



Sunday 23rd May  
PENTECOST

Connecting church family within the  
Market Drayton Circuit; Market  
Drayton, Ashley and Hinstock, during  
the restrictions of Covid-19

Market Drayton Methodist Circuit

# Newsletter

## Notices

**ONLINE SERVICES.** Today's Pentecost on-line service will be the final one in the current format. Thank you to all who have given many hours each week to produce our online services over the last 14 months. From 30<sup>th</sup> May, our in-person service at MDMC will be Live-Streamed on our YouTube channel, for our church/circuit members only (for safeguarding reasons), to enable them to continue to join in worship at home. A link to the service will be available on our circuit facebook group and via the weekly email with the notice sheet.

An edited version of the streamed service will be available for the general public on YouTube a few days after each service. We have invested in some equipment to improve the quality of our live stream, and for those of you who are not able to join us in-church, we hope that through the live stream you will feel part of the worship. We would strongly encourage all to return to in-person worship over the coming weeks if you can, and we hope it will not be too many weeks before congregational singing will again be allowed.

### FOODBANK

#### List of urgent 'Out of Stock Food':

- LONG LIFE CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE -
  - UHT MILK
  - SPONGE PUDDINGS/SLAB CAKE
  - TOILET ROLLS
  - Other food very low on stock:
  - PACKETS OF PASTA IN SAUCE/ FLAVOURED RICE
  - CEREALS (NOT OATS/PORRIDGE)
  - COOKING/PASTA SAUCES (PASTA NOT NEEDED)
  - SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER AND SHOWER GEL
  - MEN'S TOILETRIES
  - TOOTHPASTE/TOOTHBRUSHES
  - CLEANING PRODUCTS
  - WASHING UP LIQUID
- Drop of places are still at the town

supermarkets, Savers, in the town centre and at the Parish rooms, Tues & Fridays 9-11am.

**CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER:** As our churches are now meeting more regularly in person, the time is coming for this circuit Newsletter to end. The last edition will be on Sunday 30th May. Both Ashley and MDMC are resuming the production of their weekly notice sheets that will be available as printed sheets in church on Sunday mornings and will still be emailed to those on the mailing list. If you receive the newsletter by post, and are not able to regularly attend church, please let Al Savill know that you would like to continue receiving it. Any items for the church sheets to be sent to either Al Savill for MDMC or Margaret Maxwell for Ashley. The circuit messenger will resume production on a quarterly basis, and any contributions to that will be gratefully received.

### PLEASE CAN YOU HELP???

As 'church' becomes more physically active again, there will be a number of roles coming up that desperately need filling. We are very good at letting other people volunteer, but perhaps you could seriously think about whether setting aside a little time in the service of God in our church and town is something you can do. Two immediate roles at MDMC that need help are as follows;

**Communion:** Could you offer to set up communion at MDMC occasionally? You would be on a rota but only about 4 times per year, and would be setting up the bread and wine before the service and clearing it up afterwards. Speak to Colin Barthorpe.

**Flowers:** Margaret Baker has started to provide flowers for church each week and is taking them out the following week to people in the community. She would love some assistance with this, whether it is once in a while or on a regular basis. Please contact her (653480) for more information.

**Readers:** If you can offer to read the bible reading in the morning service at MDMC, please speak to Al Savill, or add your name to the list on the church noticeboard.

**MDMC CIRCUIT PLAN** for June—August 2021 now available.

## EVENTS

**MDMC 'in church' services**  
10.30am every  
Sunday

Please book in by the Friday:  
[Internet: mdmc.org.uk/ calendar\\_or](http://Internet:mdmc.org.uk/calendar_or)  
[Phone: 01630 655957](tel:01630655957) and leave a message with your name and a contact number and the names of those in your group/bubble who will also attend.

**Ashley 'in church' service**  
10.30am 1st & 3rd  
Sundays, then every  
week from June.

**Explosion (5yrs -y3)**  
Mondays, 6-7.15pm  
MDMC Church Hall

**Fireworks (y7+)**  
Mondays, 7.30-8.45pm  
MDMC Church Hall

**Fusion (y4-6)**  
Thursdays, 6-7.15pm  
MDMC Church Hall

**Weekly Zoom Prayer**  
Thursdays, 7-7.30pm  
Meeting ID: 763 9561 7984  
Passcode: RW0aCG

**Youth Fellowship (y8+)**  
1st & 3rd Sunday,  
7-8.30pm  
MDMC Church Lounge

**Junior Fellowship (y4-7)**  
3rd Sunday, 4.30-6pm  
MDMC Church Hall

If you would like to contribute to this weekly Newsletter, please send items by Wednesday evenings to Al Savill [notices@mdmc.org.uk](mailto:notices@mdmc.org.uk). Tel: 07966295413.

# Filled to Overflowing

John 15: 26-27; 16:4b-15  
Acts 2:1-21

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
mount of God's redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither by thy help I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

Robert Robinson

## A Prayer to Start

For the Spirit of Peace that calms our mind  
and stills our life, we give you thanks.  
For the Spirit of Love that touches hearts  
and reaches out, we give you thanks.  
For the Spirit of Joy that lifts our soul and  
gives us faith we give you thanks.  
For the Spirit of Power, that gift of grace for  
this your church, we give you thanks.



I don't know about you, but I often find the anticipation of something is very different to what actually happens. That difficult conversation you build up in your mind and worry about that goes really well. The quick and easy piece of work that takes quite a few hours. The panic at finding a new place when, in the end, the journey is straight forward.

In our Gospel reading today, Jesus tries to give a sense of what it will mean for the Spirit of Truth to come to the disciples. I wonder if, when it came to Pentecost, what actually happened was very different from what they anticipated? After all, Jesus didn't exactly say that there would be tongues of fire and miracles of communication involved!

We've definitely needed some miracles of communication over the past year. Different ways have worked for different people and, if we are honest, we haven't always been able to anticipate what will work best straight away or get it right all the time. Yet, one of the things that strikes me about the story of Pentecost, is the way in which the Spirit breaks down barriers of communication. When that happens, people experience God in ways that are meaningful to them.

I wonder what barriers of communication we have seen broken down in ways that need to continue? What are the barriers that we still need to work on breaking down? How will we respond when what happens is different to what we anticipated? What will we learn from our experiences both over the past year and into the future?

This Pentecost, my prayer for everyone is that you may experience the Spirit of God at work in your life today. Oh, and don't be surprised if it happens in ways you didn't anticipate!

Rev Lorna Valentine

## Prayer points to help you pray

Pray for the Church throughout the world – that the Spirit will revive and refresh the Church in every part;

Pray for your local church and the churches in your area – that you may be waiting attentively for the ways God is speaking through the Spirit;

Pray for those who come to your church, and for those on the fringes - that they may have an assurance of God's love and know that they are saved through Christ;

Pray for those who are in leadership in the Church - that they may be strengthened and upheld in their ministries;

Pray for those who you know who do not know of God's love – for friends or family, for neighbours or colleagues, that God's Spirit may fill their hearts;

Pray for the Kingdom of God - that it may break through in us and among us, that the earth may be filled with the glory of God;

Pray for yourself - that God's Spirit will speak in your heart, that you may be bold

## #niteblessings

May the Breath of God breathe life into your lungs,  
hope into your heart, and joy into your soul. May  
you know the freedom that comes from  
dependence on God, and may you be equipped and  
empowered to live a life of extraordinary beauty  
amidst challenges around you

Malcolm Duncan

## Weekly Circuit Preachers

23rd May	Ashley MDMC Online	No service Helen Kirk Helen Kirk
30th May	Ashley MDMC Online	No service Jo Cox-Darling Jo Cox-Darling



## Circuit Contacts

During Ruth's Sabbatical (Apr-Jun)

- ◆ Please contact your church leadership team.
- ◆ For pastoral issues, contact;
  - \* Ashley—Jill Harrison
  - \* MDMC—Vanessa Savill
  - \* Hinstock—Edna Perry