

4th and 11th August 2024



I am the bread of life

I have a book that I use from time to time called the Bread and Bread Machine Bible. It contains recipes for numerous types of breads with instructions on how to make them and what ingredients to use.

We have a wonderful choice of all sorts of breads today which was probably many many more than was available to the average Jews in Jesus' day.

The world is full of bread and yet far too many are hungry, empty, and searching. That says something about our appetites and the bread we have eaten. It's a sure sign that the bread we have eaten cannot give real life. It is perishable bread that nourishes only a perishable life. It leaves us wanting only more of the same.

The food that endures is Jesus himself. He is the bread that is broken and distributed for the life of the world. He is the bread that is broken and yet never divided. He is the bread that is eaten and yet never exhausted. He is the bread that consecrates those who believe in and eat him.

Jesus tells the people. "I am the bread of life," "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." He is offering the people himself. He is the imperishable bread that nourishes and sustains imperishable life.

Jesus makes us the same offer. He offers himself to us in every one of our relationships: family, friends, strangers, enemies, those who agree with us, and those who disagree. In every situation and each day of our life we choose the bread we will eat, perishable or imperishable. In so doing we also choose the life we want.

Peter

Please pray for...



David Leach, David Lucas, Colin Smith, David Halford, John Panter and David Smith. Please also pray for those who have been bereaved, particularly the families and friends of Mark Oulsnam

Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name to be added or removed from this list.



Messy Church

Unfortunately, there is no Messy Church in August. We meet again on Tuesday 3rd September.

We are still looking for one or two more to join our Messy Church catering team. Please talk to Catherine McBride or David Lake if you can help.

Summer Barbeque

(Bring & Share)

On Sunday 18th August Liz Barnes will be hosting a barbeque at 38 Prospect Road. More details to follow.



Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)

Meeting at 10.30am on Friday 16th August in Festival Drayton for coffee, cake and chat.

Congratulations



Some of you may have heard by now that Laurina Rushworth has recently been recommended for ordination training. We're delighted for her, but sad that it means she will be leaving us once she starts college in September and does her placement at another church. Please pray for Laurina, as she embarks on this next stage of her journey, following God's plans for her – and also for Mike, Molly and Patrick through all the changes and new opportunities coming their way over the next few months.

Church Clock

Delighted to report that the Diocese has now authorised repairs to our clock. These are due to start later this month. Many people have asked if they can make donations towards the cost of repairs. This can be done by scanning this QR code:



Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated.

4th August

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings: Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6: 24-35

11th August

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Morning Worship

Readings: Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35, 41-51

These services will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRM R2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3Rm OG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday 10.00am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday Sermons

Listen back to Sunday sermons over the last few months on our website:

<https://www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk/media>

What's Going On?

Ever heard about a really good event happening at another church, only to discover you've missed it?! Well, never fear; you can make sure you always know what's going on around the Diocese by subscribing to the Lichfield Diocesan Bulletin. Twice a month you'll receive an email with details of all the latest Diocesan news, as well as information on courses and parish events. To sign up go to the link below and complete the online form with your details. You can unsubscribe at any time.

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/about-us/commu#ications/>

Parish Rooms

Work continues to replace the heating system in the Parish Rooms. Regular users are being accommodated as much as possible and all groups which might be affected have been contacted. There is heating in The Starmer Room but not in the main Hall until completion of the work. We apologise for any inconvenience while the work is ongoing. If you do not have an existing booking, please check with the Church Office before using the Parish Rooms for the time being. Please also avoid parking at the Parish Rooms to allow access for the workmen's vans.

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required.

Longlife Fruit Juice; Dry Cat Food; Tins of Ham;

Size 6 Pull-ups/Nappies

We have plenty of—Cereals; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Tinned Tomatoes; cleaning products, conditioner.

If you need to contact the Foodbank, please call **01630 654007** (not the one in the church directory). The trolley at the back of church is now in use and donations are gratefully received.



Tunstall Hall Summer Fete

31st August 11am-3pm

We hold a regular monthly Communion service for our friends at Tunstall Hall, so it would be great to support their Summer Fete and have a St Mary's presence there. We are planning to have a stall, selling books, puzzles, games to raise funds for Tunstall Hall. Donations of these items gratefully received in the box at the back of church. Please restrict your donations to books, puzzles and games only, please. If you would be able to help man the stall for part of the day, please let Carol Corney know by signing the sheet at the back of church.



Churchyard – Safety Fence

If you are aware that the protective fence around the fallen boundary has been damaged or knocked over, please let me know so that I can request that the relevant contractors secure the area. Thank you, Elaine Cook

Staying in Touch

Please either leave a message or send an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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