



# Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

## Sunday 18th July

**MORNING SERVICE**  
10.30am  
  
PREACHER  
**Circuit Farewell Service  
to Rev Ruth Jeffries**  
  
WORSHIP LEADER  
**Robin Perry**

**We are really pleased to welcome you today!**  
**If it is your first time with us today, please do make yourself known to one of the church stewards – they will be wearing badges!**  
  
*Please continue to wear masks in church.*  
  
*The children are joining us in church this morning in a farewell to Ruth, Nick, Abby & Lucy. So no Junior Church today.*  
  
*The lounge is available for parents to go with their young children if they need to escape the service for a while.*

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### Crowds, then and now. **Mark 6: 30-34,53-56**

As crowds return after lockdown, how might we emulate Jesus' compassion for the crowd? (Mark 6.34)  
Last weekend we saw close to capacity crowds watching the Wimbledon tennis finals and the Euro football final at Wembley with few wearing masks. On 19 July almost all Covid-19 legal restrictions in England come to an end and crowds may again seem normal after 15 months without them. In churches we have stayed 'socially distanced', worn our masks and accepted that we cannot sing. Many, perhaps most, will wish to maintain at least some precautions particularly as case numbers rise.  
Minorities within the crowds forced their way into Wembley Stadium and continue to taunt England's black footballers with racist abuse, at least on social media. Marcus Rashford wrote: 'I can take critique of my performance all day long, my penalty was not good enough, it should have gone in but I will never apologise for who I am and where I came from'. Rashford's colleague, Tyrone Mings, has attacked the Government – and specifically the Home Secretary – for failure to condemn those who booed when the team took the knee. I recommend Joe Aldred's Facebook post of 13 July, which includes these words 'good people everywhere, let's drain the racist swamp until what's at the bottom becomes clear and identified for what it is and they are. Humanity deserves better.'

- How are we each reacting to the easing of restrictions after so many months, individually and as congregations? For those in England, is Monday 'freedom day' or too risky?
- When are crowds a positive thing and when are they dangerous? How can we avoid being influenced by the crowd?

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**REGULAR WORSHIP**  
**Sundays in Church**  
10.30AM  
Also Live –streamed on  
YouTube—Market Drayton Methodist

**#niteblessings**  
*May day's end bring a sense of the presence of light not the fear of darkness. May you be reminded that God is present and watching over you always. May the mystery of the shadows become a sphere of encounter where you are aware of the One who sees you and knows you*  
*Malcolm Duncan*

**All Sermons** preached at MDMC are available to listen to on the church website - [mdmc.org.uk/sermons](http://mdmc.org.uk/sermons)

**PRAYER**  
**Thursdays on Zoom**  
7.30-8PM  
Meeting ID: 763 9561 7984  
Passcode: RW0aCG

**Life Groups** are an important way of deepening relationships with God and each other. If you are interested in joining a life group, please speak to Pete Williams.

**Items for the notice sheet** to be sent by end of Wednesday to Al Savill, [notices@mdmc.org.uk](mailto:notices@mdmc.org.uk). If you are able to receive this weekly publication via email, please let Al know.



# Notices

**PICNIC IN THE TOWN PARK:** You are all welcome to join us for a picnic in the town park by the infants school after the morning service today. We can't all sit together as groups of 30 or more aren't allowed outside yet, but we can sit 'near' each other!

**COVID19 RESTRICTIONS:** After the 19th July, mask wearing in church will no longer be mandatory. The government advice is to still wear masks in enclosed or crowded spaces. We will continue to keep the worship space ventilated, and so it will be at your own discretion as to whether you wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will still be readily available and where possible, we will continue to use the space as best we are able.

**CHURCH STEWARDS:** We're pleased that Ailie McGoogan has been voted onto the stewards team by the General Church meeting. However, we still need two more volunteers. Please prayerfully consider if you could volunteer or nominate someone else (with their consent!). Please contact Lisa Savill, or one of the Leadership Team.

**MANSE REFURB:** Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help ensuring a very positive welcome to their new home for our new Minister Mark Lawrence and his wife Carolyn. We need willing volunteers to help with cleaning and decorating the manse in between our farewell to The Jeffries family and before the Lawrences arrive. We are expecting to have access somewhere between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of August for a quick turn around. As always the more support we get the easier it is for each volunteer. If you are able to help, even in the smallest way, please speak with either Andrew Cooper Andy Bradeley or Gail Ackerley and we will gratefully schedule you in. We will advise on exact dates as soon as we are able. Thankyou in advance for any help you can offer at this busy time.

## MD CHURCHES TOGETHER—SPONSOR A TSHIRT

Longlands Primary School are having a complete change of uniform in keeping with the branding of their Academy. Each child is receiving a T-shirt and jumper from the school, but I'm sure you know this is nowhere near enough for a week's wear when you factor in glue, food etc!

The T-shirts themselves cannot be a supermarket purchase and so are quite expensive.

Churches Together are hoping to pledge at least 10 t-shirts per church as a gift for the school community.

If you feel able to contribute £8 to provide a child with a school t-shirt then please contact Lisa Savill or Gail Ackerley as soon as possible so we can provide this gift before the summer holidays.

**METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK:** 'A Place For All' the Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2021/2022 is now available. If you would like a copy please speak to Gail by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

**ENGLESEA BROOK CHAPEL & Museum of Primitive Methodism,** are planning a family activity day on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, entitled 'Banner of Hope'. The aim is to have a number of different activities to create banners and a community banner, inspired by the museum's collection. The community banner would be a number of fabric jigsaw pieces stitched together. There would be opportunities for block printing by various means, silk painting, junk, felt, and natural foraged materials, and cross stitch/ embroidery crafts. Guided tours of the banners in the store will be given and hopefully homemade cakes and refreshments will be available.

The 'mega-make' or community banner could then be included as part of the 2022 celebrations.

The theme of 'hope' is to reflect upon the past months and to look forward individually and collectively to a brighter future. We intend to capture the stories behind individual designs as well as tell the stories behind the museum banners and needlework pieces. If you would like to attend, please contact Elizabeth Morris, Learning Officer on 07865 667486.

## The week ahead

Sunday 18th July	<b>Circuit Family Service</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
	<b>Picnic on the Town Park</b>	<b>11.45am</b>	<b>Town Park</b>
	<b>Junior Fellowship</b> (Yrs 4-7)	4.30-6pm	MDMC
	<b>TAAH (Youth Fellowship)</b> (Yr 8+)	7-8.30pm	Al& Mark's Garden
Monday	<b>Explosion</b> (5 years old – school year 3)	6 - 7pm	Church Hall
	<b>Fireworks</b> (years 7+ )	7.30 – 8.45pm	Church Hall
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday	<b>Zoom Prayer Meeting</b>	7.30-8pm	
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday 25th July	<b>Morning Service</b> (with Junior Church)	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>

## Sunday 25th July '21

<i>On Duty</i>	<i>10.30am</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	Ivan Perry
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Ness Savill
<i>Reader</i>	Ann Gaulton
<i>Church Stewards</i>	Mike Bradeley Erica Gough
<i>Piano</i>	Paul Savill
<i>PA</i>	Robin Perry
<i>Visuals</i>	Ben Lee
<i>Children &amp; youth Teams</i>	No Junior Church