

13<sup>th</sup> July 2025



## Practice what we preach

Both these passages offer a rich reflection on Christian identity and the call to live out the gospel.

In Colossians, Paul opens with thanksgiving for the Colossian believers, commending their faith, love, and hope. He emphasizes the transformative power of the gospel, which bears fruit in those who understand God's grace. Paul prays that they will be filled with spiritual wisdom, so they may live lives worthy of the Lord, marked by endurance, joy, and thankfulness for being rescued from darkness and transferred into Christ's kingdom.

This spiritual foundation connects powerfully with Luke 10:25–37, the well-known Parable of the Good Samaritan. In response to the question, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus redefines neighbourliness as compassion in action, going beyond religious boundaries, social expectations, or comfort zones. The Samaritan shows mercy where others pass by embodying love that costs something and involves risk.

Together, these passages challenge us not only to receive the gospel with understanding and gratitude but also to let it shape our way of being in the world. Paul's vision of a life "pleasing to the Lord" takes concrete form in the Samaritan's mercy. To walk "worthy of the Lord" (Col. 1:10) is to see the wounded by the road and not turn away. The Christian life is thus both deeply rooted in divine grace and radically outward in love. These texts remind us that true discipleship marries faith and compassion, knowledge and action, prayer and practice.

*Peter*



## Please pray for...



Brian McClellan, John Panter, Jenny Wade, Mary Senior, Nita's grandson, Ben, Debra Deeley's son-in-law, Andy and Helen Sweet's son-in-law, Alan Dean.

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



## Mothers Union

Our next meeting is a Celebration Tea Party on July 14<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Rooms at 2.30pm -celebrating 3 members who have 'clocked up' 182 years of membership between them! There will be a small charge of £1.50 towards catering costs.



## Mothers Union Summer Outing



On August 11<sup>th</sup> the MU outing is to the Royal Horticultural Society's Garden at



Bridgewater near Salford. The coach will leave at 9.30am and return here by 5.30pm. The total cost of garden admission and the coach is £28 payable by 17<sup>th</sup> July. If you would like to join us, please contact Carol Corney / Barbara Bashford asap.



## Word for Today

The new UCB Bible notes are available on the desk at the entrance to the Church.



## Services

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

**9.00am BCP Holy Communion**

**10.30am CW Morning Worship**

Readings **Colossians 1. 1-14** **Luke 10. 25-37**

The 10.30 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 10.00am BCP Holy Communion**

## Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

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

## Worship@6

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July at the  
Methodist Church. Speaker  
Catherine McBride



## Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)



We will meet as usual at Festival Drayton  
on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30 am for coffee,  
cake and chat.

Newcastle Domestic Abuse Services  
would like to thank everyone who

generously donated clothes, toys and gifts to the  
Women's Refuge in Stoke on Trent. Everything  
donated will be a comfort to all the women and  
children at the refuge and will help when families are  
able to move into their own homes

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## Bring and Share Lunch.



The next lunch will be on  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, hosted by  
Sue & Justin Frankfort  
Prospect Road, TF9 3AP.  
All welcome.

## Foodbank Items Needed



**Stock Items urgently required:**

**UHT Milk (blue & green); Long-life Fruit Juice; ;  
Tinned Wet Dog Food; Cleaning Products; Women's  
Deodorant; Washing-up Liquid**

**We have plenty of:**

**Cereal; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Custard.**

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

## Concert in aid of our organ fund

Come to a concert on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August** by Shifnal



Male Voice Choir, with guest soloist Elaine  
Cook. Tickets £10 from Elaine. All proceeds  
to the organ fund.

## Rural Leaders Retreat

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> Sep-2025**

9.30am - 4:00pm at Yarnfield Park Training &

Conference Centre Yarnfield, Stone

Meet with other Rural leaders in the New Wine family,  
seeking God in prayer and worship. Please click on the  
link for a program of events and speakers

<https://nwln.churchsuite.com/events/oadwatvg>

Tickets are £60 and includes a 3-course lunch and  
refreshments throughout the day.

## Staying in Touch

Please either leave a message or send an email and we  
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