

M St MARY'S Church Market Drayton

5th September 2021

Dementia
friendly church

As a dementia –friendly church, we share occasional insights and

reflections from those living with dementia:

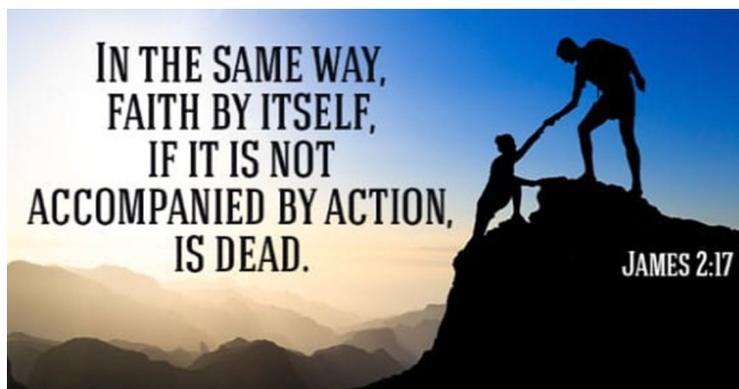
“I have Dementia,
my responses may be slow,
take your time with me,
It means more than you can know.”

One of my favourite TV ads leads in with the song, ‘It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year’. But rather than being aired in the run up to Christmas, it was late August, beginning of September. It catches the attention as the timing seems wrong. But the voice-over soon reveals the point: “It’s that time of year again. They’re going back. It’s back to school time.” The parent looks delighted; the two children have long, glum faces. They are stocking up with new stationery, all ready for the new school year. And what special offers this stationery store has for them! Well, it made *me* laugh the first time I saw it. (You can find the advert on YouTube)

For our schools the new year is just starting. For many families this is a more significant point in time than the 1st of January. This is a moment of real change. Going to school for the first time, or ‘going up’ to a new year or school, brings many changes. For some children this can be the moment when the world suddenly gets a lot bigger. As adults we can appreciate the wonderful opportunities that can be opened up with the gift of education.

Over the last two years our schools have faced immense challenges due to the pandemic (as if education wasn’t already challenging enough). We can celebrate the resilience, the determination, the strength of the whole school community. There may well be a sense of trepidation, wondering just how this new year is going to go. Can we really say with confidence that we have vanquished the virus? Nevertheless, the new school year has started full of hope and good expectations.

As a church community let us keep the new school year in our prayers, now, and throughout the year. We may see children and their families pass us on their way to school. Perhaps we have children, grandchildren who are back to school, or other family members or friends who are involved in education.



Hold them and their schools in our prayers. We can take an interest in our local schools so our prayers can be informed and we can hold before God their specific concerns and needs.

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Trustees Required

Market Drayton Foodbank is in the process of becoming a new Charitable Incorporated



Organisation (CIO) and is, therefore, forming a new Board of Trustees. We are seeking people of energy and commitment; particularly, but not limited to those who can bring other skills: such as financial, legal, governance (health and safety, safeguarding), human resources or public relations experience. For more information please see the advert circulated with this newsletter and on the noticeboard in church. To discuss further and obtain an information and application pack, contact our Foodbank Manager Helen McSherry at info@marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk

Closing date for applications 20th September 2021

Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)

The group will be going out for lunch on Friday 17th September. We are going again, by popular request, to Etzios, in Whitchurch. Anyone who has not given in their menu choices please phone Avril 01630 656264.

Bygone Days

To celebrate harvest, a Bygone Days Farming Exhibition will be held at Christ Church, Little Drayton on Monday 20th September 11am—5pm Tuesday 21st September 11am—5pm and Wednesday 22nd September 2pm—8pm They will be displaying a wide range of items on a farming related theme. Please go along and have a look during opening hours. Everyone welcome.

Regular Services

To join any of our Zoom services, click on the links below. Copies of service sheets are available from the Church Office.

Sunday 9.00am Communion Service in church

Sunday 10.30am ZOOM (Breaking Bread)

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

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Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Readings: James 2. 1-10 (11-13) 14-17. Mark 7. 24-end

The 10.30 service transfers back into church on the 12th September. It will continue to be available on Zoom.

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09)

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Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday 10.00am Communion Service in church

There is no longer a Zoom Compline service

You can also join our Zoom services on your landline using any of the following numbers, with the meeting IDs and passwords above: 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240
0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874



A free course to help you manage your money better and learn to budget, save and spend well.



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The four sessions start Tue 14th September 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Market Drayton Methodist Church,. For more information or to book your place, please ring Ali Doulton on 07554 738425. Coffee, cake & a warm welcome guaranteed.

Prayer

Please pray for Malcolm Grey-Smart as he continues to recover from heart attack. Please pray for Helen Sweet's son-in-law, Alan, diagnosed with cancer. Please also pray for Helen Hughes who is struggling to find a home to rent. Pray for the bereaved families of Jenny Jones and Penny Amerasinghe.



Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required

No Stock— Long Life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Tinned Potatoes ; Pasta Cooking Sauces; Tinned Spaghetti; Dry Cat Food; Shampoo.

Low Stock— UHT Semi-Skimmed (green) Milk; Cleaning Products; Rice Pudding; Custard; Sponge Puddings/Slab Cake.

Please be advised that the number advertised in the church directory for the Foodbank is no longer in use. If you need to contact the Foodbank please call **01630 654007**.

St Mary's Parish Rooms

The Parish Rooms Committee is looking to recruit a couple of additional members. Working with our Parish Rooms Manager, our role is to oversee the smooth running and upkeep of the premises, which are an invaluable asset to the church and community. We meet 4 times a year, with some ad hoc meetings as needed. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Catherine McBride.

A Welcome to Market Drayton!

We would like to be able to provide a warm welcome to people moving to the area and to introduce ourselves to them. We need your help to do this. If you spot a 'sold' sign up in your neighbourhood, please let us know, so that we can arrange for a card /welcome pack to be dropped off. It would also be lovely to take a cake round when people move in; if that is something you could help with, please let Catherine know.



Mothers Union will be resuming their meetings on

Monday 13th September with a Communion Service in St Mary's at 7pm. Visitors will be most welcome.

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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Phone: 01630 656943

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