

1st March 2026

Sharing in Scripture

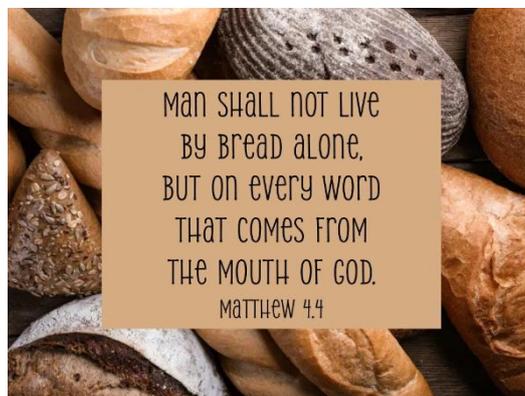
Paul reminds Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:10–17 that faithful discipleship includes perseverance through hardship. Paul points to his own life, his teaching, conduct, endurance, and suffering as evidence that following Christ is not easy, yet it is sustained by God's faithfulness. Central to this passage is the power of Scripture: "All Scripture is God-breathed." God's Word equips believers for every good work, shaping character, correcting error, and grounding faith in truth. Scripture is not merely information; it forms transformation. This truth is vividly illustrated in Matthew 4:1–11, where Jesus is tested in the wilderness. After forty days of fasting, He faces Satan's tests: physical need, pride, and power. Each time, Jesus responds with the words, "It is written," quoting from Deuteronomy. He does not argue emotionally or rely on personal strength. He stands firmly on Scripture. God's Word becomes both His defence and declaration of trust in the Father. Together, these passages show that knowing Scripture is essential for enduring trials and resisting temptation. Not long after Pat and I were married we took over running a youth group and part of that was a Bible Study in our house. Most of the group wanted a bible in more modern English and in those days, there was only the Jerusalem Bible and JB Philips translation of the New Testament. They wanted to study the bible in a language they could understand. Paul taught that Scripture equips believers; Matthew shows Jesus modelling its use in spiritual battle. For us today, this means immersing ourselves in God's Word so that, like Timothy, we remain steadfast, and like Jesus, we confront temptation with truth. Scripture sustains faith, strengthens obedience, and prepares us to live faithfully in a challenging world.

Peter

Draw Near – Lent Booklet



If you have taken one of the Lent booklets, but are yet to pay, please let Catherine have your £2 as soon as possible please. Many thanks. There are still a few of the children's booklets left.



MAN SHALL NOT LIVE
BY BREAD ALONE,
BUT ON EVERY WORD
THAT COMES FROM
THE MOUTH OF GOD.
MATTHEW 4.4

Please pray for...



Phil Turnock; Malcolm Grey-Smart; Sue Norman; John Corney; John Panter; Joe McPhee; Pam Clarke; John and Ray Reynolds.

We also pray for the families and friends of Margaret and Dennis Neville and Ronald Hand.

Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name added or removed from this list. The list will be routinely reviewed every few months.

Children's Corner

We want to make our Sunday services a consistently welcoming experience for families and our Children's Corner is an important part of that, where we provide a small activity and story for any children at the 10.30 services. Carol is here for the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month, but we need a few more people willing to cover the 1st and 3rd Sundays. This is especially important as Ali and Rod Doulton will soon be moving away. Carol will prepare all the necessary material, so there's no need to worry about that. Please speak to Carol Preston or Catherine McBride for more information.

Support for 'Open the Book' in Schools



'Open the Book' presents the Bible in a fun drama form, ideal for school assemblies. We're putting together a team to go into the schools in our town. If you'd like to be involved, please talk to Carol Preston to find out more.



Worship @6
Market Drayton
Methodist Church

Sunday 8th March, with speaker Rev Anthony Clowes. Anthony has been a church leader for 30 years and for the past five years has worked for both the Methodist Church and the Church of England as a church planting coordinator and leadership coach across the North West of England. All are welcome.

Services

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

Sunday 1st March

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Morning Worship

Readings: **2 Timothy 3.10-17; Matthew 4.1-11**

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 Holy Communion 10.00am

Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

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

Bring and Share Lunches

If you would like to host a lunch, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome area.

Girls Friendly Society (GFS)

GFS meets at the Parish Rooms each Thursday during term time, now at the new time of **5.30pm – 6.45pm**.



Messy Church

Tuesday 3rd March 3.30pm – 5.15pm
in the Parish Rooms



The annual Mothers' Union Cake and

Preserves sale will take place after both services on **Sunday, 8th March**. All proceeds and any donations, will be supporting MU projects in Rwanda, transforming the lives of mothers and their families.



Our next MU meeting is on **9th March** at 2.30pm, when our speaker will be our Diocesan President, Deb Tudor. It will be a great honour to have her with us.

Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required:

LOW STOCK: UHT milk (green semi-skimmed) long-life fruit juice tinned fruit. male/female deodorant.

Instant mash; custard; instant noodles; sponge puddings/cakes; small jars of coffee; anti-bacterial wipes/spray & bleach; toilet roll; shower gel; shampoo.

We have plenty of: Cereal; rice; baked beans; rice; pasta.

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

Games Café

The remaining Games Cafés are on **Tuesday 10th and 24th March at 2.00pm** in the Parish Rooms. Come along and join an afternoon of fun with board games, coffee and good company! Bring your friends and find warmth and a welcome this Winter!

Children's Society Box Holders

It's time to collect your boxes and cheques please. I will be returning to church on Sunday February 22nd to collect from church or I will call on you in the next few weeks. Thanking you all for your generosity in advance. Much love in Christ Elaine Mason

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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Organ fund



Security fund