

4th May 2025



## Don't tell me what to do!

One of the things I've always struggled with - since I was a teenager - is being told what to do by my parents! I still remember being in my early teens, standing in the kitchen with my mother, as she tried to teach me how to bake and clean. I'd get really irritated by her instructions—even though, deep down, I knew I needed to learn how to do things properly.

But the truth is, I've always preferred learning by experience—doing things my own way. Even if my way wasn't always the quickest or the best, I knew I had done it my way!

I wonder if that's a little like how Peter felt in our Gospel reading today. He and his companions were experienced fishermen. Fishing was their livelihood. They knew the water, the weather, and the best methods to bring in a good catch. And yet - they'd worked all night and caught absolutely nothing. So, when a stranger comes along (they didn't yet know it was Jesus!) and tells them to put their nets out again... how must that have felt? Frustrating? Confusing? Maybe they were so exhausted and desperate that they just thought, "Why not?"

Of course - everything changed. They listened. They acted...and the rest, as they say, is history.

Age and experience have taught me that real wisdom often comes when we're willing to listen - to advice, to other perspectives, and especially to God's prompting. It's not always easy. Doing what Jesus asks can be uncomfortable and even frightening at times as it often takes us out of our comfort zone. But time and again, we find that it is in those moments of trust and obedience that God shows up, so much more *'than we could ever ask or imagine'*.

*Maggie*



## Please pray for...



Barry Salter, John Panter, Colin Smith, Jenny Wade, Nita's grandson, Ben, Andy Morton (Debra Deeley's son-in-law), and Helen Sweet's son-in-law Alan Dean.

*Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name to be added or removed from this list.*

## VE Day Celebrations / MD 10k race – 11<sup>th</sup> May

**PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE** to our morning services on 11<sup>th</sup> May. There will be road closures from 10.30am due to the MD 10k race. **Our two morning services will therefore be a combined service at 9am.** We welcome Elaine's community choir, A Choired Taste, to this service at which we remember the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.



Other town VE celebrations are shown on a notice at the back of church.

## APCM Advance Notice

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **Monday 19th May at 7.30pm** in Church.

If anyone would like to serve on the PCC, nomination forms are available on the table at the back of church. Please complete and put in the box provided.

## Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated.

**9.00am BCP Holy Communion**

**10.30am CW Holy Communion**

Readings **Acts 9.1-6 [7-20] John 21.1-19**

The 10.30 service will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

**Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

**Thursday 10.00am BCP Holy Communion**

## Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

<https://www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk/media>

## Messy Church



Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
3.30pm – 5.15pm  
in the Parish Rooms

## Moving House...again!

Please continue to pray for God's guidance and provision for Helen and if you know of any 2 or 3 bed rentals, please let Helen in the office know. Many thanks.

## Swap Shop

SWAP SHOP will be held again on **Saturday 10th May, 10.30am** in the Parish Rooms. We shall be grateful for items to offer 'customers' as well as helpers please.



## Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)

### Ladies do lunch!



The Phoenix group are planning to go to Oakgates Garden Centre on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Transport will be provided. Further details to follow. Pencil it in your diary!

## Foodbank Items Needed

### Stock Items urgently required:

Tins/Cartons of Custard; Men's Deodorant; Cleaning Products; Shower Gel; Toothpaste; Toilet Rolls.

### We have plenty of:

Cereal; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans

The trolley at the back of church is now in use and donations are gratefully received.



## Bell Ringing

The church bells will be ringing at 6.30pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May as part of the VE Day Anniversary Celebrations.

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May we also welcome guest ringers from 2pm.

## Bring and Share Lunch.



The next lunch will on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May, hosted by Simon & Julia Farrant Longford Old Hall, TF9 3PW.

All Welcome.

## Worship@6

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at the Methodist Church with speaker David Matthias, Pastor at Barnabas Community Church in Shrewsbury



## Staying in Touch

Please either leave a message or send an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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