

27th October 2024



Bible Sunday Reflection

The most read book in the world

Today is Bible Sunday, where we could pause and reflect on the profound impact that the Scriptures have had on our lives, our communities, and our world. The Bible, a collection of diverse texts, offers not only historical insights but also timeless wisdom that speaks to the human experience.

From the poetic Psalms that express our deepest longings to the parables of Jesus that challenge our perspectives, the Bible serves as a mirror reflecting our joys, struggles, and hopes. It invites us into a deeper relationship with God and encourages us to live out our faith in tangible ways.

In today's fast-paced world, it's easy to overlook the significance of Scripture. Yet, it is in the quiet moments of reading and reflection that we can truly encounter the divine. The Bible is more than a book; it is actually 66 books and a living testament of God's love and guidance. It was written by 40 different individuals over a period of almost 1,400 years on 3 different Continents and in 3 different languages.

As we celebrate Bible Sunday, maybe we need to commit to engaging with the Word more intentionally. Perhaps setting aside time each day to read, meditate, and pray over the Scriptures. Share insights with others, fostering a community of learning and growth. The Bible has the power to transform our hearts and minds, but we must be willing to let it in.

Moreover, let's remember that the Scriptures call us to action. It urges us to care for the marginalized, seek justice, and embody love in our daily interactions. As we delve into the Word, let's not only seek personal enlightenment but also be inspired to make a difference in the world around us.

Let the Scriptures illuminate our paths, reminding us that we are part of a larger story, a story of hope, redemption, and love.

Peter



Please pray for...

David Lucas, Colin Smith, John Panter, Norman Law and Diana Picton-Robinson. Also, for Debra Deeley's Son-in-law, Andy Morton and Nita Heath's son-in-law, Gordon Robinson. John Halford thanks everyone for their prayers for David and said the cancer treatment has gone very well.

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

Tear Fund Big Quiz

Saturday 2nd November in the Parish Rooms. Do join us for this year's quiz. Teams of 4 – 6 and



individuals welcome. Please let Elaine know on opsmanagerofstmarys@gmail.com so we can ensure there are enough answer sheets to go round. Doors open at 6.30pm and quizzing starts at 7pm. Free entry but donations requested in aid of Tearfund emergency relief. Bring your own refreshments.

Christmas Choir - will you join in?



'Christmas Choir' practices for St Mary's Carol service on the 22nd December are at **7.30pm** on Thursdays, currently for harmony singers, with sopranos and tune singers joining from **28th November**. All welcome.

All Souls Service

Saturday 2nd November 10.30am in St Mary's. Everyone welcome. Please name any you wish to be remembered on the list in the Welcome area.

St Mary's Autumn Meeting

Each year our Autumn meeting is a chance to catch up with what's going on in our church and reflect on where God may be calling us. This year's meeting is on **Monday 4th November at 7.00pm** in church. We hope to see you there.

Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Morning Worship

Readings: 2 Timothy 3. 14-4.5 Luke 4.14-21

The 10.30 service will also be on Zoom.

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

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

6.30pm IONA Communion Service

Reading: Col 3. 12-17



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>

Remembrance Sunday 10th November

The service on Remembrance Sunday is at **10.45am**, there is no 9.00 service that day. Instead, a Communion service will be held at 6.30pm on Saturday 9th November.



Operation Christmas Child

Boxes and instructions are at the back of church for those wanting to put together some gifts for a child in need this Christmas. We collected a record 55 boxes last year and we are hoping to match or surpass that amount this year.

Please bring filled boxes and the £5 distribution cost per box to church the week starting 11th November with all boxes to be in by end of Sunday 17th November, ready to go the following week. **Please do not leave boxes in church before 11th November.** If you are unable to fill a shoebox but want to contribute you can leave a donation in the envelope at the back of the leaflet and give it to Hilary Talbot or hand it in at the church office.

Singing For the Brain

For people living with dementia, friends, family & carers, or even if you want to come for a sing-a-long. We meet every **Thursday 1.45pm** at the Beacon Centre. £2.50 pp includes tea and biscuits. For further details please contact Avril 01630 656264



Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required.

Toilet Rolls; Laundry Washing Pods; Custard; Tins of Ham or Chicken; Cartons of UHT Milk; Cartons of Long-Life Fruit Juice; Size 5 Pull-ups

We have plenty of—Cereals; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans.

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.



Church Clock

We are delighted to report that the clock is now fully operational, both chiming and telling the correct time again. Due to the hour change, on Sunday 27th it will strike correctly but the faces will remain at 2 o'clock until 2pm. Thank you everyone who has donated towards the cost of repair.

Swap Shop

Saturday 9th November, from 10.30 am in the Parish Rooms. Donations will be gratefully received (men's clothing particularly welcome), as well as helpers please.



Bring and Share Lunch



Unfortunately, we have no-one to host next month's lunch on 17th November. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Cancellations

Please note that **@6**, the monthly worship service at the Methodist Church, and the **Film Club**, held monthly at Christ Church, have been cancelled until further notice.

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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