

28<sup>th</sup> September 2025



## 1440: a number to remember.

### Really—don't forget it: 1440

We live in a world where so many people seem to be chasing after wealth. People are judged by their salary, the size of their home, and distant, exotic holiday destinations. More is more. Many fall into the trap of believing that the more money they have, the more valuable, important, worthy they must be.

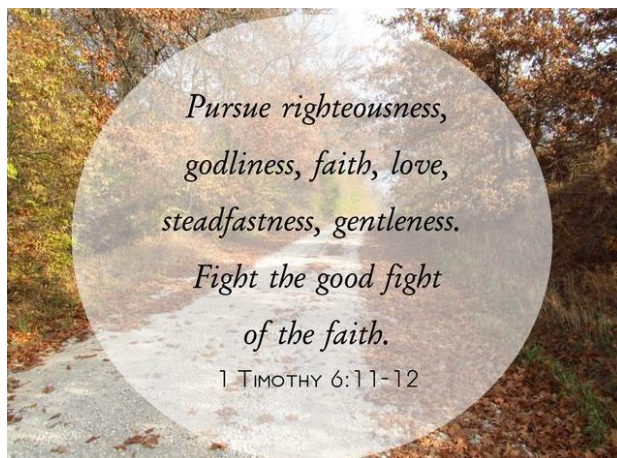
Today, we hear from St Paul. Words as true now as they were to Timothy nearly 2,000 years ago. So many people spend their lives trying to get rich, not realising: *'We brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it'*. In the end, we leave it all behind.

Sadly, if money is our goal, as we are often encouraged to believe, it can drive a need that is never satisfied. For however much you amass, there is always more to add to it. Enough is never enough.

So, I remember 1440. It's all I've got. It's all you've got. Even the richest person in the world, only has 1440. Every day, we are gifted 1,440 minutes. It can't be added to, you can't buy more. Whatever your bank balance, in this we are all equal: we all have 1,440 minutes. We might spend time on our money management, but how much time do we take to consider what we are doing with our 1,440 minutes each day? It is a precious, valuable gift.

Perhaps I need to pause and think about how I spend each minute. In what am I investing my time? As Christians could we spend more time on the things money can't buy? Paul suggests pursuing *'righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness'*. For in doing so we will find a greater gain, and a contentment that money can't buy. This is good news. God does not judge our value by our bank balance. He invites each one of us to receive his limitless love and to spend eternity with him. And if you ever feel you don't matter, just remember two things. First, in God's eyes you are precious—so precious that Jesus gave up his life for you. Second, remember 1440. No one in the world has more than you...

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## Please pray for...



Sue Norman; Hazel Haskayne; Brian McClellan; John Panter; Joe McPhee; Cherian George; Nita's grandson, Ben; Helen Hughes and family; Finley Parton; John and Ray Reynolds.

We continue to pray for Roy Senior and his family as they mourn the loss of Mary. Mary's funeral will be at St Mary's on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm.

We also pray for others who have been recently bereaved including the families and friends of Janet Agass, Eddy Getty and Jude 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.*

## Children and Families Worker

We are advertising for a part-time Children and Families Worker - full details are on our Website. The closing date for applications is **30th September**. Please pray that the right people will apply and that those interviewing will be guided by the Lord in the decisions they make.

## Songs of Praise

**3.30pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at**

Market Drayton Methodist Church

All are welcome to this informal gathering. Coffee, tea and cakes are served as you sing your favourite hymns.



## Messy Church – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October



3.30pm – 5.15pm in the Parish Rooms.

## Singing for the Brain

Singing for the Brain resumes on **2<sup>nd</sup> October**.



## Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes will be collected from 10<sup>th</sup> November. Please save and fill your own boxes. Contact Hilary Talbot for further information.

## Services

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

**9.00am BCP Holy Communion**

**10.30am CW Morning Worship**

**Readings 1 Timothy 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-end**

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 10.00am BCP Holy Communion**



### IONA Communion

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm

Reading: Luke 11.37-54

## Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

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

## Help us be a welcoming church...

by joining our welcoming team or helping to serve refreshments, either occasionally or every month? We need someone to join the team of welcomers on the first Sunday of each month. Please contact Elaine Cook, Margaret Deaville or Peter Fox to volunteer as welcomer and Pat Fox regarding refreshments.

## Diocesan Day of Prayer

Our next Diocesan Day of Prayer runs from midday on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October through to midday on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Hodnet Deanery are hosting the 3.00-3.30pm slot on the Wednesday afternoon. It would be great if you could join us online for this. The link for joining is [Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 852 9064 4727 Passcode: 780994

You can find a full list of the various groups that are hosting slots throughout the day at [Diocesan Day of Prayer - Diocese of Lichfield](#) You are very welcome to join in on any of the other slots that may interest you.

## Christmas Choir - will you join us?



'Christmas Choir' practices for St Mary's Carol service on 21st December start at 7.30pm on Thursdays from 23rd October for harmony singers with tune singers joining from 27th November. Please let Elaine Cook know if you would like to take part. Everyone is welcome.

## Foodbank Items Needed



### Stock Items urgently required:

Tinned custard; UHT milk (blue and green); packets of instant mash; sponge pudding/cake; tins of chicken, spam or luncheon meat; deodorant (M & F); toilet rolls; size 7 nappies/pull-ups; cartons of long-life juice; toilet cleaner & anti-bac spray.

### **We have plenty of:**

Cereal; pasta; rice; tea; baked beans.

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



This autumn, please can you help support Market Drayton Foodbank with our harvest appeal? You'll find some shopping lists at the back of church with ideas of non-perishable items that our Foodbank needs.

You can also make a monetary donation instead to help with our signposting services and running costs, please click [here](#) for further information.

## St Mary's Harvest Festival

This will be on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. If you are donating food to the Foodbank could you bring it along to church before this date and we will use it to decorate the church. We will then make sure it finds its way to the Foodbank afterwards.

## 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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