

9th November 2025



Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day we pause, in silence, to remember those who gave their lives in the service of others. It is a day marked not by triumph, but by gratitude and sorrow, gratitude for the courage and sacrifice of so many, and sorrow for the terrible cost of war and those who made the ultimate sacrifice in conflicts since.

As Christians, remembrance calls us deeper than reminiscence. Jesus said in John 15:13, *"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."* Those who went to war, who served and suffered, reflected something of that love, a willingness to put others before themselves. Yet even as we honour them, we also remember Christ, who laid down his life not only for his friends, but for his enemies, showing us the path of reconciliation and peace.

The silence we keep is holy space, space to grieve, to give thanks, and to renew our commitment to be peacemakers in our own time. The poppy we wear reminds us that from the soil of suffering, new life can grow. The cross reminds us that out of death, God brings resurrection hope.

So today, as we remember those who have fallen, let us also pray for those who still bear the wounds of war, in body, mind, or spirit. And let us pledge ourselves anew to the work of peace, that one day, nations will as Isaiah said, "no longer lift sword against nation", and the peace of Christ will reign in every heart.

Peter



Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)

Meeting Friday 21st November at 10.30am in Festival Drayton for coffee, cake and chat.



Please pray for...



Rachel (a member of our Thursday congregation); Sue Norman; Hazel Haskayne; Brian McClellan; John Panter; Joe McPhee; Ben Robinson; Jack Cade; Finley Parton; John and Ray Reynolds; Tony Morris; Hilary Talbot's friend Kelly

We also pray for those who have recently lost loved ones, including the families and friends of Andy Roberts, Jean Whiston, Anthony Talbot, Brenda Pugh and Guy Skipwith. Guy's funeral will be on Monday 24th November at 1.00pm here at St Mary's.

Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name added or removed from this list. The list will be routinely reviewed every few months.

Christmas Choir



'Christmas Choir' practices for St Mary's Carol service on 21st December continue at 7.30pm on Thursdays for harmony singers with tune singers joining from 27th November.

Everyone is welcome.

All Welcome to the next Mothers' Union meeting on **Monday, 10th November at 2.30pm** in the Parish Rooms. Our speaker will be the Rev. Pippa White on 'How Tik Tok can be used as Christians'.

Come and find out how young people encounter the Church.



Visit by NHS Blood Donation Service



We are really delighted to welcome back the NHS Blood Donation Service to the Parish Rooms on **Thursday 13th November**, so please **do not park at**

The Parish Rooms unless you are giving blood!

Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated

Saturday 8th November 6.30pm Reflective Remembrance Service with Holy Communion.

Sunday 9th November

No 9.00 service

10.45am Remembrance Service

The service will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday Holy Communion 10.00am

Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

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



Games Cafe

The next Games café is on **Tuesday 11th November at 2.00pm** in the Parish Rooms.

Come along and join an afternoon of fun with board games, coffee and good company! Feel free to bring your own games or just turn up to join in the fun. Bring your

friends and find warmth and a welcome this Winter!

Entrance fee of £1

Sunday 16th November

Bring and Share Lunch



The next Bring and Share lunch is on Sunday 16th November in the Parish Rooms, hosted by Hilary Talbot. This will be a

special occasion, as we celebrate the marriage of Iris and James and everyone is welcome. They will be getting married during the 10.30

service that morning. Whilst the service will be a bit different, it will still be our regular

Communion service and open to everyone as usual – the more the merrier!



Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required:

Biscuits; Flavoured Instant Noodles; Dry Cat Food; Size 6 pull-ups; Size 6 nappies.

We have plenty of:

Cereal; pasta; rice; tea; baked beans.

The trolley at the back of church is now in use and donations are gratefully received.

Next Organ Social - 29th November

Our next organ fund raising event will be a social along similar lines to the very successful one held in May.

There will be a buffet style meal interspersed with entertainment.

Tickets are available from Elaine Cook at a cost of £15.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes will be collected from 10th November. Please save and fill your own boxes. Contact Hilary Talbot for further information.



Film Club

Christ Church Little Drayton

Thursday 20th November 1.00pm – 3.00pm

This month's film is **ELF**. Light lunch and raffle. ALL FREE and everyone welcome.

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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Organ fund



Security fund