

Welcome to St Mary's

**Worship Today:**

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30am Morning Worship (CW) + Baptism  
Reading Acts 16: 9-15  
6.30pm Iona Communion

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A warm welcome to the family and friends of Freya Zolek and Oscar Heeley as they are baptised today.

*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:**

Wednesday 9.00am Short informal Morning Prayer – All welcome  
Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

**Services on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.30am Holy Communion (CW)  
4.00pm Messy Church (in the Parish Rooms)

**DIARY & NOTICES**

Today **LUNCH CLUB (for those on their own):** 12.45pm at the Red Lion. Please see Val Creasey if you are interested in attending.

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> May **FUNERAL** of Joan Davies 2.00pm in church. Everyone is warmly invited back to Spring Hill after the service.

Thu 30<sup>th</sup> May **DEANERY ASCENSION DAY SERVICE:** We are trying something slightly different this year! The service will be at **10.00am in St Mary's Church** and everyone is welcome. If you are able to help out with refreshments after the service or provide a cake, please let Catherine know.

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun **MESSY CHURCH:** A Pentecost Messy Church will be held at the Vicarage at 4.00pm, with activities and games and followed by a BBQ.

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> June **SWAP SHOP:** 10.30am in the Parish Rooms. Donations as well as offers of help on the day, would be very much appreciated.

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Jun **WHIT WALK & PENTECOST PRAISE:** An invitation to join friends from Cheswardine, leaving Hales Church at 2.15pm to walk through the Hales Estate to Cheswardine; followed by band-led worship at 4.00pm at St Swithun's.

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jun **PASTORAL MEETING:** 2.00pm in the Starmer Room.

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jun **MOTHER'S UNION:** 7.00pm in the Starmer Room when Ian Macfarlane will be the speaker: 'From Search & Rescue Pilot to Ordained Minister'.

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Jun **FOOD HYGIENE COURSE** 9.30am – 4.00pm in the Parish Rooms. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Keren Macfarlane

**PRAYER FOR THY KINGDOM COME:** Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement inviting Christians to pray during the 9 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost. From Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May through to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June there will be alternating services of Evening Prayer and Compline in St Mary's, with services beginning at 6.30pm and lasting approx. 20 to 30 minutes. Please come and join the global Christian community as we all pray for the renewing an empowering presence of the Holy Spirit. *For further details please speak to Revd. Ian Macfarlane.*

**DID YOU KNOW....**that our sermons are available on our website and Facebook page? Click on the banner on the home page of the website for more details.

**BIBLE STUDY:** From the 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Methodist Church, Peter Davies will be holding a weekly bible study on Colossians. The 5 weekly sessions will be held at 1.00- 2.30pm and repeated at 7.30 – 9.00pm.

**PHOENIX GROUP (for those bereaved):** Tony Fair has kindly offered to allow us to have a walk around Peatswood and the lakes with coffee and cake afterwards. Transport will be arranged for those who need it. Details to follow.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Ian's Priesting Service will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 4.00pm by the Bishop of Lichfield in St Chads Church, Shrewsbury – all welcome. If you would be interested in coming by coach then please sign up at the back of church.

**CHURCH FAMILY WEDDING:** Justin & Sue Frankfort and Rod Hardacre thank everyone for their kind support around the joyous occasion of the marriage of Mike & Gabi. We now ask for your prayers, that those who attended, or were somehow touched by the wedding, would grow in faith through it. We also pray that Gabi & Mike would have an ongoing fruitful relationship with Rev Becky Richards and the church of St Swithuns.

#### **CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY**

**CAP** have the following volunteer vacancies:

**Volunteer 'Fresh Start' Coach** to support Jill Alexander in her role as Fresh Start Manager. The role is particularly suitable for those with previous experience in the area of addictions/dependencies and/or life controlling habits.

**Volunteer Life Skills Manager & Coach.** Life Skill is an 8 week course aimed at teaching participants key skills around budgeting & money management, shopping wisely, cooking from scratch, healthy eating & bodies, healthy relationships, confidence & self worth.

If you are interested, please contact Gill Carley on 07855 460655 or email: [gillcarley@capuk.org](mailto:gillcarley@capuk.org). Please note that these positions require people who are committed Christians who are willing to attend training at CAP Head Office in Bradford, having passed CAP's recruitment and selection process.



**CAP Debt Centre**

**CAP Fresh Start (addiction support)**

**CAP Life Skills**

**CAP Job Club**

**0800 328 0006**

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**07399 852 163**

#### **FOODBANK NEEDED THIS WEEK:**

**URGENT:** Rice Pudding; Sponge Puddings; Long Life Juice (cartons); Toilet Rolls; Laundry Washing Powder & Washing up Liquid; Men's & Women's Toiletries; Tinned Meat (corned beef, ham, Spam).

**NOT NEEDED:** Pasta; Rice; Baked Beans; Tea.

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

***NB: Any ITEMS for the notice sheet should be submitted no later than WEDNESDAY EVENING to Helen, our Administrator, either to 01630 653505 or [stmarysmd@btinternet.com](mailto:stmarysmd@btinternet.com)***

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Day off: Friday

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Open Monday - Friday 11am-1pm

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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
**Easter 6**

Last week we were thinking about how the early church had to radically rethink its inclusion policy. They learnt that God does not show favouritism and his message of hope, redemption and salvation was for everyone, Jew and non-Jew alike. They learnt that God's gift of his Holy Spirit was available for everyone – even the Gentiles – that's us!

This week, we see how Paul is taking the message of the gospel out from Israel and into the countries around the Mediterranean. He has a detailed travel plan his itinerary is all worked out; but it seems that doors keep closing for him and, somehow, he is prevented from visiting some of the places he had planned to go to. That must have incredibly frustrating, disappointing, confusing and disheartening.

Proverbs 16.9 says, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps." It is absolutely right for humans to make plans, but we need to submit them to God and be open to his direction. I'm not talking about plans like what we will have for breakfast, or what colour socks we're going to wear today! However, for decisions that will have significant consequences, we can bring them to God and trust God to guide us. Maybe that guidance will be through 'doors closing', whilst other unexpected doors open.

Paul was willing to be guided by God's Holy Spirit. He held his own plans lightly and was prayerfully and patiently open to the unexpected. Can we do the same?

You might like to use this prayer:

*Heavenly Father help me to trust you and put my plans in your hands.*

*Give me hope and patience in the times of waiting.*

*Help me to know your will*

*and give me the courage and obedience to follow where you lead me,  
so that I may know the joy of seeing you at work in and through my life. Amen.*

*Catherine*