



Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

Sunday 22nd August

**MORNING SERVICE
WITH COMMUNION**
10.30am

PREACHER

Rev Paul Clapham

WORSHIP LEADER

Rachel Faul

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!

We encourage the use of masks in church still

Children are invited to Junior Church this morning. They will join the adults in church for the first part of the service. The lounge is available for parents to go with their young children if they need to escape the service for a while.

To Whom shall we go

John 6: 56-69


How does it feel when life suddenly changes? The people of Afghanistan have experienced sudden and scary change this week as the Taliban, an extreme military group, has taken control of the country. News reports show people in shock and fearful for the future. Young people there are unsure whether they will even be able to return to school.


Moments of fear and uncertainty can be overwhelming and leave us with fundamental questions and choices. In this week's passage, the disciples struggle to understand Jesus' teaching. Some find it so difficult that they choose to leave. Jesus asks the 12 if they also wish to leave, but they respond with the question, 'to whom can we go?'


Choosing to follow Jesus is not an easy choice, and it is not simply a case of making this decision once. As life throws difficult circumstances our way, we are constantly challenged to wrestle with difficult questions and choose again to follow Jesus. The disciples learn that they can ask their questions, show their fears, and look to Jesus in times of uncertainty.


Where do you turn at times of change? Who do you talk to about your own questions and fears? How can you support others in the group when they face difficult changes? Whether you have questions about your own situations or those concerning worldwide issues, bring them to Jesus in prayer. Like Simon Peter, choose again to follow Jesus, trusting Him and listening to His words of spirit and life.

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REGULAR WORSHIP
Sundays in Church

10.30AM

Past online services on
YouTube—Market Drayton Methodist

PRAYER

Thursdays on Zoom

7.30-8PM

Meeting ID: 918 5917 6065
Passcode: 438347

#niteblessings

May prayer become like breathe to you. God invites us in; offers a listening ear, guidance through the Holy Spirit and Scriptures. May this relationship become so important to you that you invest in it, spending time with the One Who wants to be your Greatest Friend

Malcolm Duncan

All Sermons preached at MDMC are available to listen to on the church website - mdmc.org.uk/sermons

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.

If you are able to receive this weekly publication via email, please let Al know.



Meeting ID: 915 2872 0686
Password: 975503

Notices

CHURCH PICNIC: We'll keep an eye on the weather this morning and if it's dry, please join us for a church picnic from 12:00pm at the Town Park (by the infants school).

CRECHE HELPERS NEEDED: Gail Ackerley will be putting together the monthly creche rota from September and would be grateful of any offers of help manning creche on a Sunday morning. We'd love to hear from you whether you can offer once per quarter, per month, or more frequently! Please contact Gail Ackerley or Al Savill (details overleaf).

MANSE OPEN HOUSE: Mark and Carolyn Lawrence have arrived in Market Drayton and are having a couple of weeks settling in before Mark officially starts work on 1st September.

They would like to invite you all to a 'Getting to know you' open house on Saturday 11th September, from 7.30pm at the Manse, 1 Clive Road, Market Drayton. Bring a bottle and some finger food to share and (if it's dry) a deckchair!

WELCOME SERVICE: There will be a welcome service for Mark & Carolyn on Sunday 5th September, 10.30am. It will be a circuit service at MDMC and Rev Helen Kirk (district chair) will be preaching.

CHURCH CONTACTS IN AUGUST: Please remember to continue to direct any church matters to Mark Savill prior to 1st September.

SOCIAL HOUR: Social Hour is recommencing on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, from 21st September. As we have been unable to meet for the past 18 months, this will be in the form of an AGM. We are still looking for someone to lead the devotions at each session, and to help with other organisational duties as Ivy is stepping down. Please contact Chris Bradeley (treasurer) if you can step into this role.

Chris will be hosting a coffee morning at 8 The Coppice on Wednesday 25th August, 10.45am.

MANSE REFURB: The circuit stewards and property team would like to thank EVERYONE who has played a part in readying the manse for Mark and Carolyn's arrival. A huge amount of work has been done by an army of people and the cleaning, scrubbing, sanding, painting, hoovering, sawing, drilling, gardening, tip-trips, coffee-making and food provision etc has been greatly appreciated. There are some cleaning and decorating items that still need collecting by their owners—please find them on the pool table in the church hall.

FOODBANK: Foodbank needs the following items in order of urgency ***Updated 13th August***

No Stock

UHT Milk

Long life Fruit juices

Rice Pudding

Custard

Shampoo

Non Bio washing powder/liquid/tabs

Wet dog food

Low stock

Tinned potatoes

Slab cakes/sponge pudding

Pasta cooking auces

Soup



THE 'BIG SING': At St Swithins Church, Cheswardine on Friday 17th September 7am–7pm.

Why not come as a choir or small group and sign-up to sing for an hour slot? Bring your own organist or musicians, (CD accompaniment also possible). Can you help us? For further information or to book a slot Contact Judy Welch: judyunitdbenefice@gmail.com

The week ahead

Sunday 22nd August	Morning Service (with Junior Church)	10.30am	MDMC
Monday			
Tuesday	A Choired Taste —Community Choir	7.30pm	MDMC
Wednesday			
Thursday	Zoom Prayer Meeting (details overleaf)	7.30-8pm	
Friday	Music & Movement	2.30pm	Hall
Saturday			
Sunday 29th August	Morning Service (with Junior Church)	10.30am	MDMC

Sunday 29th August '21

<i>On Duty</i>	<i>10.30am</i>
<i>Preacher</i>	Paul Savill
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Ness Savill
<i>Reader</i>	Edna Perry
<i>Church Stewards</i>	Erica Gough Pete Savill
<i>Piano</i>	
<i>PA</i>	Jeannette Wanless
<i>Visuals</i>	Derek Wanless
<i>Children & youth</i>	Gail Ackerley
<i>Teams</i>	Rob Jennings
<i>Flowers</i>	Peggy Jones