low Stock—** Eggs; Tinned Spaghetti; Gluten Free/Lactose Free Cake and Biscuits; UHT Full Fat (Blue) Milk; Long-Life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Sponge Puddings / Slab Cakes; Pasta Cooling Sauces; Wet Dog and Dry Cat Food

If you need to contact the Foodbank please call **01630 654007** (not the number in the current church directory).

## Remembrance

Our Thursday morning Holy Communion service on 11<sup>th</sup> November will have a special Remembrance theme. The service starts at 10.00am.

There will be restriction on numbers at the Remembrance Sunday service on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you want to attend you will need to book a ticket. If you wish to do this, please contact the Church Office in the first instance.

We will be holding simple Iona service in the evening of the 14<sup>th</sup> November, more details to follow soon.

## Music Recital

An evening of song with Harry Fradley (piano) and George Fadley (singer), will be held at St Mary's on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be available during the interval with proceeds and donations going to Christians Against Poverty in Market Drayton. Tickets are available from BroSys computer shop in town or via this link <https://jkartists.co.uk/aneveningofsong-t-mmlery/>

## 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

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