

31<sup>st</sup> May 2026



## The Trinity

The Trinity is defined for us in part of the Athanasian Creed: "And the Catholic Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity: neither confounding the persons: nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, is all one, the Glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son and such is the Holy Ghost."

When reading this you will appreciate that it is not easy to understand the Trinity and many attempts have been made to help our understanding. One of these is a 15<sup>th</sup> Century misericord at Cartmel Priory in the southern Lake District (see picture at the top of the Newsletter). It seeks to illustrate the concept of the Trinity in a face, which is not just one face but three faces, but all the faces are one face. You will notice that looking straight-on, the ears of the face are actually noses, so that when looked at from each side these become the noses of two other faces, so you have three faces in one face! 600 years ago that monk who carved this was seeking to understand the Trinity just as we are today. The Trinity is a difficult concept to understand intellectually, and it is not wrong to strive to understand these things, but our struggle to understand doctrine should not interfere with our Christian faith.

When Jesus told Nicodemus (a member of the Jewish ruling council) that to enter the kingdom of God he must be born again, Nicodemus did not understand. Today, we understand this a little better for we know that when we accept Jesus into our lives, we are born again by the Spirit of God, and become children of God - something we experience, even though we may not understand intellectually. Also, although intellectually we may not understand the Trinity, from experience we know God as our Father, Jesus as our Saviour and friend, and the Holy Spirit as our guide, strength and counsellor. Interestingly, we confirm the Trinity each time we wish God's blessing on each other when we say: "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you". Amen

*David*



## Please pray for...



Helen Hughes; Dean Price; Phil Turnock; Sue Norman; John Panter; Pam Clarke; Hazel Haskayne, John and Ray Reynolds. Also the

families and friends of Janet Wray, Roy Monger, John Jacobs and Kathleen 'Jenny' Compton.

*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.*

## PCC and Deanery

We are still urgently in need of a new PCC Secretary. This role is essential for the smooth running of the PCC, so please give some prayerful consideration as to whether you could fill this role. We also have vacancies for Deanery Synod Representatives. Please speak to Catherine to find out more about both roles.

## Messy Church

On **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 3.30pm** in  
The Parish Rooms.



## Shropshire Carers Support Meeting

On **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2 - 3.30pm** in  
The Starmer Room: for carers of those  
living with dementia to relax and chat  
with others in the same situation. Free entry.

## Stewardship and Gift Aid

Our treasurer, David, has encouraged us all to increase our giving. One easy way, if you are a UK taxpayer, is to use Gift Aid. 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

## Services

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

### Trinity Sunday

**9.00am BCP Holy Communion**

**10.30am CW Holy Communion and Healing Prayer**

**Readings:** 2 Corinthians 13.11-end Matthew 28.16-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 Holy Communion 10.00am**

## Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

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

## The BFG (Big Family Gathering)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 11.00 at Tern Hill Hall**

MDMC are hosting a day of worship, live music, community performances, food, games, stalls and much more (including St Mary's Messy Church activities). Tickets free, but must be booked. See <https://mdmc.org.uk/bfg/>

## How can you serve?

Could you be part of some of the wonderful teams of volunteers who assist in the care and running of many aspects of St Mary's, including:

Welcome team Audio/visual desk;

Musicians and singers Refreshments;

'Brass Band' Open church;

Prayer ministry Gardening.

Messy Church and children's corner;

Reading and leading intercessions;

Speak to a member of any of the teams or one of the church wardens for more information.

## Laurina Rushworth's Ordination

Please pray for Laurina as she is ordained at Lichfield Cathedral 4.00pm Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June. There are a few spare places if anyone would like to go. Contact Laurina on 07789 711909 [laurina.rushworth@gmail.com](mailto:laurina.rushworth@gmail.com)

## Confirmation

We have a number of people wanting to mark their faith journey by being confirmed. If you would be interested in joining them, please speak to Catherine to find out more.

## Foodbank Items Needed



### Stock Items urgently required:

**Green/blue milk; fruit juice.**

*Low stock Items:*

**Cereal; toilet roll; biscuits; sponge puddings/cakes; size 6 nappies; deodorant.**

**We have plenty of:** Baked beans; washing powder/pods.

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

## Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)



**June 26<sup>th</sup>** (please note change of date) at the Festival Drayton centre. **July 17<sup>th</sup>** – an afternoon tea at Fletchers garden centre. To book a place a £5 deposit is required.

## 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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**Deadline for newsletter articles Wednesday afternoon.**

**During Helen's absence, please continue to use the church email address in the usual way.**

**To give Elaine a break from work on her days off, please avoid speaking to her about office matters on a Sunday. Thank you.**

Donations can be made by scanning the QR codes:



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Organ fund



Security fund