

6th July 2025



Petrolheads! A day to celebrate! The British Grand Prix at Silverstone. When the green light shows the lazy Sunday afternoon calm will be shattered by the deafening scream of Formula 1 cars exploding from the grid. Drivers and machinery pushed to their limit and beyond. To be the first to the chequered flag, and to the champagne shower. But I do sometimes wonder, why. After all, everyone finishes right back where they started. The end is at the beginning.

Life today seems to be about speed and rush. Fast food, fast fashion. News flash alerts on our phones. Business that runs on 'just-in-time'. When do we want it? NOW! Or better, yesterday. A culture that seeks instant gratification. Don't keep me waiting!

All that frenzied rush and speed, and we might wonder, where is it all getting us? For many, life is just a merry-go-round or a hamster wheel. Maximum effort that gets us nowhere. Are we just racing cars living at the limit but going nowhere?

In our Gospel, we find Jesus continuing his journey to Jerusalem. On foot, taking his time not racing. Stopping to teach, to heal, receiving hospitality; accompanied by many followers. And he invites us to follow him, too, on a journey that has purpose and a definite destination. Sometimes the Bible compares the Christian life as race. This is not because we are to rush round and round as fast as we can, nor to reach the finish line quickly. In many ways, the journey is its own purpose. And it is something we give our all to. That we will persevere and commit ourselves to the end. It's the journey of a lifetime.

Jesus leads us off the hamster wheel, to a join him on a journey. With Jesus we have an alternative to the world's not so merry-go-round, the endless chasing after our tails. He offers us direction, purpose, hope, and a destination. And with him we will find a real joy, peace, and love, that far outweigh any obstacles or hurdles on the way, and that we will enjoy for eternity. Jesus takes us off the racetrack and takes us on a journey – with him. He asks us to invite others to come along, too.



Please pray for...



Brian McClellan, John Panter, Jenny Wade, Mary Senior, Nita's grandson, Ben, Debra Deeley's son-in-law, Andy and Helen Sweet's son-in-law, Alan Dean.

Jill Alexander and her daughter, Jodie would like to thank everyone for their prayers. Jodie had surgery last Thursday and is recovering well at home.

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



Mothers Union

Our next meeting is a Celebration Tea Party on July 14th in the Parish Rooms at 2.30pm -celebrating 3 members who have 'clocked up' 182 years of

membership between them! There will be a small charge of £1.50 towards catering costs.



Mothers Union Summer Outing



On August 11th the MU outing is to the Royal Horticultural Society's Garden at



Bridgewater near Salford. The coach will leave at 9.30am and return here by 5.30pm. The total cost of garden admission and the coach is £28 payable by 17th July. If you would like to join us, please contact Carol Corney / Barbara Bashford asap.



Word for Today

The new UCB Bible notes are available on the desk at the entrance to the Church.



Services

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

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings **2 Kings 5. 1-4 Luke 10. 10-11, 16-20**

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

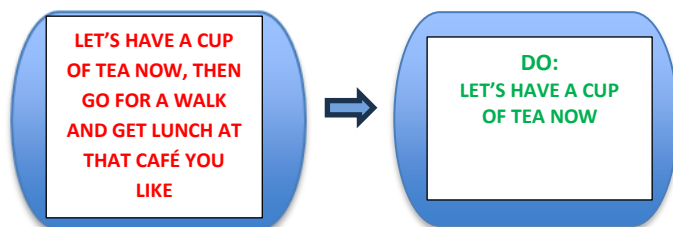
Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

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



What not to say to someone with dementia



Long complex sentences can be difficult to grasp for those with dementia. It's difficult to process several ideas at once as cognitive abilities slow down, so it's better to give directions or instructions one step at a time.

Instead try this: Use short simple sentences as much as possible. Avoid speaking in loud or busy environments and wait until you have the person's full attention before you start. During the conversation give the person time to process what you are saying. For those interested, a copy of 'Contented Dementia' by Oliver James is available to borrow at the back of church.



Worship@6

Sunday 13th July at the Methodist Church. Speaker Catherine McBride

Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required:

UHT Milk (blue & green); Long-life Fruit Juice;
Tinned Fruit; Tinned Wet Dog Food; Cleaning Products; Men's and Women's Deodorant; Shower Gel.

We have plenty of:

Cereal; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans; Custard.

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

Concert in aid of our organ fund

Come to a concert on **Saturday 23rd August** by Shifnal



Male Voice Choir, with guest soloist Elaine Cook. Tickets £10 from Elaine. All proceeds to the organ fund.

Rural Leaders Retreat

Friday, 12th Sep-2025

9.30am - 4:00pm at Yarnfield Park Training & Conference Centre Yarnfield, Stone

Meet with other Rural leaders in the New Wine family, seeking God in prayer and worship. Please click on the link for a program of events and speakers

<https://nwl.churchsuite.com/events/oadwatvg>

Tickets are £60 and includes a 3-course lunch and refreshments throughout the day.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who has been praying for me following my appendectomy – and thank you for all the cards, flowers, puzzle books, edible goodies and lovely 'smellies'. I feel very blessed by you all - *Catherine*

Staying in Touch

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