

20th April 2025



Easter Day

He is Risen. Hallelujah

Women played an important role as followers of Jesus. So, it was very logical that several women, including Mary Magdalene, went to the tomb of Jesus early on the first day of the week, bringing spices they had prepared to anoint His body. They found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty, with two angels inside who told them that Jesus had risen. The women were initially terrified and confused, but the angels reminded them of Jesus' prophecy that He would rise on the third day. The women then went to tell the disciples, but their words were met with scepticism, (typical men!) and Peter, being Peter, ran to the tomb to verify what they had said.

The resurrection of Jesus marks the dramatic turning point in the Christian faith. It emphasizes the fulfilment of Jesus' promise to rise again, offering hope and the assurance of God's power over death. The women's role is pivotal in this narrative as they are the first witnesses of the resurrection, showing that God's grace extends to those society might overlook, and it would extend to everyone later on. The initial disbelief of the disciples mirrors human doubt and the difficulty in accepting miraculous events, but it highlights the importance of faith in the unseen.

The resurrection is not just an event in history but an ongoing reality that invites all believers to live in hope, knowing that, as Christ was raised, so too can we rise with Him in new life.

Peter

APCM Advance Notice

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

All individual reports need to be sent to the church office by Tuesday 29th April at the latest.



Please pray for...

John Panter, Andy Morton (Debra Deeley's son-in-law), Colin Smith, Jenny Wade, Christine Fish, Nita's grandson, Ben 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.

New Electoral Roll.

A new Electoral Roll is being prepared this year. If you wish to be on the new Roll, **you must** submit an application form **by 20th April** (Easter Day!), even if you are on the current Electoral Roll. New Electoral Roll forms are available at the back of the church on the welcome table. Completed forms should be put in the box also on the welcome table. If you have any queries, please talk to Pat Fox.

Church Organ Fundraising Event



We are raising funds for a new electronic church organ and want to draw your attention to a Social Evening in the Parish Rooms at 6:30pm on Saturday 3rd May 2025. This will consist of a quality evening dinner followed by entertainment which will include music, song, humour and conversation. We are charging £10.00 per person and all monies obtained will go to an organ fund. We are using our own talent and believe we can provide an entertaining and different evening to your usual activities. Please come; tickets will be available from mid-April from David Lake & Elaine Cook

Word for Today



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

Weekly Giving Envelopes

Envelopes for the new tax year are ready for collection at the back of church. If you wish to change your stewardship method from envelope to direct bank deposit, please contact Avril Innocent.



Services

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

5.45am Sunrise Service in the churchyard

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings **Acts 10.34-43 Luke 24.1-12**

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>

Easter at St Mary's

Good Friday 18th April

Walk of Witness: meet at St Mary's at 10.00am
(or 10.40am for service at the Town Hall)

Last Hour at the Cross 2.00pm

Tenebrae Service 7.00pm

Easter Day 20th April

Sunrise Service 5.45am

BCP Holy Communion 9.00am

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Phoenix Group (for those bereaved)



Unfortunately, the group will not be meeting in April but will resume next month.

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.

Songs of Praise



3.30pm on Sunday 27th

April at Market Drayton

Methodist Church All are welcome to this informal gathering. Coffee, tea and cakes are served as you

sing your favourite hymns.

Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required.;

Tins/Cartons of Custard; Cartons of Long-Life Fruit Juice; Women's Shampoo; Men's Deodorant; Cleaning Products; Shower Gel; Toothpaste.

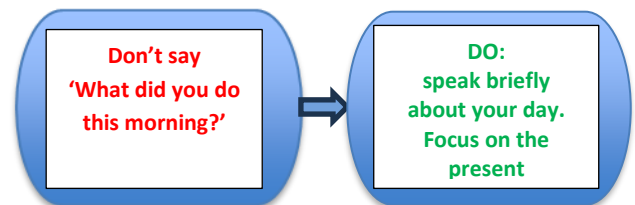
We have plenty of Cereal; Pasta; Rice; Tea; Baked Beans

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

What not to say to someone with dementia



This is the second in the series of articles where we are sharing some words and questions to try and avoid using when talking with a person with Dementia.



Why? Asking questions about the past can be stressful for someone with dementia if they can't remember the answer. It's better to focus on what's happening in the present. Instead of asking them about their day, speak briefly about your day and give them time to ask questions. Talk to them about the present and use items in the environment, such as photos to stimulate conversation. Open questions can be difficult for people with dementia if they can't remember the answer.

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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