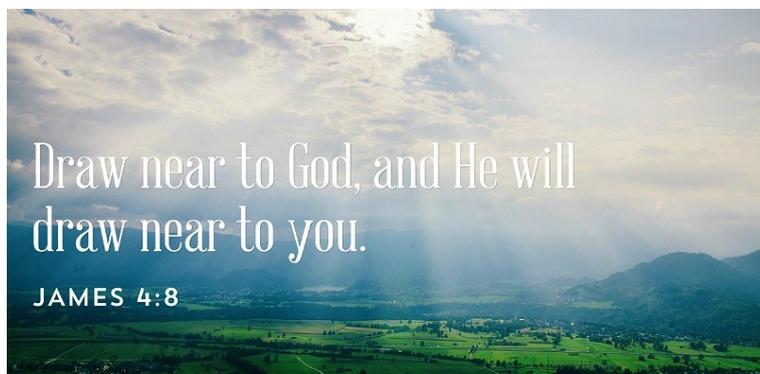


M St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

19th September 2021

Dementia
friendly church



Chance Encounters

We were walking on the North Yorkshire moors last week. Every day we were out we met people walking in our direction or the opposite direction. Every so often we stopped to rest and chat with the people we met. We were able to reassure someone he was, as he hoped, on the Cleveland Way. Over and over again what we found was that our pleasures were other people's pleasures as well. We share a deep common humanity that is blessed by a goodness available to everyone. We chatted about our delight at the glorious countryside, and the sense of satisfaction walking through it. "Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good" James wrote. How true that is and how helpful. We met one couple twice, once on a walk and two days later in a small town. We loved catching up with them the second time. Of course we had much in common but it was so nice to make and renew the contact – it made the rest of our walk and our day that bit more enjoyable. Thank the Lord for those happy, chance encounters.

Chance encounters can be life transforming and life enhancing. I wonder what became of that child that Jesus took in his arms to explain the welcome God offers to us all – surely this was one the best chance encounters ever! Let me tell you a lovely story. Early in the Second World War a young officer was posted to the town in England where his father had been to School. Thinking of his son's best interest, the father introduced him to the headmaster of the School so that he always had somewhere to go for a bath. Did the father know that the headmaster had a young daughter at home? I don't know, but she and the son, my mum and dad, fell in love, got married and lived together for over sixty years. I am really glad that that encounter turned out so well. "Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good" – well said James.

Lindsay

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

World Alzheimer's Day 21st September

Each September people come together from all over the world to raise awareness and to challenge the stigma that persists around dementia. 2021 marks the 10th year of this vital global awareness campaign.

Ginger & Spice Festival Saturday September 25th

We are once again taking part in this year's Spice Trail and need volunteers to be a welcoming presence to St Mary's. There will be questions for guests to find the answers to around the church and some people may want to come and have a look inside. We need at least 2 people each hour from 10.00am -4.00pm and there are a few slots left. If you are willing and can help out, please let Helen Hughes know as soon as possible.

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)

Readings: James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a Mark 9.30-37

We regret that we are unable to cover Zoom at this service for the next couple of weeks

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM Zoom

link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

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

Calling All Knitters –Christmas Angels

Churches Together will be distributing Christmas Angels again this year but we need your help! It is hoped that we will have enough angels to deposit around the town and also to the villages. The angels are a great source of joy and a great way of reminding people of the true meaning of Christmas. Patterns are easy to follow and are available at www.christmasangels.net or from church.

St Mary's Harvest Festival



Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 10th October. Please bring non-perishable items for the Foodbank to either of our services that morning. You can double check to see what they need by going to their website marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk

Market Drayton 10k Sunday 3rd October

Helping with this event would be a great way for St Mary's to be seen to be supporting and engaging with our community and living out our value of being outward looking. So we are proposing cancelling our 10.30 service that day, so that people can help out. The event needs people to help with marshalling, goody bag handout, assisting with the start and finish, help with the fun run and race number allocation. For more details or to offer help with the event e-mail marketdrayton10k@gmail.com or contact the race director Tim Beckett on 07808 144348.

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.

Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required



No Stock— Packets of Instant Mash;

Long Life Cartons of Fruit Juice; Large Jars of Coffee; Pasta Cooking Sauces (pasta not needed); Tinned Spaghetti; Sponge Puddings/Slab Cakes; Eggs; Dry Dog Food; Cleaning Products

Low Stock— UHT Semi-Skimmed (green) Milk; Tinned Potatoes; Toilet Rolls

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**.

Market Drayton Foodbank Job Opportunity

Market Drayton Foodbank has been helping families and individuals in crisis for many years and this is a rare opportunity for someone to join our dedicated, enthusiastic team at this particularly challenging time. We are looking for a part-time (16 hours per week) **Assistant Manager and Volunteer Co-ordinator** to work with, and encourage, our fabulous volunteers; to help coordinate our emergency parcel distribution model and to support our manager in a variety of key administrative roles. If you have a good range of organisational, IT and communication skills and have a real heart for using your professional ability to help people in need, then you could be just what we are looking for. For a role description and application form, please contact our Foodbank Manager – Helen McSherry at info@marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk. **Closing date for applications Tuesday 28 September**. Interviews to place on Monday 4 October.

Staying in Touch

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

Helen will be in the office from 9.00am.

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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

E-mail: vicarofstmarys@gmail.com

Phone: 01630 656943

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