

Welcome to St Mary's

Worship Today:

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Morning Worship

Readings: Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Prayer is offered, in the Resurrection Chapel, during and after each 10.30 service. You are encouraged to bring your concerns and your thanks to God, and you can be assured that your requests will be kept confidential.

We have toy bags for small children to play with during the service, and under 5's can use the Children's Corner at any time, with parental supervision.

Mid-week:

Wednesdays 9.00am Short informal Morning Prayer – All welcome

Thursdays 10.00am Holy Communion.

Services on 20th January

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

6.00pm Churches Together in Market Drayton Service for Unity and AGM. St Mary's Church.

DIARY & NOTICES

Sun 13th Jan **AT 7:** 7.00pm Contemporary Worship at the Methodist Church with speaker Lloyd Cooke, who is chief executive of the Saltbox Christian Centre in Stoke-on-Trent

Mon 14th Jan **MOTHERS UNION MEETING:** 2.30pm in the Starmer Room. Visitors always welcome.

Wed 16th Jan **PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS:** 2.00-3.30pm in the Methodist Church Lounge. For further information please see the P4PC page of the Market Drayton Churches Together website or contact Randall Hardy 01952 540970

Thur 17th Jan **COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING:** 10.00am – 11.45am in the Parish Rooms for coffee, cake, craft and a chat. Do bring your family and friends.

Sun 20th Jan **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MARKET DRAYTON SERVICE OF UNITY AND AGM:** Friday 18th January marks the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and so a special service will be held at St Mary's on Sunday 20th January at 6.00pm, which will be followed by the Churches Together in Market Drayton AGM at 6.30pm. Please do come along to support this and hear about the great work being done by our churches in the town.

Sat 9th Feb St Mary's is invited by the Methodist Church to 'come and enjoy a 3-course meal for the bargain price of £10.00 to raise funds for Market Drayton Romania Link'.at 6.00pm. Please sign-up in the Welcome Area if you would like to attend.

BLANKETS DESPERATELY NEEDED - any type, for transport to Syria. It has been estimated that 6 million children will die in Syria this winter! Can we reduce that number? Please bring your donations into church - THANK YOU.

PHEONIX GROUP (for the bereaved): The group will be meeting for lunch at the Red Lion in Market Drayton at 12.00pm on Friday 18th January. Anyone interested in attending or if you require further details please contact Avril on 01630 656264 or Beryl on 01630 654994

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY (GFS): There will be no GFS this month. It will resume in February 2019.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The Church Office will be closed on Mondays throughout January.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS – The collections at our Christmas Services raised £491.57 for relief in Yemen which has gone to Tearfund. The Christingle Service collection raised £157.21 for the Children's Society, to which will be added the sums saved at home in the cardboard candles, which are mounting up in the safe pending the Day of the Great Count!

BRING & SHARE LUNCHEES FOR 2019: There is now a list in the Welcome Area for offers to host lunches during 2019. If you feel you could fill in one of the gaps it would be most appreciated.

SCHOOLS' CALENDAR: Under the umbrella of Drayton Arts Fest, another calendar has been produced in conjunction with all schools in the area. These are for sale at £5.00, with all proceeds going to the schools. Specimen copy and sign-up sheet at the West End. Please support our schools.

A new **FRESH START COURSE** will start on 22nd January 2019, for further information please contact Jill Alexander on 07845 762309 or email 'jillalexander@capuk.org'.



CAP Fresh Start (help with addictions)
 CAP Debt Centre 0800 328 0006 or 01274 760839
 CAP Job Club 07399 852 163
 FOUNTAINS Counselling Service 07980 387 847

FOODBANK.URGENTLY NEEDED THIS WEEK: Sponge Puddings, Tinned Fruit, Custard, Rice Pudding, Long Life Juice, Packets of Mashed Potato, Tinned Fish, Laundry Washing Powder and Washing Up Liquid, Cereals, Men's Toiletries.

FOOD LOW IN STOCK: Coffee, Cat & Dog Food, Tinned Meat (corned beef, ham, Spam), Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Tomatoes

NOT NEEDED AT PRESENT: Pasta, Soup, Baked Beans and Nappies.

Website link: <https://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

NB: If you have any notices to include please submit them no later than WEDNESDAY EVENING to Helen, our Administrator, either to 01630 653505 or stmarysmd@btinternet.com

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Day off: Friday

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Open Monday - Friday 11am-1pm

to access the notice sheet online go to: www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk

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Sunday 13th January 2019 Baptism of Christ

How many times in a film do we see our hero facing imminent danger and almost certain death and just as he's about to go out to confront the evil mastermind/apocalyptic storm/alien invasion there's just time for one last phone call from his wife/girl-friend/mum, who reminds him that no matter what happens she loves him. And we see his jaw set and with renewed courage he goes out to do battle.

Lots of things are possible when we know we are loved. We might find a new courage, maybe new or renewed determination, creativity, urgency, boldness. To know that someone we love and respect also loves us, no matter what, is permission-giving and empowering.

At his baptism, Jesus hears his Father's voice. Just as he is about to embark on his rescue mission of the human race, where he will be met with opposition, hatred and betrayal, where he will confront evil and death, Jesus hears, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

This is his Father's vote of confidence, his affirmation, his 'you've got this'. More than that, by his Spirit's presence he also says 'And I'm right with you.'

Because Jesus' mission succeeded, we can also know that affirming and encouraging love of our heavenly Father and the empowering and enabling presence of his Spirit.