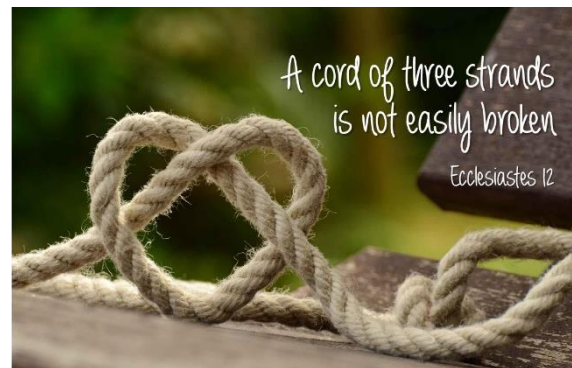


16<sup>th</sup> November 2025



## Dear Friends

My husband, Ray, was a whizz on the computer, whereas I am happier with pen and paper. The result was that, when he became ill, Ray worried that if he should die first I would have great difficulty dealing with all the business stuff recorded on the computer. He was right. A number of people tried to help without success. I pleaded with God for help,

I phoned an old friend, James Bligh-Wall, to tell him of Ray's death and he immediately said 'Is there anything I can do to help?' Now I digress –

I'm sure you know the story of a man walking on sand. When he looked back over his life he saw two sets of footprints and realised God had walked with him throughout life's journey. Then he saw that, when he had experienced difficult times, there was only one set of footprints. Where was God then? God replied, 'My beloved child, that was when I carried you'. I can truly say that this is the story of my life. Praise God!

Over the months James and I have realised that we are happier together than apart, so we are to be married on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in St Mary's, Market Drayton, during the morning Communion service. Our God really does move in mysterious ways

It will make James and I very happy for you to share this special time with us and we hope you will be able to join in the Bring and Share lunch after the service. Please, no wedding presents, just your presence with us.

Our special thanks to Catherine, our vicar, and all in our St Mary's family for your help and encouragement, we hope you will be happy for us.

God Bless,

*Iris and James*

## Next Organ Social - 29<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## 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 Jean Whiston, Anthony Talbot, Brenda Pugh and Guy Skipwith. Guy's funeral will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Message from Guy Skipwith's Family

The family would ask that people please refrain from buying flowers for the family. Beautiful as they are, they wither and disappear. Guy supported our local Foodbank, appreciating the work they do to ensure people are able to access essential food when stricken with financial difficulty. If you would like to do something in memory of Guy, instead of flowers, it would be very much appreciated if you would donate whatever you can to the Foodbank, so that even in death he can assist in positively affecting someone else's life. Donations during the service will go to Market Drayton Foodbank. Alternatively the JustGiving link is here <https://www.justgiving.com/page/memory-Guy-Skipwith>

## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November Bring and Share Lunch

...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. This will still be our regular Communion service and open to everyone as usual – the more the merrier!



## Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

Readings Malachi 4.1-2a Luke 21.5-19

10.30am CW Holy Communion

### IONA Communion



Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.30pm

Reading: Psalm 72

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>



## Games Cafe

The next Games café is on

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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

## Phoenix Group

(for those bereaved)

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



## Hodnet Deanery Synod



November 19<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm, St Mary's Church Market Drayton. With a speaker from Rural Missions This is an open meeting, to which all are welcome.

## Foodbank Items Needed



**Stock Items urgently required:**

**Biscuits; Flavoured Instant Noodles; Dry Cat Food.**

**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.

## Christmas Choir & Carol Singing

Singers and friends needed to join carol singing in December:

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am at Joules Place**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 11am at Woodcroft**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm at Tunstall Hall**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm at Mercian Court**

'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 to all these events.



## Christ Church Film Club

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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



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