

14th June 2026

Called by Love, Sent with Compassion

In the readings today we see both the depth of God's love and the undertaking that flows from it. In Romans 5:1-8, Paul reminds us that through faith in Christ we have been justified and now stand in God's grace. This peace with God is not based on our own achievements but on Christ's sacrificial love. Paul goes even further, saying that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. God's love is therefore not a reward for goodness, but a gift offered to those most in need of mercy.

This assurance gives meaning to suffering. Paul teaches that suffering can produce endurance, character, and hope. Christian hope is not wishful thinking; it is grounded in the certainty of God's love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Even in difficult times, believers can trust that God is working for their good and drawing them closer to Himself.

Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, is moved with compassion when He sees the crowds, "harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd". His response is not merely sympathy but action. He sends His disciples to proclaim the kingdom, heal the sick, and bring hope to those in need. The mission of the Church begins with seeing people through the eyes of Christ and responding with His compassion.

Together, these readings show that those who have experienced God's saving love are called to share that love with others. We are recipients of grace and messengers of grace. Christ's compassion for us becomes the model for our compassion toward the world, inviting us to serve others with generosity, faith, and hope.

Peter

Confirmation Service

We will be hosting a confirmation in September (probably the afternoon of Sept 6th). If you would like to join others in marking your journey of faith, or are interested in finding out more, please speak to Catherine .



Please pray for...



Helen Hughes; Dean Price; Sue Norman; John Panter; Pam Clarke; Hazel Haskayne, John and Ray Reynolds. Also the families and friends of Kathleen 'Jenny' Compton.

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.

Bring and Share Lunch



The next Bring and Share lunch is on **21st June** at Sue and Justin Frankfort's home, 5 Prospect Road TF9 3AP.

Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)



June 26th (please note change of date) at the Festival Drayton centre. **July 17th** – an afternoon tea at Fletchers garden centre. To book a place a £5 deposit is required.

Laurina Rushworth's Ordination

Please pray for Laurina as she is ordained at Lichfield Cathedral at 4.00pm on Saturday 27th June. There are a few spare places if anyone would like to go. Contact Laurina on 07789 711909 laurina.rushworth@gmail.com

Film Club - FREE

This month's film is The Sound of Music. All are welcome to Christ Church, Little Drayton on **Thursday 18th June at 12pm** for a light lunch, film and chat



Church Office

There will be no-one in the church office this week. If there is anything urgent before Monday 22nd June, please contact Catherine, Peter or Margaret.

Services

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

Sunday

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Morning Worship

Readings: Romans 5.1-8 Matthew 9.35- 10.8

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 Holy Communion 10.00am

Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

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

Welcome Tea

We're aware that St Mary's been blessed with many new people in the past year or so. If that's you then we'd love to invite you to



Afternoon Tea at The Vicarage

on Saturday 1st August at 2.00pm. It will be a chance to talk to key members of our team and find out more about our church life. If you'd like to come or want to know more, please speak to Margaret Deaville 07922 629248 deavillemargaret1@gmail.com

Stewardship and Gift Aid

Did you know that, if you are a UK taxpayer St Mary's can reclaim tax back on your giving if you use standing order or the envelope scheme, rather than just putting cash in the plate? *That is an extra 25%.* Gift Aid Declaration forms are available at the welcome desk and should be returned to Elaine Cook upon completion. Any questions to Elaine.

Standing order payments should be made to:

'PCC St Mary's Church'

sort code 30-15-39

a/c number 00102200

PCC and Deanery

We still have vacancies for PCC and for Deanery Synod Representatives. Please speak to Catherine to find out more about both roles.

Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required:

Green milk; fruit juice.

Low stock Items:

Cereal; toilet roll; biscuits; size 6 nappies; deodorant; tinned fruit; soup.

We have plenty of: Baked beans; washing powder/pods.

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

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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During Helen's absence, please continue to use the church email address in the usual way.

To ensure Elaine has a break from work on her days off, please avoid speaking to her about office matters on a Sunday. She is happy to talk to you about music, AV or Gift Aid matters. Thank you.



Deadline for newsletter articles Wednesday noon.