

M St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

4th December 2020

The peace of the Lord be with you

Those of us familiar with attending Communion services, will remember using these words when we exchanged the peace together. Can you remember those days!?

I wonder if we ever took them for granted, just a little bit. They would trip off our tongues as we smiled and shook hands—or, being St Mary's - gave each other a hug! But did we ever pause to think about the significance of what we were doing?

In those few words we are praying a profound blessing upon our fellow worshippers: may you know the presence and salvation of God in your life; may your soul experience his rest and security; may you know his justice and mercy; may he bring you harmony with your neighbour and with creation. All of that is 'the peace of the Lord', his 'Shalom'.

We live in a world of worry, particularly at the moment. Many are desperate for this kind of peace—a peace that the world cannot give. But we can—or at least we know someone who can.

What kind of impact might we have on our families and friends, our neighbours and colleagues, if we were brave enough to use this short prayer, not just within the safety of our church walls, but *out there*, in the world where it's really needed. And what better time to start than as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus—our Prince of Peace.

Catherine

*Be anxious for nothing,
but in everything by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving let your requests be made
KNOWN TO GOD.
And the peace of God,
which surpasses all comprehension, shall
guard your hearts and your minds
IN CHRIST JESUS.*

PHILIPPIANS 4: 6 - 7



Carols on the Doorstep

Join in with BBC Radio Shropshire's 'Carols on the Doorstep' on Wednesday 16th December at 6pm (or on Christmas Eve at the same time). More details on the flyer sent out with this newsletter and at <https://www.doorstepcarols.co.uk/> where you can also download a carol sheet. We are exploring the possibility of gathering in a car park in town to turn this into a 'drive in carol service' - watch this space!



Christmas Plans

Here are our plans for services over the Christmas period:

Christingle: Videos will be posted on our Facebook page each day between **21st and 23rd December**, where people can hear the message of Christmas and follow some simple crafts to do at home, including making their own Christingle. Packs for these can be picked up from St Mary's on **Tuesday 22nd December 2-4pm—order by 16th December** on Facebook or by e-mail from the Church Office. A short service will be held in the churchyard on **Christmas Eve at 4.30pm**—bring your Christingle! *If you can help with stewarding at this service, please let Catherine know.*

Late Night Communion Christmas Eve: This will be pre-recorded and available to watch on Facebook and YouTube at 11.00pm. Link to follow.

Christmas Day Communion 9.00am: This will take place in church. *Please let the church office know if you are expecting to attend.*

Christmas Day Zoom Service 10.30am: We want to gauge the interest for this service, so *please let the church office know if you would expect to join this service*

Regular Services

To join any of our regular Zoom services, click on the links below. If you need a copy of the liturgy for any of the services, please contact the Church Office.

Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion in Church

Alternating between BCP and CW

Sunday 10.30am (Morning Worship) ZOOM

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09)

[pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09)

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

The readings this Sunday are:

Isaiah 26.1-13; Philippians 4.4-9

Wednesday Morning Prayer 10.00am

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 Evening Compline 7.00pm ZOOM

Zoom link: [https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2lUZUJjMDRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09)

[pwd=R2lUZUJjMDRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2lUZUJjMDRnTGhINIFPejRLTW5Xdz09)

Meeting ID: 783 2122 9825 Password: 3164610

You can join any of the above meetings by phone using any of the following numbers and the meeting IDs and passwords

above: 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240

0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874

Gifts for Christmas

Gifts for the Women's Refuge and the Sanctus Refugee Centre can then be brought to St Mary's **11am-1pm**

Wednesday 9th December or 12 noon-1pm

Saturday 12th December. Donations of toys, books, games, puzzles for children; toiletries and chocolates for the mums and hats, scarves and gloves for both would be so welcome. Sanctus are requesting boxes of biscuits, chocolate selection boxes, shower gels and shampoos.



Market Drayton Churches Together

Advent Videos

To download a video explaining how you can contribute to a series of Advent videos being produced by our local Churches Together go to <https://we.tl/t-3WUX8IDYBk> We're hoping for as many different contributions as possible.

Prayer Requests



Please pray for Iris Thomas recovering from her hip operation; Chris Ashley now at home recovering from a recent bout of illness; Barry Salter undergoing tests in hospital and Guy

Skipwith recovering from an operation on his hand.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP)

Volunteer vacancy: Life Skills Manager

CAP Market Drayton has a vacancy for a volunteer role as a CAP Life Skills Manager. Each Life Skills course runs for 8 weeks (2 hours/week) to support people living on a low income. The course helps people live well on a budget by offering tips and advice on basic budgeting, cooking healthy meals from scratch, savvy shopping, household finances, and building self-confidence and healthy relationships. Full online training will be provided by CAP Bradford in March 2021. There is a requirement that the person must be a practicing Christian who is willing to share their faith with others. There is a Life Skills volunteer team already in place to support the course. To find out more about the role please contact Gill Carley (CAP Debt Centre Manager) on : 07855460655 or by email: gillcarley@capuk.org For further background on CAP, please visit the website: capuk.org

Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required

Eggs	Sponge Puddings/Slab Cakes	
Tinned Ham & Chicken	Cartons of long-life fruit juice	
Shampoo & Conditioner	Tins of Sardines/Mackerel	
Cat/Dog Food-wet	Toothpaste	Toilet Rolls
Packets of Flavoured Rice (ready cooked/ microwaveable)		
Cleaning Products	Washing Powder/Tabs/Detergent	
Custard	Rice Pudding	
Local Supermarket Vouchers—Morrisons / Lidl / Aldi		

Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Rooms on Tuesdays and Fridays 9-11am. If you are unable to bring donations to the Parish Rooms or to the drop-off points in our local supermarkets, please contact Catherine McBride or Carol Corney, who can arrange to have someone come and pick up your donations.

Staying in Touch

Our Church Office is not staffed at the moment, but e-mails and phone messages are being picked up regularly:

Phone: 01630 653505 **E-mail:** stmarysmd@btinternet.com

We will continue to post information to our website and Facebook page:

Website: www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk

Facebook: @StMarysMarketDrayton

Vicar: Catherine McBride

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