

7<sup>th</sup> June 2026



## God is Concise

God is concise – he doesn't waste words.

There are certain preachers I like to listen to because they really get to the heart and spirit of what God says and means. For example: When a believer has heard a promise for themselves from God (or God's desire for them relating to others) and wonders why no further progress has been made the preacher may say: 'Did you do the last thing God told you to do?' It's an interesting question.

Prior to this a believer may have just 'tuned out' the bits they didn't want to hear and therefore didn't do what God had asked. Maybe they might think the task is below them, or simply they just don't want to do it - yet they still expect God to honour his part?

In God's economy of words, it's 'Let your yes be yes or your no be no.' We can't say yes and not do it and think it's acceptable because we had good intentions. The Bible tells us, 'Faith by itself, if it does not result in action, is dead'.

Abraham said yes and it was credited to him as righteousness. Others believed wholeheartedly that God heals and saves and took him at his word and they received the promises not only because they believed but they also acted on that belief.

What about us? Are we believing God for anything and if we are (and I certainly hope that is the case) then it takes acts of faith, a stepping out even when we don't understand why God has asked us to do what he has. We know God's thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are our ways God's ways but he has a reason for all that he does, and we need to trust him in that. Can we do that? Are we willing to partner with God and do our part? Let us be concise – is our answer to God 'yes' or 'no'?

*Carol*

## 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.



## 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

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.*



## 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/>

## Bring and Share Lunch



The next Bring and Share lunch is on **21<sup>st</sup> June** at Sue and Justin Frankfort's home.

## Laurina Rushworth's Ordination

Please pray for Laurina as she is ordained at Lichfield Cathedral at 4.00pm on 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)

## Services

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

### Sunday

**9.00am BCP Holy Communion**

**10.30am CW Holy Communion**

**Readings:** Romans 4.13-end Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26

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 1<sup>st</sup> August 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](mailto: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 are still urgently in need of a new PCC Secretary, a role essential for the smooth running of the PCC. Could this be you? We also have vacancies for Deanery Synod Representatives. Please speak to Catherine to find out more about both roles.

## Foodbank Items Needed



### Stock Items urgently required:

**Green milk; fruit juice.**

*Low stock Items:*

**Cereal; toilet roll; biscuits; size 6 nappies; deodorant; tinned fruit; soup.**

**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



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