

18<sup>th</sup> August 2024



## Who would you go to for advice I wonder?

I have been very blessed, throughout my life, with the support, encouragement and, in many cases, the friendship of people I have considered wise. Not all of them have I known personally however! I was listening to an on-line talk from a leading Christian teacher this week. In it she outlined the importance of wisdom and pointed to the book of Proverbs. Interestingly the book of Proverbs speaks of the importance of wisdom (knowledge and understanding) throughout its pages....

'The fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom' ... 'above all get wisdom'...

Happy [blessed, considered fortunate, to be admired] is the man who finds wisdom, .... She is more precious than rubies;

And nothing you can wish for compares with her [in value].  
(Proverbs 3: 15 Amplified Bible)

We all know people we consider to be wise.... And in my experience, it is those who have had experience, possess insights we have perhaps never considered, those whom we know have often faced and navigated some of life's toughest trials, whom I would consider to have wisdom, understanding and knowledge beyond my own.... Even though I might not always hear what I want to hear...

In our reading from Ephesians, Paul instructs the church at Ephesus

'Do not live as the unwise, but as the wise, making the most of every opportunity for the days are evil....'

Given the horrors we hear daily it would certainly seem as if these words were written for us now. But to live wisely offers us the opportunity to bring understanding and insights given to us by the Holy Spirit, to any situation.

So how then should we live? How do we 'get' wisdom? Be filled with the Spirit... Allow Him to inspire our thinking, our emotions and our actions. Encouraging each other, spurring each other onwards and upwards until we are so: 'lost in wonder, love and praise' that those whom we meet will want to know Jesus, love Jesus and live for Jesus. Amen

*Maggie*

## Please pray for...



David Leach, David Lucas, Colin Smith, David Halford, John Panter and David Smith. Please also pray for those who have been bereaved, particularly the families and friends of Beryl Allen, Kathleen Corfield and Jane (Carol) Gandy.

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

## Messy Church



Unfortunately, there is no Messy Church in August. We meet again on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

September. We are still looking for one or two more to join our Messy Church catering team. Please talk to Catherine McBride or David Lake if you can help.

## Summer Barbeque (Bring & Share)



Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August Liz Barnes will be hosting a barbeque at 38 Prospect Road.

## Church Clock

Repairs to the clock are underway. Many people have asked if they can make donations towards the cost of repairs.

This can be done by scanning this QR code:



## Tunstall Hall Summer Fete

31<sup>st</sup> August 11am-3pm



We hold a regular monthly Communion service for our friends at Tunstall Hall, so it would be great to support their Summer Fete and have a St Mary's presence there. We are planning to have a stall, selling books, puzzles, games to raise funds for Tunstall Hall. Donations of these items gratefully received in the box at the back of church. **Please restrict your donations to books, puzzles and games only, please.** If you would be able to help man the stall for part of the day, please let Carol Corney know by signing the sheet at the back of church.

## Services

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

**9.00am BCP Holy Communion**

**10.30am CW Holy Communion**

Readings: Ephesians 5.15-20 John 6.51-58

These services will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRM R2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

**Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3Rm OG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

**Thursday 10.00am BCP Holy Communion**



**Iona Communion Service**

**6.30pm next week, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

## Sunday Sermons

Listen back to Sunday sermons over the last few months on our website:

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

## Parish Rooms

Work continues to replace the heating system in the Parish Rooms. Regular users are being accommodated as much as possible and all groups which might be affected have been contacted. There is heating in The Starmer Room but not in the main Hall until completion of the work. We apologise for any inconvenience while the work is ongoing. If you do not have an existing booking, please check with the Church Office before using the Parish Rooms for the time being. Please also avoid parking at the Parish Rooms to allow access for the workmen's vans.

## Christ Church Little Drayton

**Film Club Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August (films start**

**at 1.30pm) at Christ Church.** This month's film is Original Intent. Free entry, coffee, raffle and cake. No money needed, and everyone welcome!



## Save the Date: The Disappearance of Eliza Grey

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2-4pm** at St Mary's. This humorous and thought-provoking play tells of Eliza who wants to tell us a story but is stopped from doing so by her friends. Finding herself central to a criminal investigation is the last straw! **Admission Free**, (donations welcome).

## Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required.

**Cartons of UHT Milk (no stock); Cartons of Long-life Fruit Juice (no stock); Tinned Vegetarian Meals; Tins of Chicken; Laundry Washing Tabs/Pods; Washing-up Liquid.**

**We have plenty of—**Cereals; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Tinned Tomatoes; cleaning products, conditioner.

If you need to contact the Foodbank, please call **01630 654007** (not the one in the church directory). The trolley at the back of church is now in use and donations are gratefully received.

## Bingo

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 7pm-9pm in the Parish Rooms, raising funds for MD Foodbank. £5 a book. Raffle tickets £1 per strip. Refreshments available during interval.

## Churchyard – Safety Fence

If you are aware that the protective fence around the fallen boundary has been damaged or knocked over, please let me know so that I can request that the relevant contractors secure the area. Thank you, Elaine Cook.

## SWAP SHOP

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, from 10.30 am in the Parish Rooms. Donations will be gratefully received, as well as helpers please.



## 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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