

12th September 2021

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“Sticks and stone may break my bones, but words will never hurt me”. How often have you heard that expression and now in hindsight can see just how wrong it is? Words, spoken by the tongue, can cut us down in our tracks and pierce the heart like the sharpest sword.

Words are powerful and fundamental to our existence. The fact that we communicate is a sign that we are made in God's image. He is the talking God. You can teach a parrot or a dolphin to utter a few words, but it's a small miracle to get some people to be quiet!

When we're young, we whine. When we're old, we criticize. When we fail, we blame others. When we succeed, we boast. These are just a few of our tendencies which is why we need this week's passage from James (James 3.1-12).

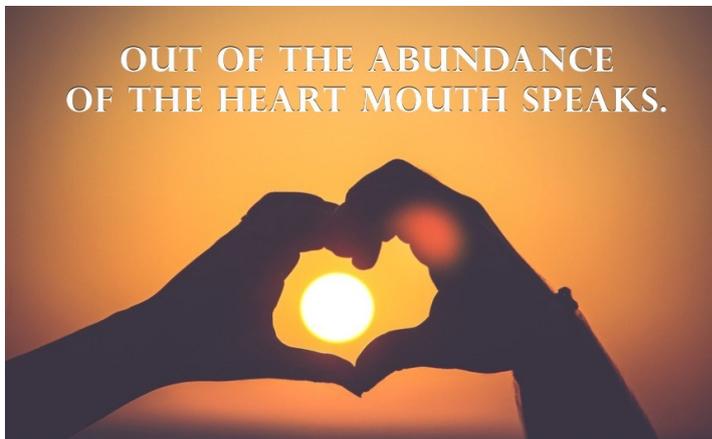
In the beginning God speaks in power. He speaks the universe into existence. He reveals His character through words. He speaks his commands through words. And God gave our first parents the ability to speak to him in worship and one another in relationship.

We also see in the garden that Satan speaks – he uses deceptive words, his words distort and twist God's word. throughout the biblical narrative, God gives specific commands related to the tongue, and there are many sinful examples of the wrong use of the tongue.

We have ample of examples of words that are wicked, deceitful, perverse, filthy, corrupt, flattering, slanderous, gossiping, blasphemous, foolish, boasting, complaining, cursing, contentious, sensual, and vile. And we also find the very words of God bringing life, hope, and redemption. Proverbs 18:21 says: “Death and life are in the power of the tongue”

Throughout the OT we are told we are awaiting a redeemer, and eventually, God incarnate, Jesus, comes, the Word made flesh. His birth is foretold through words. News of his birth causes songs of praise. He begins his public ministry by preaching with authority; and he does miracles with words.

OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE
OF THE HEART MOUTH SPEAKS.



Throughout his life, Peter tells us, that Jesus never sinned with his lips. His words are the sweetest words in the Bible: “Your sins are forgiven” and they are the most terrifying, “Depart from me, I never knew you.” Jesus gave his disciples a Great Commission to make disciples – and in Acts we see that happening, as they preach the word. The epistles are written to Christians, churches, and leaders – more words. And in the end, we find God warning people in Revelation 22 not to tamper with His word.

Words are important because the source of our words is – the heart. Our words, spoken verbally or typed, express the condition of our heart! So, a serious warning about your words – you will give an account!

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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

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.

Regular Services

Sunday 9.00am Communion Service (CHURCH)

Sunday 10.30am Morning Worship (CHURCH)

This service is also available on Zoom

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 3. 1-12 Mark 8. 27-end

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 Holy Communion (CHURCH)

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

Sidespeople are needed for the 10.30am Sunday Services. If you are able to help please ring the Church Office (653505) or email stmarysmarketdrayton@gmail.com

CAP Money Course

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 and a warm welcome guaranteed.

Praise God!

We have a house. We have been offered not 1 but 2 houses to rent in Market Drayton. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to look for houses for me and to all of you who prayed for me and with me. I have felt so loved, supported and encouraged by you all. Helen.

Mothers Union

M.U. will be resuming their meetings on Monday 13th September with a Communion Service in St Mary's at 7pm. There will be 3 enrolments. Visitors will be most welcome.

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 pray for Jo-Anne Elab who is recovering from surgery. Pray for the bereaved families of Jenny Jones, Penny Amerasinghe, (Eric) Roy Claydon and Mary Swatman.

Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required

No Stock— Long Life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Large Jars of Coffee; packets of Instant Mash; Pasta Cooking Sauces; Tinned Spaghetti; Sponge Puddings/Slab Cakes; Eggs; Dry Cat and Dog

Low Stock— UHT Semi-Skimmed (green) Milk; Cleaning Products; Tinned Potatoes.

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**.

Operation Christmas Child Samaritans Purse

Recently, Carol Corney asked me if I would take over from her to become the representative for Samaritan's Purse. Samaritan's Purse is the project whereby we sign up to fill a shoe box (provided by the church), with things suitable for children living in difficult circumstances in over 100 countries. If you haven't taken part before it can be quite an enjoyable thing to do, finding pens, pencils, colouring books, soft toys and many other things to thrill a child who wouldn't normally have these things.

Please think about taking part and LET ME KNOW. The boxes have to be ordered soon, but there is time to start looking for bargains in the shops. You can also fill in a box on—line; although I would still like to know that you are taking part. Any queries please give me a ring (658577) or email me hea_smith@yahoo.co.uk. Helen Smith

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.

Staying in Touch

The office is now open Mon-Fri 11.00am—1.00pm.

Helen will be in the office from 9.00am.

Phone: 01630 653505

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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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