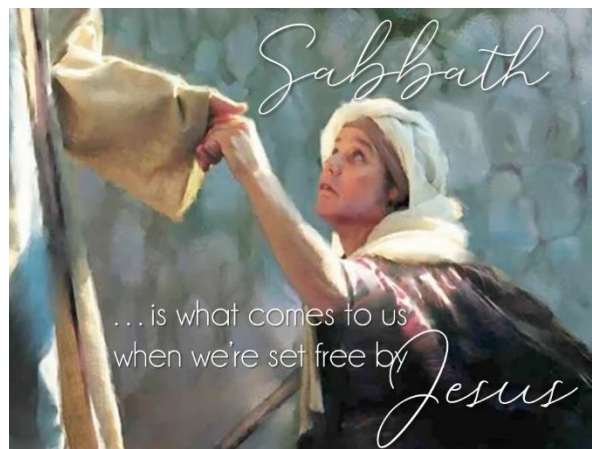


24th August 2025



How do we spend Sundays?

I was listening to someone recently on the Radio who obviously had a Christian faith but said he did not need to go to church because he could get all he needed sitting on his bed praying and reading his bible. I think he was missing something!

From the earliest days of the Church, Sunday has held a special place in our Christian life. Unlike the Jewish Sabbath, which is observed from Friday evening to Saturday evening, a lot of Christians set aside Sunday as the "Lord's Day", a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Every Sunday becomes, in effect, a "little Easter", recalling the moment when Christ rose victorious over sin and death.

The observance of Sunday is therefore not simply about rest, though that is important, but about worship. Gathering with fellow believers to share in worship has always been central. The Acts of the Apostles and early Church writings record Christians meeting on the first day of the week to break bread and listen to the Word of God. This continues today, as Christians, we are encouraged to make Sunday worship the priority of our week.

In our fast-paced world, the rhythm of Sunday offers a much-needed pause, reminding us that our value lies not in endless activity but in our relationship with God. To observe Sunday well, then, is both a discipline and a gift. It is a weekly invitation to orient our lives around God's grace, to live in the light of the resurrection, and to find joy, peace, and renewal in His presence.

Peter



Songs of Praise

At Market Drayton Methodist Church on Sunday at 3.30pm. Choose and sing your favourite hymns over cake and a cuppa.

Please pray for...



Hazel Haskayne; Brian McClellan; John Panter; Mary Senior; Joe McPhee; Cherian George; Nita's grandson, Ben; and Jude Niklas-Carter who is in intensive care at Shrewsbury hospital and her husband Charles Nicklas-Carter.

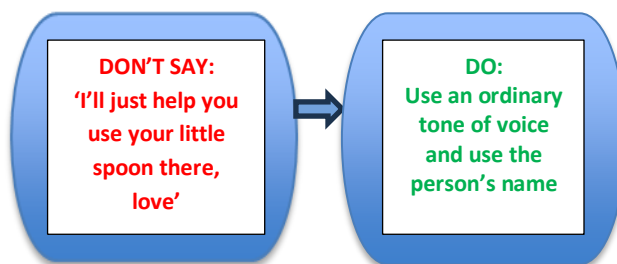
Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name added or removed from this list. The list will be routinely reviewed every few months.

Refreshments

If you enjoy a coffee and nibbles on a Sunday morning after the 10.30 service, please consider joining our group of volunteers. Contact Pat Fox if you are interested.



What not to say to someone with dementia



'Elderspeak' – which can involve talking in a high-pitched voice, using words like 'love' or 'deary', and generally speaking to the person like they are a child – should be avoided. This can be patronizing and infantilizing for a person with dementia.

Some people may like being called 'love' or 'dear', but unless you know the person it is usually best to use their name instead. This helps keep their dignity intact.

Please see our Dementia noticeboard and leaflets for further details.

Services

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

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings Hebrews 12.18-end; Luke 13.10-17

The 10.30 service will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Unfortunately, our temporary Zoom set up suffers from a camera time lag. The picture may be behind the sound.



IONA Communion

Sunday 24th August at 6.30pm

Reading: Jonah 2

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

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

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday 10.00am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

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

Quiz Night St John's Ightfield

QUIZ NIGHT

ST JOHN'S CHURCH
is hosting a quiz night on Friday
29th August - 7pm for 7.30pm start.

An absolute bargain at £5 per head including
a pasta Bolognese supper in the interval.

To book a team in please contact Jill Poole at
jill.poole@amica.org.uk or on 01939 231726.

Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required:

Sponge pudding / cake; Tinned Fruit; Long-life Fruit
Juice; Tins of chicken, spam or luncheon meat; Men's /
Ladies' Deodorant; Anti-bac spray / wipes; Size 6/6
Nappies & Pull-ups

We have plenty of:

Cereal; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Custard.

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

Charity Auction - Update



Thank you to everyone who donated
items. Proceeds to date are over
£2,000 with a couple of items
remaining to be sold at the auction
rooms. We are particularly grateful

to Nick Allsop, the auctioneer, and Nicky and her team
at The Crown for giving up so much time and effort to
run this auction for the benefit of improved security at
church.

Swap Shop

The next Swap Shop will be on
Saturday 6th 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
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