

WE WARMLY WELCOME EVERYONE TO ST MARY'S as we meet to praise God and thank Him for His mercy, His forgiveness and for His amazing love for each one of us.

WHO DO WE SPECIFICALLY PRAY FOR?

Do we tend to limit our prayer requests to those close to us, those we know in particular need at the time, or those in countries struggling to cling on to hope and a meaning for life?

Do we regularly pray for the individuals and specific areas needing support within our church and community that are highlighted on the PRAYER CARD?

Those who are surrounded by prayer are often very much aware of the help being given to them: they feel lifted up, re-assured and 'special' - and that's how God wants US ALL to feel!

THIS SUMMER, when we may be blessed with having more 'free' time, let us give particular prayer focus to those we are aware need to be lifted to God for His peace and re-assurance. We may not have a specific name but God knows that person, or situation, very well so our prayers won't be meaningless.

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.

Mid-week:

Tuesdays 7.00 pm 'Prayers for the Parish' in Church
Thursdays 10.00 am Holy Communion
(GFS will resume its meetings on Thursday 14th September)

Services next Sunday, 23rd July

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Morning Prayer
3.00 pm Woodcroft Service - all welcome
6.30 pm Evensong at Christ Church, followed by Soul Space

DIARY & NOTICES

TODAY: BRING & SHARE LUNCH: 12.45 approx.

ALSO: We are all invited to a 21st BIRTHDAY TEA on SUNDAY 16 July in the Parish Rooms. It starts at 2.00pm but if you are joining the Bring and Share lunch please come later or as soon as you are able. Everyone is invited!

Mon 17th July PASTORAL GROUP MEETING: 2 pm in the Starmer Room

Thu 20th July COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING: 10-12 noon in the Parish Rooms. Please invite your friends, family and neighbours for coffee, cake, craft and a chat.

Fri 21st July PHOENIX GROUP will be having a Strawberry Tea at 3 pm

Wed 2nd Aug HOME GROUP LEADERS MEETING: 7.30-9 pm in the Starmer Room.



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**

CAP's NEEDS AT PRESENT:

- 1) *DEBT COACH: 8 hours per week*
- 2) *COMMUNITY LINKS CO-ORDINATOR: 2 hours a week*
- 3) *GRANTS & FUNDING CO-ORDINATOR: 2 hours a week*
- 4) *DEBT CENTRE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: 1 hour a week*

If you think you might be able to help in any of the above ways, please contact Gill Carley for fuller information.



FOODBANK. Donations of the following items would be much appreciated: Long Life Fruit Juice, Coffee and White or Brown Rice (not rice pudding). *Thank you*
For Information: a record 852.40kgs of food was donated at the recent Morrisons collection – PRAISE THE LORD!

KNITTED ANGELS PLEASE! In readiness for 'Buttercross to Bethlehem 2017', patterns are available again at the West End for you to knit or crochet.

CHRISTIAN AID: this year's total from the town amounted to **£1,790.34** which, sadly, was down on last year partly due to no monies being collected by the AMICA churches or Woore/Norton in Hales. **We should like to thank all those who helped and whose efforts contributed to the above result.**

TOILET TWINNING: as announced last Sunday, it has been agreed that 'to celebrate, or give thanks' for our new toilets, we shall be collecting for a toilet block for a school in Uganda. A collection plate will be left at the West End this week and next for further donations.

An update on SANCTUS ST MARKS:

Sanctus St Mark's supports asylum seekers and refugees in Stoke. Due to its growing work - including supporting people whose money has been stopped or delayed - there is an urgent need for various items, including:

Tinned food (chopped tomatoes, baked beans, sweetcorn, fruit, chickpeas, kidney beans, tuna/fish, meat), breakfast cereal, coffee, tea, sugar, biscuits, rice, pasta, lentils, cooking oil, salt, sanitary towels (not tampons), nappies (especially size 5 & 6), shampoo, shower gel, men's and women's deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste, tooth brushes (for adults and kids) and soap. There is a box at the West End for your donations.

Sanctus also needs serviceable white goods such as fridges, washing machines and cookers (free standing), furniture (such as sofas, tables, chairs and beds), bikes and baby equipment (such as push chairs and Moses baskets) which can be collected.

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INTERREGNUM UPDATE

- Although we know that the candidate offered the post here has accepted, the Bishop has indicated that we cannot make a public announcement until Sunday 30th July (which is at the request of the new incumbent) - so we have to continue to be patient!

Please do continue to pray for our new incumbent as 'they' prepare to leave their present parish and move to Market Drayton.

Prayers for the Parish will continue for the next 2 Tuesdays at 7 pm and will then continue on August 9th and 23rd in the form of an Iona service. Also on Thursdays within the 10 am Communion service.

Please do support these times of prayer if you can.

St Mary's Market Drayton

Registered Charity Number: 1144116

16th JULY 2017
TRINITY 5



Worship today:

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| 8.30 am | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 10.30 am | Holy Communion, followed by Bring & Share 12.45 approx. Readings: Isaiah 55:6-13 (p742) and Matt 13: 1-9 & 18-23 (p978) |
| 6.30 pm | Evensong at Christ Church, followed by Soul Space |

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"

Our web address: www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk