

WE WARMLY WELCOME EVERYONE TO ST MARY'S TODAY

Lord God, we are here today to offer to you our sacrifice of worship. We are here to listen to your Word, to bring to you the concerns of our hearts, and to join together in fellowship. Speak to us: through Scripture, hymns, prayer and silence. Grant us ears to hear, hearts to listen, and lives prepared to do your will. Amen

**COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP
COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE YOUR HEART**

David Jones last week invited us to think about HOW we come to worship. Is our main focus on Jesus Christ as our Lord?

A well-known hymn includes the verse:

Jesus! My shepherd, brother friend,
my Prophet, Priest and King;
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Our 'communion with God' as we accept His gifts of bread and wine are of great significance, as another hymn confirms:

Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us - He is with us;
Break the bread, drink the wine -
Christ is with us here.

*In this bread there is healing,
In this cup there's life for ever;
In this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.*

WHAT REASSURANCE!

*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.

This week

Thurs 18th 10.00 am Holy Communion
(GFS will resume in February)

Services on 21st January

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Morning Worship (CW) with Baptism, followed by Bring & Share Lunch at approx 12.45pm
6.00 pm Churches Together United Service at the Methodist Church, followed by Churches Together AGM at 6.30. **** please see note below**

DIARY & NOTICES

Wed 17th Jan ALPHA COURSE continues in Costa, 7.45 pm on each Wednesday evening until 28th February. This is open to everyone, with more information from Market Drayton Methodist Church.

Thu 18th Jan COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING: 10-12 Noon, in the Parish Rooms. Do come and enjoy coffee, cake, craft and a chat. All welcome.

Fri 19th Jan PHOENIX GROUP meets for coffee and cakes at Jane Peake's. Anyone bereaved and looking for friendship with others is invited.

ALSO: CHURCHES TOGETHER UNITED SERVICE (6 pm), followed at 6.30 by the AGM. "Come and hear about the exciting joint projects already up and running, as well as ideas for the future. Christians in action, living out the Christian message, and sharing God's love in the community of Market Drayton.

Mon 22nd Jan PASTORAL GROUP MEETING: 2 pm in the Starmer Room.

Sun 28th Jan SINGLES LUNCH at the Red Lion 12.45 pm. Names to Val Creasey (CW)

Sat 3rd Feb SWAP SHOP: 10.30 am in the Parish Rooms. Helpers, as well as donations, always needed and much appreciated.



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



FOODBANK -there is an URGENT NEED, please, for the following: **UHT Milk, Long Life Juice, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Fish & Tinned Tomatoes.**

Also required are: Tinned Custard, Cereals, Packet Rice, Pasta Sauces, Toilet Rolls & Toiletries, Laundry Washing Powder & Washing-up Liquid, Jam, Biscuits, and Carrier Bags. If you can help with any of these items it would be much appreciated.
 (Baked Beans & Tinned Spaghetti NOT needed!)

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your generous gifts for the Women's Refuge in Newcastle and also for the Sanctus Refugee Centre in Stoke. Both were overwhelmed and wish everyone to know how your help is so very much appreciated. The presents were enjoyed by many adults and children alike.

**** Praying for Persecuted Christians:**

"Many of you will be aware of news from Iran about the protests there and the government reactions. Almost certainly events will have moved on by next week, but in the meantime can I encourage you to be praying for our brothers and sisters there, that they might have wisdom from our Father in knowing how to respond to what is going on. It is possible that the regime will react by making life more difficult in its prisons, etc. Please remember to pray for the Christians who are already in jails there and those who suspect they are under surveillance.

There are also implications for the region around Iran, especially westward towards Israel. Iran and Saudi Arabia are arch enemies and fighting out a proxy war in Yemen. Iran has ambitions to advance through Iraq and Syria to create a military corridor through to Lebanon and its allies Hezbollah. If the current Iranian regime falls it is very difficult to predict how Saudi Arabia will react and what will change in Iraq and Syria. We need to pray that The LORD's will is done in all this at every level." *Your prayers are always valuable!*

St Mary's Market Drayton

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Epiphany 2



Worship today:

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30 am Holy Communion (CW)
Readings: 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (p274); John 1: 43-51 (p1064)
- 7.00 pm 'At 7' contemporary worship at the Methodist Church, when the speaker will be Rev Peter Knight, Methodist Minister in the Vale of Stour Circuit

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18-25 January
 The prayer for 2018 is 'That All May be Free'