

7th July 2024

I wonder how the people who knew us when we were very young, would have spoken about us as we grew up? I am sure some of us (if we are honest!) would probably not want to know! Perhaps we were not always the best version of ourselves as children or teenagers... or indeed young adults.

I remember being horrified, as a teenager, when an older family friend told me that I was very much like my mother. A few years later I realised that was actually a compliment as I saw the truth of the love, care and sheer relentless determination my beautiful mother showed in spite of being seriously ill most of her adult life.

There is a saying: 'familiarity breeds contempt' and it is very easy to be dismissive of those whom we think we know over a long period of time. Perhaps this is what happened to Jesus, when in Mark chapter 6 we are told that in response to 'the wisdom' he shared and 'remarkable miracles' he performed, many of the people in the synagogue had this response:

Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

The consequence of this attitude, the lack of faith that was shown, meant that Jesus was unable to do any miracles in his hometown.

I wonder how we would have felt if we had grown up around Jesus and started to see him perform miracles and speak great wisdom?

In truth many of us have had exactly that experience: we have grown up knowing about Jesus, we have heard so much about him that we think we know him... yet we may never actually have had that personal encounter which has led us to discover who he really is.

Maybe others of us have met Jesus and yet still not fully realised His true nature.

My prayer is that today we might all re-discover the real Jesus in His compassion and deep love, that in doing so our faith might increase and we see miracles happen in our midst.

Maggie



Please pray for...



David Leach, David Lucas, Colin Smith, David Halford and David Smith. Please also pray for those who have been bereaved, particularly the families and friends of Helen Smith, Pat

Currell, Linda Smith and Emmeline Ridgway.

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

Funerals

Pat Currell's funeral will be at St Mary's on Tuesday 9th July at 3.00pm. Philip Leonard-Johnson's memorial service was held on the 2nd July. According to those who attended, the service was a marvellous tribute to Philip. If you were unable to go the service can be viewed by clicking on the link below.

<https://shropshirestreamlink.co.uk/>

Messy Church



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.

Mothers Union



Our next meeting will be on Monday 8th July in the Parish Rooms at 2.30 pm. The speaker will be our Churchwarden, Maggie Everett - "The Power of Vision". Visitors are most welcome.



Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)

Meeting at **10.30am on Friday 19th July** in Festival Drayton for coffee, cake and chat.

Lindsay Bashford UCB2 Interview

Our very own Lindsay Bashford will be interviewed on UCB2 on Thursday 11th July from 11am-midday. After transmission you can "listen again" for around a month on UCB's "Catch Up": [UCB Radio Catch Up | United Christian Broadcasters](#)

Services

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

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion CW

Readings: 2 Corinthians 12. 2-10 Mark 6. 1-13

This service 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

Did you know that the Sunday morning sermons are recorded? These are available on our website at

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

Dementia Friendly Service



Our 10.30 service on Sunday 14th July will be dementia friendly. All are welcome.



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Sunday 14th July 6 – 9pm

MDMC with speaker Rev Catherine McBride

Shropshire Hope Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 20th July 8.30am Telford Minster, Meeting Point

House, Southwater Square, Telford TF3 4HS

Tickets cost £10 and can be booked via Eventbrite

Shropshire <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shropshire-hope-prayer-breakfast-tickets-883946396467>

Christ Church Little Drayton

Film Club Monday 15th July (films start at



1.30pm). This month's film is Stepmom. Free entry, coffee, raffle and cake. No money needed, all welcome!

Parish Rooms

Work to replace the heating system in the Parish Rooms starts 10th July. Regular users are being accommodated as much as possible and all groups which might be affected have been contacted. There will be heating in The Starmer Room from the second week, but not in the main Hall, until completion of the work in early to mid August. The water will be turned off on Monday 15th July for the day. We apologise for any inconvenience while the work is ongoing.

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required.

Sponge Pudding / Slab Cake.

We have plenty of—Cereals; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Tinned Tomatoes.

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.



Lichfield Diocese Vision and Strategy Presentation

Bishop Sarah and our Acting Archdeacons, Jo Farnworth and Mary Thomas, will be presenting the Diocese's new Vision and Strategy at a meeting to be held here at **St Mary's on Monday 22nd July, 6.30-9.30pm**. This Vision and Strategy is the Diocese's response to the work that all the Deaneries did as part of the Shaping for Mission exercise, which began towards the end of 2020. Bishop Sarah would like to extend the invitation to the meeting, where there will be opportunities for discussion and questions, to anyone who would like to come. Copies of the Vision and Strategy, as well as our Hodnet Deanery Shaping for Mission vision, are available at the back of church, together with a sign-up sheet. If you plan to come, please let us know, so that we have an idea of anticipated attendance.

Tearfund Appeal

tearfund

Tearfund have announced that

all monies donated between 17th June and 11th

August will be matched, meaning **for every £1 you give they will receive £2**. If you could spare any money, this may be a good time to give to them.

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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