

October 2020
THE DIARY OF ST MARY
DROYLSDEN

*A welcoming all-age community growing and sharing
God's love*



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for I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord"

Services – October 2020

**Morning Worship in Church 10am each Sunday and
as announced**

**Face coverings must be worn, and social distancing
observed.**

**Services during October can also be found on YouTube on
Wednesdays at 6pm and Sundays at 1pm.**

(Google YouTube then search St Mary's Droylsden)

**Any changes and updates will be announced on the website and
where possible Facebook**

The Book of Ephesians #3

Chapters four, five and six.

In this mini-series of reflections on the book of Ephesians, we've so far looked at the first three chapters. Paul has written an open letter to the church in Ephesus in which he has

- Outlined the growth of the early church from its beginnings in the area around Jerusalem
- Shown how belief in Christ breaks down the barriers between peoples - we are all children of God
- Reminded his readers that everyone is called, even those with flawed characters
- Used language to enthuse and inspire his readers

He now addresses the issue of how we respond to God's freely given grace. At the start of John's Gospel, it says "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God". When we accept that Jesus is the Son of God, our Saviour, we have the right to be called a child of God. But with rights come responsibilities. These are clearly laid out in chapters four, five and six.

In Eph 2, we noted that God's grace is a gift, freely given, not earned by our good deeds. So maybe '**responsibilities**' is not quite the right word. When you make a new friend, or fall in love with someone, you get to know them little by little. As you get to know them you find out what makes them happy. More and more, you choose to do those things that put a smile on your loved one's face and choose not to do those things that make them unhappy. And so, it is with Christians. As we grow in our love for God, we **choose** to live our lives in a different way. So perhaps it should be that with rights come choices.

Paul lists some of the things we should put aside in order that we "live a life worthy of the calling you have received." That way "we will no longer be infants... but grow up into him who is the head". We are to put off our old self, and put on a new self - a decision to leave our old ways behind and begin again. Don't steal, don't lie, don't let the sun go down on your anger, be kind, build up rather than knock down, no swearing, only moral living, be sober. Husbands and wives are to respect and honour one another, children are to obey their parents in accordance with the Commandments. Slaves are to do as they are expected, not only to gain favour, but because it is the right thing to do, and masters are to treat their slaves well as the Lord, our master, treats us.

But alongside the things we should turn from, there is encouragement to take up new things. We are urged to be kind, compassionate and forgiving, as God forgives. We should love as we are loved. We should live as children of light and be filled with the Spirit.

All this will be difficult to do, it's hard to change our habits, especially when there is a real chance of ridicule from peers. Paul gives us some practical advice as to how we might begin to cope with the pressure of standing up against the forces of evil. He suggests we put on the "armour of God". Obviously, armour is worn for protection against attack. The analogy is clear. Our faith gives us a share in God's truth, righteousness, readiness, faith, salvation and the Spirit. These things we can consciously call on as we learn to "be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."

As the letter ends, the reader is promised that help is at hand. Paul was sending Tychius to teach and encourage. And we have one another to build us up. Christians thrive on fellowship and encouragement, and it is a two way street. We can give encouragement and praise it seems more difficult to receive it with humility.

I'll end with the words of Paul...

"Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love."

Rev'd Sue

COVID-19 Update (as of 23rd September)

The Diocesan guidance has understandably been updated since the new rules have been announced.

As far as they apply to St Mary's, there isn't much change.

- track and trace is now mandatory. We have to keep a record, but it remains up to the individual whether they give their details or not.
- where numbers attending and face coverings guidance used to say "should", they now say "must". Today the maximum numbers are 30 for baptisms and funerals, however only 15 for weddings, but that may change.
- an app is available from Thursday 24th September for android and Apple phones. We generate a QR code and people can check in as they arrive. It's not clear whether this means they don't then have to sign in on paper too.

I'll keep checking two or three times a day as yesterday's announcements will probably mean things change more rapidly.

You can read all the advice here <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/coronavirus/>

Rev'd Sue Ball

Big Walk Update

You may recall from the last diary I have challenged myself to walk from York Minster to Canterbury Cathedral. Not actually, physically walk between the two. Rather, to collect together the miles I walk each week in the hope of covering a total of 285 miles. I have plotted a route that is broken into 15 sections, each starting and ending at a place of worship. In order to make the project an act of worship, I am contacting each church to ask what I can pray for them as I walk. And to ask them to pray for our parish too. I've yet to pluck up the courage to contact the Archbishops...

Rev Jill Cheverton at **St James', Selby** rang for a chat after I contacted her. She was glad that we would be praying for her congregation and asked that we pray for them as they begin to open for worship. Capt Richard Cooke, Church Army, also contacted me from Selby. He told me the church is in a socially and spiritually challenging area and asked for prayer for their outreach.

Rev Becky Hancock was licensed at **St Nicholas, Bawtry**, on 9th September. She would like us to pray for their new season of ministry.

St Giles in Ollerton is also in vacancy. They have a team of volunteers trying to open 11 churches. They ask for prayer for the wardens, PCCs as they are finding things a little difficult

Fr Stuart at **St John's in Grantham** was a little confused about what I'm trying to do and offered hospitality as I pass through!! He asked for prayer that, despite all the issues which they are focusing on at the moment, God would keep them missionally minded, that all they do may be done to his glory and to speak of his eternal love for all. I think we would all echo that.

I have now (at the time of writing) covered over 90 miles which sounds a long way - but there are still about 200 left.

Donations are still coming in with £170 on JustGiving and the same via the collection box in church. The excess for the insurance claim has now been covered, but the Emmaus Room needs decorating, and the Alzheimer's Society will also benefit (a charity our family supports as this is my personal challenge). If you wish to contribute, visit <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/rev-sue-long-walk> , transfer directly into the church bank account, or drop your donation in the collection box. Make sure you let us know it is sponsor money so that I can thank you personally.

Many blessings,

Rev'd Sue

Our Secret Partner

Jesus said: "I'm like the vine tree – you are the branches." – St John's Gospel

Lord Jesus, You don't just sit there watching us trying hard!

If we want to do a thing properly, You will always help us.

If we want to help someone, You will always make us strong.

When people thank us for doing something, they don't always know the secret of who's been helping us.....

When we try and You help, that's when we can do something really well.

Jesus, You love to be part of the things we do for people.

Please let us help a lot of people – together

Amen



Our harvest celebrations will be a little different this year. We have much to be thankful for.

We have appreciated this year, perhaps more than previously, how much we rely on our farmers, processors, food transporters, shop keepers and assistants to keep our stores supplied and our shopping bags full.

But as Droylsden & District Foodbank has experienced not everyone has been able to provide for their family during the past few months. Our request for support with food increased initially by 650% and although the need has levelled out it is still at three times the level of pre-Covid 19.

Lifeshare too has had to modify its service, moving away from providing breakfasts to general food parcels. St Mary's will again support both these charities with our harvest donations and we have included below a list of essential items needed by both organisations.

In order for you to donate we will have the following in place:

- The foodbank green basket will be placed at the church entrance on **every Sunday morning in October from 9.30 – 11am** whilst the church is open for the service. If you haven't visited church yet and drop some food items in the basket do pop in to say hello-we have masks if you forget yours.
- Donations can be dropped directly into the **Tesco** permanent collection basket if you shop there.
- If you would like us to **collect your donations** please contact Pat, Barbara or one of the team and we will arrange this.
- If you prefer to give a **cash donation** then please place it in an envelope marked 'Harvest donation' and either drop it into the collection box in church or pass it to us or we can collect.

Thank you for your support of these charities and know that each family who receives a food parcel also receives God's love, shown by your giving of what God has provided for you.

Pat

SHORTAGES Cereal; tinned fruit; sponge puddings; pasta sauces; biscuits, tinned spaghetti; chocolate; instant mash; hotdogs; meatballs; meat; soup.
toothbrushes; toothpaste

APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is usually held each year before the end of April. However, because of the restrictions relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, these meetings could not be held at that time and therefore the Church of England extended the deadline to October.

In line with Government and Diocesan guidance and in line with best practise the meeting this year for St Mary's was held on Zoom on Monday 21st September 2020.

At this point we need to apologise to all our readers as we omitted to include details of the meeting in last month's diary. This was a complete oversight Details were included in the notices in church services on email and Facebook and on our website and we know that the meeting message was received by many including those with no access to the internet.

It seemed strange to review the reports and accounts from 2019 when so much has changed since then and casting our minds back to a different time caused us to reflect on how our worship has changed over the past few months.

Following the nomination and seconding of the following individuals the meeting confirmed the election of the following individuals.

Wardens: Mrs Pat Catterall, Ms Beth Cutler

Representatives on Deanery Synod: Mrs Susan Marsh. Mrs Stephanie Rigg, Mrs Christine Withers.

The above are also members of the Parochial Church Council. In addition, the following were also elected to serve on the PCC:

Mr David Artingstall, Ms Charlotte Burrows, Mr Keith Clayton, Mr Paul Davies, Mrs Doreen Harthan, Mrs Ann Holland, Mr Jim Smith, Mrs Barbara Walton.

It is hoped that the next annual meeting due in April 2021 will be able to be held face to face and the virtual meetings will be a distant memory.

The PCC will continue to meet and consider the work and ministry of St Mary's within our church family and the wider community.

If you have any comments, suggestions or feedback for the leadership team please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the people named above.

We are here to serve you.

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of St Mary's PCC; keep them steadfast in faith and united in love, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Pat



Christmas Shoebox Support for 2020

This year would be our 27th year assisting with the OCC. In 2020 we again see news reports of thousands of people who have lost their homes and members of their family to wars or natural disasters. Thank God there are many organisations who seek to help those in need. At St Mary's we support several Christian organisations plus a few humanitarian organisations. To name a few: Open Doors, CMS, TEAR Fund, The Children's Society, Compassion, Food Bank, Life Share and OCC. OCC UK delivers many thousands of gift boxes to needy children in Eastern Europe and Africa. Last year St Mary's church members made up 141 boxes and we acted as a storage base for 3 other churches. So, a total of 280 boxes were collected from St Mary's.

Covid-19 has affected many operations in 2020 and this means, for St Mary's, we will have to change the way we contribute this year. St Mary's will not be able to collect shoe boxes physically this year. Donations should be made online, (or send a cheque to addresses for the charities below)

We would suggest looking at 2 Christian charities for shoe boxes; the OCC and the Blythswood. Smaller individual contributions can be made to the Blythswood, or you can build a shoe box choosing items on the OCC website for a set donation.

This year we advise you to make donations online during October but by Sunday 8th November at the latest; see the following web links:

Blythswood for individual donation amounts <https://blythswood.org/donate-to-shoe-box-appeal/> or to create and pay for a box online OCC build a box <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>

Postal Addresses, if you do not have internet access, please send a cheque to either:

Blythswood Care,

Highland Deephaven,

Ross-shire. IV16 9XJ

(Cheques payable to 'Blythswood Care' include your name & address on back)

or

Samaritans Purse,

Victoria House, Buckhurst Hill,

Essex. IG9 5EX

(Cheques payable to 'Samaritans Purse'. Include on back - your name & address)"

Keith Morgan on behalf of St Mary's Team

Scouting

Dyb dyb dyb, dob dob dob
Throwing an axe and chopping a log
Making a fire and cooking your tea
There is no better life for you and for me

Tying a knot and making a raft
Hiking in rain and having a blast
Learning first aid and tying a sling
Sitting round campfires and having a sing

Reading a map and finding your way
Saluting the flag your promise to say
Arm in the air so the leaders don't shout
There's no better life of that there's no doubt

Doing your best and supporting each other
Treating your friends as a sister or brother
Learning Morse code cos you never know when!
Sewing on badges there are way more than ten!

Putting up tents and setting up camp
Making camp gadgets by the light of a lamp
Toasting marshmallows and sharing them all
Meeting each week at a church or a hall

Visiting places and learning new things
Climbing, abseiling and huge giant swings
Filtering water - can you make it clear?
Listen at midnight what sounds can you hear?

Wide games and dodgeball and running around
Manhunt in darkness are you out of bounds?
Shooting blunt arrows straight through the air
Firing air rifles be sure to take care!

Kindness to animals, growing your food
No need for violence, no need to be rude!
Ironing your uniform for church parade
Bringing your family gifts you have made.

Swimming, kayaking and just getting wet
The more that you do the more badges you'll get!
Integrity, respect, care and belief
And cooperation these values we keep!

Courageous and loyal, our promise to be
Doing our best for our Queen and country
Our honour is endless, our care is the best
Becoming a Scout sets you out from the rest!

Beavers and Cubs then Scouts isn't all
There's Explorers, Young Leaders they all have a ball!
There's Network and then when you're too old for that
Be a Section Leader - there's no limit to that!

You could stay home on your consoles
and pretend to do things
Or get out and Scout and survive anything!
If a zombie apocalypse is what your about
The only way forward is becoming a Scout!

At the moment we Zoom meet and virtually Scout
But we'll soon be together of that I've no doubt!
We will persevere and continue I'm sure
Because Scouts and all Scouting will always endure!

(Taken from FaceBook by one of St Mary's Section Leaders)

Just like lots of other organisations, face-to-face scouting at 250th (St Mary's) Scout Group ceased with the onset of the lockdown in March, but it didn't mean scouting ceased altogether. Lots of online resources sprang up and my own grandson, Finley – a Beaver Scout – worked towards badges at home. He completed his Beaver Scout Builders Activity Badge by planning, building and presenting a rocket, all captured on video by his dad and submitted to the Beaver Scout Leader online. He had a whale of a time and bless him he had us in stitches at the start of each video he did or said something different but each time starting with “say go” The first time he swept his fringe out of his eyes (his hair is cut short – no fringe), second time “can I do my smile?” (We got a great big cheesy grin). Finally we got a video of the finished rocket that was nearly as big as Fin, all we could see was his head popping out over the top as he told us what he would do better next time. The Scout District also put a resource out called Operation Red Sky that was a sort of Spy Booklet to work through aimed really at Scouts, but Finley had a go at that too. He joined Droylsden Cricket Club (his sister has been going for a couple of years) and leaned to bat and bowl. He also learned to use the vacuum cleaner and cleared away all the pots after his brothers and sister had lunch and loaded the dishwasher (he was supposed to learn how to wash up but he's not daft, he knows that's what the dishwasher is for!) He's so looking forward to retuning to Beavers but it's not to be just yet.

During the lockdown, the Group Treasurer Graham Curtis, “walked” to Bournemouth and back and gained sponsorship that has been put towards ripping out the old toilets in the hut and replacing them with toilets specially adapted for use by disabled people, put in a new ramp and replaced the huts damaged flooring. They've had a deep clean and all's ready for face-to-face scouting to return.

Christine

Community Page

This month we've a couple of articles for the page, the first one is a recipe from Jill Kennaugh.

Mushroom Risotto

50g butter
250g chestnut mushrooms
1tbls olive oil
375g risotto rice
3 garlic cloves – crushed
150ml white wine
1ltr vegetable stock
100g parmesan cheese

Melt ½ the butter with the oil in a large frying pan. Put in sliced mushrooms and fry quickly for 2mins. Drain mushrooms and set aside. Add rice and garlic to pan and cook for 1min. Add wine and continue to cook until it has evaporated. Add 800ml of the stock and cook uncovered for 20-25mins stirring frequently until rice is tender. Add more stock if necessary – risotto should remain juicy. Stir in the mushrooms, half the cheese and the rest of the butter and season to taste. Serve immediately with rest of cheese sprinkled on top.

Cascade Baby Bundles

People find themselves in financial difficulty for all kinds of reasons. Whilst cost of living expenses continue to rise and wages for many remain static, more and more people are finding themselves struggling to feed and clothe their families. We are all aware of the growing need and use of Food Banks across the country. Equally we believe that there is a growing need to provide clothing for children of families on low incomes, or those suffering financial hardship.

Cascade Baby Bundles aims to support the parent(s) by providing a 'Baby Bundle' gift containing items of clothing, toys and essentials that will help cushion the financial impact of a child on a family experiencing hardship. We provide these bundles for newborn babies and children all the way up to age ten.

We would love you to donate any items that your baby no longer needs so that we can help another family living in our local community. We rely on donations and desperately need clothing and baby essentials; basically anything that your child no longer needs that is of

good quality and in good working order: clothing, bedding and blankets, Moses baskets, baby baths, sterilising units, cots, prams, buggies, bouncy chairs, playmats, high chairs, safety gates, small toys and books etc.

Cascade Baby Bundles can only accept items that are in good condition, complete, stain free and unbroken. We reserve the right to refuse items that do not meet our requirements. As a guide, if you wouldn't want your child to wear it, be put in it or play with it, then we wouldn't want to pass it to one of our families. There are many reasons why a family may find themselves in need of our support, so it is very important to us that they feel valued, respected and uplifted.

For more information please contact 0759 381 5538. The charity's address is Unit H5, Newton Business Park, Talbot Road, Hyde, Cheshire SK14 4UQ



Answers to Last Month's Quiz

Answers Quiz Search 3

1. James Martin
- 2 Colin Morgan.
- 3.Martin Clunes.
- 4.Larry Hagman
5. Robert Wagner.
6. Mark Williams.
7. The Chase
8. Robert
- 9.Len
10. Alan.
11. Sandy.
12. Debbie.
13. Warwick.
14. David.
- 15.Philip
16. Rick.
17. Susan.
18. Buffy.
19. Praise.
- 20.Midsumer.
21. Grand.
22. Abbey.

QUIZ SEARCH 4 – Catchphrases

R	O	B	E	A	T	I	N	G	N	E	R	B	S	S	P	R
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H	V	K	N	B	U	F	H	Y	A	C	K	W	D	D	L	I
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Answers will be forward backward up or down or diagonal but always in a straight line.

Find the following

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| <p>1. A horse, a horse my _____ for a horse</p> <p>2. A bird in the _____ is worth two in a bush</p> <p>3. A _____ for your thoughts</p> <p>4. Run _____ run!</p> <p>5. See you, wouldn't _____ to be you</p> <p>6. _____ that door</p> <p>7. In for a penny, in for a _____</p> <p>8. A _____ in time saves nine</p> <p>9. Every _____ heaps!</p> <p>10. Just like _____</p> <p>11. Life is like a box of _____</p> <p>12. See you later _____</p> <p>13. Loose _____ sink ships</p> | <p>14. _____ for old rope</p> <p>15. _____ makes perfect</p> <p>16. In a while _____</p> <p>17. By the _____ of my thumbs</p> <p>18. Something _____ this way comes</p> <p>19. Too many cooks spoil the _____</p> <p>20. The _____ leading the _____</p> <p>21. Once more into the _____ dear friends</p> <p>22. Parting is such sweet _____</p> <p>23. Be still my _____ heart</p> <p>24. So _____ yet so far</p> <p>25. Friends, _____, countrymen</p> |
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Something To Think About

We've made start on our Community Page in the Diary. Perhaps you have a favourite recipe or knitting pattern you would like to share. Maybe you know of a charity fund raiser that needs some publicity. Have you some good news you would like to share?

Please let us know. My contact details can be found below or speak to someone at the Service on Sunday Morning.

Christine

We would like to thank everyone who has made a contribution to this month's diary, without **you** there wouldn't be one

If **you** would like to contribute something to the diary, please contact:

Christine

christine.withers12@talktalk.net

Facebook

Enter St Mary's church on your FB page search bar and you will see our Facebook page

St Mary's Church Website is

www.stmarydroylsden.co.uk

Church Flowers and Bookstall - Details from Church

Mothers Union - Details from Church

Tots Time (pre-school) - Diane Heywood/Margaret McCracken

Lighthouse - Bubbles (3-5yrs), Splash (5-8yrs) 2nd and 4th Sundays in Church Room

St Mary's Church of England Nursery and Primary School

Head Teacher, Miss K Hampson - 370 3948

250th Manchester Scout Group

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers - 07973739041

5th Droylsden Brownie Guides - 339 0016

Rainbow Pack - 301 4251

St John's Band - 285 3583

