

21st June 2026



The Challenge

Week by week we hear two readings at most of our services. Sometimes the themes of the readings align closely, other times they do not. I tend to look at it this way: readings from the gospels describe events directly from Jesus' life and ministry; Old Testament readings provide the context that frames Jesus' place in the long arc of history; and the other New Testament readings help us to understand and apply Jesus' teaching in our lives. This week's gospel recounts the briefing Jesus gave to his disciples before sending them out on their first mission to proclaim the good news. It is a truly shocking lesson! "Be brave; hold nothing back; try to be as much like me as you can; God loves you and won't give up on you; He alone has the power to cast body and soul to hell. This may alienate you from your nearest and dearest and plunge you into life-threatening conflict." Jesus challenged them completely to dedicate their lives to Him - and to tell others about it. Today, that remains his challenge for us. Paul explains that when we turn to follow Jesus, we transfer from one world to another; we die and are reborn. By baptism, we take on things true of Jesus for ourselves. Our old sinful life is washed away, for a new kind of life exemplified by Jesus. Christians are called to live as God originally intended for us, in new territory where things are done differently and for the better. We don't have to do this alone and fearful but together as a community knowing, loving and living for Jesus. Jesus assures us that we are invaluable to God, that there is no limit to his love for us and he longs to save us from judgement. He calls us, as he called the first disciples, to take up our crosses and follow him. We cannot do this in our own strength but, like them, we can in the power of the Spirit. Let us rise to Jesus' challenge and call on the Spirit to empower us in our witness and mission today.

Lindsay

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.

We also pray for Danny George on his mission trip to Lesotho, visiting the church, school and care homes.

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 Sunday 21st June



Hello friends. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our home and garden on Sunday! If you'd forgotten and haven't got any food to bring, please don't worry- just come anyway! We will all be pleased to see you.

As you walk up Prospect Road from Morrisons, we are the first big old Edwardian semi on the LEFT going up the hill. Justin and Sue Frankfort, Grosvenor Dene, 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.

H A P P Y
Father's Day
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Services

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

Sunday

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings: Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39

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:

Fruit juice.

Low stock Items:

Biscuits; size 6 nappies; deodorant; tinned fruit; soup.

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

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.

Church Administrator: Helen Hughes

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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.

Church Office

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