

WE WARMLY WELCOME EVERYONE TO ST MARY'S as we come together to worship and praise a LIVING GOD who wants to share the LOVE He has for all.

CHRIST IS RISEN – HALLELUJAH!

We rejoice together at this Easter-time as we remember Jesus' sacrifice, celebrating the fact that - although we may feel unworthy of His love - He offers it to each one of us.

EASTER: the gift of new life, and the promise of hope!
The temple curtain torn in two as Jesus died, signified the breaking of a separation between God and His people, offering us all the hope of a close relationship and love through eternity. Jesus' gift to us all was of free access to God.

*Easter bunnies and chicks -
representing a new generation of LIFE and HOPE!*

Prayer in the Resurrection Chapel, offered immediately after you have received Communion, or at the end of the 10.30 Service, is for anyone who has concerns (for others or themselves) that they want to bring to God; feel they need God's blessing on their future; or want to thank Him for His goodness. Please don't be hesitant: prayer requests will be kept confidential.

We have toy bags for small children to play with during the Service, and under 5's can use the Children's Corner at any time, with parental supervision.

During each week:

Tuesday	7.00 pm	'Prayers for the Parish' in Church
Thursday 20th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 27 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion, coffee and then preaching by candidates to which all are invited

(GFS resumes on May 11th)

Services on Sunday 23rd:

8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am	Morning Prayer
6.30 pm	Evensong at Christ Church, followed by Soul Space at

Services on Sunday 30th:

8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am	Holy Communion
6.30 pm	Evensong at Christ Ch, 7.00 pm

DIARY & NOTICES

EASTER SUN: Everyone is invited to our Easter Day Lunch, from 12.30 in the Parish Rooms. Children's activities including an Easter Egg Hunt and Tug of War in the Churchyard at around 2.15 pm. Hot turkey & stuffing or pork & apple baps will be provided but we have requested donations of Salads and Puddings.

Thu 20th Apr COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING: 10-12 in the Parish Rooms when everyone is invited for coffee, cake, craft and a chat.

ALSO on 20th: PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: 7.30 pm at Wollerton URC Schoolroom. For more info, including directions, please see the P4PC page of the Market Drayton Churches Together website. This is a Churches Together joint prayer session.

Fri 21st Apr PHOENIX GROUP will be going to Oakgate Nursery for tea and cakes. Meet at Lidl car park 10.30 prompt if you wish to go.

Sun 30th Apr SINGLES LUNCH: 12.45 at the Red Lion.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: Monday 24th April at 7.30 pm.

NOMINATION FORMS for Wardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members are still available at the back of church for submission PRIOR TO THE APCM.

APCM Booklets available at the back of church, please take one per family

FOODBANK: '40 Pence for 40 Days appeal'. Cheques should be made payable to 'Market Drayton Foodbank' and be sent to: Market Drayton Foodbank, The Parish Rooms, Church Street, Market Drayton TF9 1AF. Electronic bank transfers can be made to Barclays Bank (Market Drayton), Sort Code: 20-77-85, Account no: 53527638.

Please sign a Gift Aid Declaration if appropriate so that we can receive an extra 25%

New Prison Project – Volunteers Needed

Stoke Heath Prison would like to run a 'Ways2Work' course created by the organisation Clean Sheet. As CAP Job Club Manager I have agreed to be the course facilitator and I am asking for volunteers to assist me in running the courses. Training will be in May and the course will run on a Monday from 1.45pm – 4.30pm at the prison, initially 9 times a year. If you are interested in helping please contact me. 07399 852163.



CAP Release Group (help with addictions)
 CAP Debt Centre 0800 328 0006 or
 CAP Job Club
 FOUNTAINS Counselling Service

07845 762 309
 01274 760839
 07399 852 163
 07980 387 847

There will be new Release Group sessions starting on 10th May, with awareness session on 3rd May. Please telephone 07845 762309 if you wish to know more.

Shropshire Star ‘Cash for your Community’ Tokens

Please give in your saved tokens before 20 April (to be donated to the Barnabus Community Project in Shrewsbury) or ring 07399 852163 to have them collected.

This year’s LENT APPEAL is going to help women in need of support and help to improve their lives and those of their children. The particular focus is on Zambia, Uganda, Rwanda and S. Sudan where conditions are pretty desperate. Envelopes are provided at the West End for those who can gift-aid as well as for those who cannot.

If you have not brought your envelope, or donation, today (Easter Sunday) please would you let us have it as soon as possible. Thank you

HELP FOR SYRIA: the need is ongoing so the box(es) at the West End will continue to be available for further donations. A list of the items required is now on the main noticeboard. Shoes and children’s toys also, please.

Knitted and Sewn Doves needed for ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ prayer event 25 May – 4 June. Please take a pattern from the back of church

Canon Andrew White, Vicar of Baghdad, will be speaking at Newtown Baptist Church on 8 May & Hereford Cathedral on 10 May. See noticeboard for details.

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INTERREGNUM UPDATE

- 4 candidates have been shortlisted and will be welcomed to Market Drayton on 26th April
- Interviews to take place on 27th April, starting at 9.30 am with a Communion service led by Bishop Mark, to which the congregation are invited to attend. The candidates will each be required to preach a short sermon.

For information: the Parish Profile is still available for you to see on the church website as well as on the Wardens’ Prayer/Information Desk in Bookshop area.

Please join in the regular Prayers for the Parish on Tuesdays evenings

Our web address: www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk

St Mary's Market Drayton

Registered Charity Number: 1144116

EASTER 2017

Sundays 16th & 23rd April



Worship on Easter Day:

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| 6.15 am | Sunrise Service in the Churchyard
(there will not be an 8.30 HC Service) |
| 10.30 am | CELEBRATION HOLY COMMUNION, followed by Lunch in the Parish Rooms |

THE MAIN THING:

“In Christ’s name, St Mary’s seeks to Welcome all, to lead people to Christ, to Nurture the faith and to Engage and Serve the community”