



Role Models

Who are your role models? I'm sure we've all had people in our lives we've admired and sought to emulate.

Of course we need to choose our role models carefully. No one is perfect. In scripture we have an abundance of role models showing us how to live the life of faith. However, in scripture most of the heroes have feet of clay, they are often flawed and fallible. Maybe that's because the biblical writers want us to realise there's only one true hero—and that's God.

Comparisons aren't always helpful. We can often fall into a despondent, defeated way of thinking: 'I'll never be as good as them'. But maybe that's another reason for the very fallible role models we come across in the Bible. They spur us on: if even these flawed men and women can get it right sometimes and fulfil God's purposes for them, then maybe we can too. Perhaps they make even greater role models *because* they're not perfect; because then their successes point to God instead of themselves.

This week we start a sermon series looking again at our church values: that we want to be passionate for God, outward-looking, generous, welcoming, loving and courageous. This time, as we think about these values, we'll be reflecting on some Biblical role models we can learn from. Some of them are far from perfect, not least our first role model, King David, who could get it wrong quite spectacularly sometimes and yet was described as a 'man after God's own heart.'

Let's allow these people's stories to challenge, inspire and encourage us as we seek to live out our values.

Catherine

Sunday Mornings

Those of you at the APCM will have heard Catherine speaking about possible future arrangements for Sunday mornings.

When we introduced the 9.00am service in church it was a 'stop-gap' and a compromise in terms of both time and format. We chose 9.00am as a point between the original

8.30am and 10.30am service and alternated between the traditional and more modern liturgy, so that those from either the 8.30am or 10.30am congregations might go to it.

Going forward, we've been considering a number of things:

We wait to see what changes in restrictions there might be after June 21st; however, given most people's preference last summer, we probably won't restart the 10.30am service in church until we can sing and (preferably) reduce the other social distancing restrictions. We will keep this under review and continue to monitor the advice that comes out.

We really want to continue to offer an online option. Our current thoughts are that when the 10.30am service starts back in church we will Zoom that service from church, so people can come in person, watch it live from home or watch it streamed on Facebook for example. That will feel quite different to the current Zoomed 10.30am service, but we may still be able to have people doing the readings or prayers from home and offer an online people breakout room afterwards. To enable this to happen we will need some people willing and able to 'host' the online element of the service. Could this be you? Do talk to Catherine or Ian if you are interested in chatting about this further.

Alongside that option we're considering a purely online service where the emphasis would be on providing something that is very outward-focused and missional and therefore not necessarily aimed at existing church members.

The question then is: what becomes of the 9.00am service? Does it go back to 8.30 am, as before, or do we keep it at a later time? Would this attract more people than the previous 8.30am service? Would that allow some interaction between the two morning congregations between the services? Would we serve refreshments? Would that give us enough time for setting up the second service?

Lots of things to consider and the Ministry Team would be really interested in knowing your thoughts. Please contact Catherine with any comments (contact details overleaf) and thank you to those who have already taken the time to share you insights.

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 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=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXR0SctVRS9PSkZXdz09)

[pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXR0SctVRS9PSkZXdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXR0SctVRS9PSkZXdz09)

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Readings: 2 Samuel 6.12-22; Luke 12.31-34

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

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=R2lUZUJJMDRnTGhNIFPejRLTW5XZDz09)

[pwd=R2lUZUJJMDRnTGhNIFPejRLTW5XZDz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78321229825?pwd=R2lUZUJJMDRnTGhNIFPejRLTW5XZDz09)

Meeting ID: 783 2122 9825 Password: 3164610

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0131 460 1196 / 0203 051 2874

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required

Eggs—No Stock

Cooking/Pasta Sauces (Pasta not needed)- Low Stock

UHT Milk—Low Stock

Long-Life Cartons of Fruit Juice—No Stock

Sponge Puddings / Slab Cake—No Stock

Toilet Rolls—Low Stock

Packets Pasta in sauce/flavoured Rice - Low Stock

Shampoo / Conditioner Shower Gel

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Children's Bath Bubbles, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes

Cleaning Products Washing Up Liquid

Laundry Powder / Liquid Tabs

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.



Jean Arbon

I just wanted to say that it has been a huge privilege to serve the people of St Mary's and the wider community of Market Drayton for almost 10 years as a Pastoral Minister. Thank you for your support and encouragement over those years. And another big thank you for the beautiful flowers and Goldstone Hall afternoon tea voucher, both were unexpected, but greatly appreciated. I shall still be a member of the pastoral team and will continue to support Carol and the Ministry Team when needed.



Next CAP Online Money Course (held via Zoom)

Monday 14th, 21st & 28th June, 7.30-9.00pm. Get to grips with your finances with this short course that makes managing your money simple. To book your place or for more information contact Ali Doulton at alidoulton@capjobclubs.org.

Prayer



Please pray for Nita Heath's son Antony and grandson Ben. Please pray for the Towpath Mission taking place in Milton Keynes this week and for all the Christian Boaters taking part.

Staying in Touch

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