

WE WARMLY WELCOME EVERYONE TO ST MARY'S TODAY

as we meet together to worship and praise, and pray for those around the world who do not enjoy Unity and Freedom. "Lord, draw close to them."

We especially welcome Siena Timmis and her family and friends and we celebrate her baptism.

'BEING CALLED' - How do we know?

A still small voice, a nudge - possibly over a period of years! - or an irrefutable calling. God can call us in many ways, and through friends, but He needs us to know that He IS calling us. Jesus' disciples were in no doubt when He asked them to leave what they were doing and follow Him.

Maybe we are in a different situation and are really keen to know what it is God wants us to do, or wants us to do NEXT. The best thing to do is ask Him. We may need to ask several times as He may want to be absolutely sure we are serious about this. If it is a challenging role God wants for us, involving moving outside our comfort zone - or 'stepping out of the boat' as the disciples were certainly called to do - it may seem scary and cause some soul-searching. Jesus had to impress on His friends that their FAITH was being tested but that He was there to guide and protect them.

We may not have Jesus' bodily presence with us but He promises to stand by us ALWAYS!

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 25th 10.00 am Holy Communion
(GFS will resume on March 1st)

Services on 28th January

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

DIARY & NOTICES

TODAY: BRING & SHARE LUNCH: 12.45 pm approx.

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.

Wed 24th Jan and EACH Wednesday: SOCIAL MORNING at Raven House: 10.30-12.30, especially for those looking for an opportunity to chat and enjoy coffee/tea together with others.

Wed 24th Jan ALPHA COURSE continues in Costa, 7.45 pm on each Wednesday evening until 28th February. Open to everyone, and for more information please contact Market Drayton Methodist Church.

Sun 28th Jan SINGLES LUNCH at the Crown 12.45 pm. Names to Val Creasey.

Sat 3rd Feb SWAP SHOP: 10.30 am in the Parish Rooms.

Mon 5th Feb PCC MEETING: 7.30 pm in the Starmer Room

Our annual PANCAKE TEA is on Tuesday 13th February 5-7pm in the Parish Rooms. This gives us a good 'inviting' outreach opportunity, as well as being a great social event for ourselves. **Please pick up an invite or two from the Welcome Area** and deliver to friends, family and neighbours.

Publicity and admin help required ...

'Who Let the Dads Out?' is a Dads and toddlers group who meet every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Parish Rooms. If anyone feels that they could help with the promotion and basic admin of the group (displaying publicity material and keeping the register up to date), please contact Stuart Carley. Any help, however small, would be gratefully received.



PRAY, BAKE, READ is a great idea from Lichfield Diocese to help churches engage with their local schools. The idea is to PRAY intentionally for our school, to BAKE a cake for the staff each half term and to offer to READ with a pupil once a week. If anyone is interested in exploring if we might get this going at St Mary's then please contact Catherine McBride (01630 656943).



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: **Long Life Juice, Tinned Fish, Tinned Tomatoes. Tinned Meat (Ham, Spam, Corned Beef, Chicken) and Pasta Sauces.**

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

The Methodist Church have invited us to join them in 'A Meal for Romania' on Sat 24th February, 6 pm in their Church Hall. Cost £10 for a 3-course meal, raising funds for the MD Romania Link. Please see poster on noticeboard and contact Carol or John Corney if interested.

St Mary's Market Drayton

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Epiphany 3



Worship today:

- 8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30 am Morning Worship (CW) with Baptism, followed by Bring & Share Lunch
Reading: Mark 7: 1-8 & 14-15 (p1010)
- 6.00 pm Churches Together United Service at the Methodist Church, followed by Churches Together AGM at 6.30. 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 our community.

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