

Welcome to St Mary's

Worship Today:

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Holy Communion (CW)
Readings 1 Peter 3: 8-16 Luke 10: 1-24
4.00pm Café Worship (in the Parish Rooms)

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 their parent's supervision.

Mid-week:

Wednesday 9.00am Short informal Morning Prayer – All Welcome
Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
Saturday 6.30 pm Reflective Remembrance Service

Services 10th November 2019

Please note, there will be No 8.30am Service

10.45am Remembrance Day Service

DIARY & NOTICES

Wed 6th Nov **COFFEE MORNING:** 10.30am – 12.30pm at Raven House for those one their own who would like a bit of company and a chat.

Mon 11th Nov **MOTHER'S UNION:** 2.30pm in the Starmer Room when Rev Chris Simpson will be speaking on her role as one of the Chaplains at Stoke Heath. Bring & Buy for Christingle. Visitors always most welcome.

Thu 14th Nov **SINGING PRACTICE for CAROL SERVICE:** 8.00pm in Church. Men only at this stage.

Fri 15th Nov **PHOENIX GROUP (for those bereaved):** Meeting at 10.30 am in Wetherspoons for coffee and a chat.

Sun 17th Nov **BRING & SHARE LUNCH:** Hosted by Nita, Sheila and Stephanie: 1.00pm in the Parish Rooms

Sat 23rd Nov **SWAP SHOP:** 10.30am in the Parish Rooms, when we would appreciate gifts of suitable items (in good condition) for swapping, and also helpers please.

Sat 23rd Nov **COMPASSION COFFEE MORNING:** 10.30 – 12.30 in the Methodist Church Hall.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: If you would like a copy of amended details to the directory please collect a copy from the church office.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: Helen Hughes will be away from Thursday 7th November until Wednesday 13th November. If you have any notices for next week, please send them to the office no later than **Tuesday 5th November.**

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CARDS: A brochure and order forms are now available in the bookshop area. We will be placing a collective order on **November 5th** to ensure cards are here in good time. Payment can be made once cards are picked up.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES: Flat-pack boxes and instruction leaflets are available at the West End and you are asked to bring filled boxes to church no later than **Saturday 9th November**, as Sunday 10th will be Remembrance and a very full church! Monetary contributions to help with transport costs, would be gratefully received (by Carol Corney).

MD GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME are hosting a Dementia Awareness session on Friday 15th November from 10.00am – 11.30am in the Mencap Building, Salisbury Hill View, Market Drayton. It will be led by Chris Jupp, Dementia Champion. Everyone welcome. If you would like to attend, please register your interest on the MDGNS telephone number 01630 659204.

EVERYDAY FAITH? The Bishops of Ludlow and Shrewsbury will be speaking at the Shropshire Churches Day Conference on **Saturday 16th November 2019** at the Trinity Centre, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury, from 10.00am – 3.15pm. Tickets are **£8 if booked before 31st October or £10 when booked in November**, available form www.trinitychurches.org/everyday. For further details please see noticeboard at the back of church

BUTTERCROSS TO BETHLEHEM: Market Drayton Churches Together will be running this recreation of the Christmas story on **Sunday 15th December**, 2.00-5.00pm and we need your help with stewarding, performing and singing. If you would like to be involved, please see the flyers for more information and sign-up at the back of church.

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Please save the following dates in your diary!

CAP & Foodbank Quiz'n'cheese night - **Saturday 29th February 2020** – 7.00pm in the Parish Rooms

CAP Sunday Celebration – **Sunday 23rd February 2020** at 10.30am, Ashley Methodist Church, with speaker David Parkinson, Regional Leader, CAP Bradford.



CAP Debt Centre	0800 328 0006
CAP Fresh Start (addiction support)	0800 328 0006
CAP Life Skills	0800 328 0006
CAP Job Club	0800 328 0006
FOUNTAINS Counselling Service	07980 387 847

FOODBANK NEEDED THIS WEEK:

URGENT (NO STOCK): Tinned Meat (corned beef, ham, Spam); Dog & Cat Food;

Toilet Rolls; Laundry Washing Powder & Washing Up Liquid; Men's and Women's Toiletries. **LOW STOCK:** Cartons of Long-Life Fruit Juice; UHT Milk; Sponge Puddings; Cooking Sauces; Size 6 Nappies. **NOT NEEDED:** Pasta; Tea.

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

The Foodbank needs volunteers to help at Morrisons and the Foodbank on **16th November 8.30am–5.00pm, 13th December 8.30am–5.00pm and 14th December 8.30am–3.00pm**. There are rotas for both collections, with 1½ hour slots. Duties include giving out shopping lists, collecting food at Morrisons and helping to sort, dot and weigh food at the Foodbank. If you can help, please contact Helen McSherry at volunteer@marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk or 01630 654007 and leave a voicemail with your contact details. We really need extra volunteers to help increase our stock levels in the run up to Christmas, so please spread the word to family and friends. Thank you for your continued support.

NB: Any ITEMS for the notice sheet should be submitted no later than TUESDAY EVENING to Helen, our Administrator, either to 01630 653505 or stmarysmd@btinternet.com

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Open Mon - Fri 11.00am - 1.00pm

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MARY'S MARKET
CHURCH DRAYTON

Registered Charity Number: 1144116

Sunday 3rd November 2019
4th Before Advent

Telling Others

As we come to the end of our sermon series, 'What's So Good About the Good News?', I've been reflecting on last week's reading from John's gospel, where Nicodemus pays a nocturnal visit to Jesus. We finish our series this week by thinking about the importance of telling others the good news that we have and it seems to me that we learn some vital lessons from that encounter between Jesus and Nicodemus.

Firstly, did you notice how Nicodemus doesn't really get to ask a question before Jesus is straight in there with his declaration that no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born again? It's as if he already knows what's on Nicodemus' mind.

When we think of family, friends or colleagues, do we know their un-asked questions? Do we know what their concerns and worries are? If we can take the time to find out, then we'd know what aspect of our good news would best speak into their situations.

Jesus speaks to Nicodemus about the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing about the new birth that's required and so, as we share our faith with others, it's also important to remember that this isn't something we do on our own. We need to be praying for the Spirit's help and for him to be at work in the person's heart. We play our part, but it's not all about us and without the Spirit's work our efforts won't come to anything.

This passage contains perhaps one of the most well-known lines in Scripture; God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. Nicodemus learns that, ultimately, Jesus is the answer to his questions.

I heard Rick Warren, writer and pastor of Saddleback Church in the US, speaking at a conference a few years ago. He felt there was no set formula for sharing our faith. We needed to find out what a person's deepest, heartfelt questions were.... And then show them how Jesus is the answer.

Catherine