

**WE WARMLY WELCOME EVERYONE TO ST MARY'S** as we worship together and enjoy fellowship with one another, sharing the GREAT TRUTH AND HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION.

### **ARE YOU FOLLOWING A SHEPHERD?**

Shepherds were able to lead their sheep absolutely anywhere and the flock were completely trusting. We may not be as trusting as sheep but we can be fooled into taking the wrong direction. Guidance is so important and the best resource is, of course, God's Word.

How 'in tune' are we with the Shepherd of shepherds? Do we share our innermost feelings, our concerns, even our anger? God will always listen, and 'sharing' those thoughts is releasing and healing.

We need a shepherd here at St Mary's - a new Vicar - but God wants us to wait a little longer: for the right person.

In the meantime let's put our trust wholly in God.

*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.

### **Each week**

Tuesday	7.00 pm	'Prayers for the Parish' in Church
Thursday	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	5.45-8.15 pm	GFS in the Parish Rooms

### **Services next Sunday: 21<sup>st</sup> May**

8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am	Holy Communion, followed by Bring & Share Lunch in the Parish Rooms
6.30 pm	Evensong at Christ Church, followed by Soul Space

***How much do you know about 'Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Week'? Between Ascension Day Thurs 25 May and Pentecost Sunday, 4 June there will be prayer stations around the town and Hywel wishes us to participate.***

***Please see poster on noticeboard. KNITTERS are also needed please!***

There will be 'Dove manufacturing sessions' at the Amica Centre on 19 May, 10am-noon and 2-4pm.

*Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join. Christians are being called to pray during a focused time between Pentecost and Ascension from 25 May to 4 June 2017.*

### **THE NEW ST MARY'S PCC:**

<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Val Creasey & Geoff Oakes
<b>Deanery Synod:</b>	David Clarke, Sue Frankfort and Guy Skipwith
<b>PCC Members:</b>	Gill Carley, Simon Farrant, Justin Frankfort, David Lake, Ian Macfarlane, Mike Rushworth, Barry Salter, Helen Smith, Alan Venables, Ken Woods
<b>Ex-officio:</b>	Carol Corney and David Jones
<b>Co-opted:</b>	David Costelloe as Treasurer

### **DIARY & NOTICES**

- Thu 18<sup>th</sup> May COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING: 10-11.45 in the Parish Rooms, when all are invited for coffee, cake, craft and a chat. Please invite your friends and neighbours to come along too.
- Thu 18<sup>th</sup> May PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS: 7.30 pm at Wollerton URC Schoolroom. For more information, including directions, please see the P4PC page of the MD Churches Together website
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May PHOENIX GROUP to meet at Wetherspoons from 10.30 am.
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May PASTORAL GROUP Meeting: 2 pm in the Starmer Room
- Thu 25<sup>th</sup> May DEANERY ASCENSION SERVICE: 7.30 pm at St Swithun's Cheswardine. If anyone needs a lift please sign at West End.

The Methodist Church are inviting us to another series of **Bible Studies** led by Rev Peter Davies, this time on the Letter of James. These will be held on Tuesdays at 1 pm and 7.30 pm on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>.

QUIET DAYS at The AMICA Centre, Ightfield: generally held on 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, the next being 3<sup>rd</sup> June. A day of quiet contemplation and worship in peaceful setting. Coffee, light lunch and afternoon tea: donation of £10 suggested. To book, or for further details contact 01948 890610 (answerphone) or [admin@amica.org.uk](mailto:admin@amica.org.uk).



**FOODBANK:** the following items are in need at present and would be gratefully received: **Cartons of UHT Milk, Juice, Sponge Puddings, Jam, Biscuits**, Tinned Fruit and Veg.



CAP Release Group (help with addictions) 07845 762 309  
 CAP Debt Centre 0800 328 0006 or 01274 760839  
 CAP Job Club 07399 852 163  
 FOUNTAINS Counselling Service 07980 387 847

New Release Group sessions have just begun but please telephone 07845 762309 if you wish to know more.

The CAP Debt Centre is looking to fill the position of Debt Coach. Please speak to Gill Carley for further details about the role and the duties involved.

CHRISTIAN AID: if you can help in collecting, please add your name to the list in the Welcome area. Also, if you have already volunteered, please collect your envelopes today. Thank you

BRING & SHARE LUNCH in June: we are looking for someone to host the lunch on 18th June, which is also Fathers' Day. If you can help please see Geoff or Val.

**URGENTLY NEEDED: does anyone please have a laptop they would be willing to donate for Church use?**

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### INTERREGNUM UPDATE

- We will be in an interregnum for longer than we hoped. The interview panel offered the job to one candidate but upon reflection he said no.
- So the position is to be re-advertised.

*Meanwhile we shall continue with Prayers for the Parish on Tuesdays at 7 pm and on Thursdays in the 10 o'clock Communion.*

# St Mary's Market Drayton

Registered Charity Number: 1144116

## SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017

### EASTER 5

and start of Christian Aid Week



#### Worship today:

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| 8.30 am  | Holy Communion (BCP)   |
| 10.30 am | Christian Aid Joint Service with the Methodists. Preacher: Rev Ruth Jeffries |
| 7.00 pm  | 'At 7' contemporary worship, with speaker Gary Gibbs                         |

#### **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"*

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