



# Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

Palm Sunday

Sunday 10th April 2022

## MORNING SERVICE 10.30AM

PREACHER  
**Rev Mark Lawrence**

## WORSHIP@6PM

PREACHER  
**Carolyn Lawrence**

### 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!
- \* Children are invited to Junior Church this morning. They will join the adults in church for the first part of the service.
- \* A creche is available in the lounge with experienced helpers.
- \* Please join us for refreshments in the hall following the service if you are able.
- \* If you would like prayer after the service, please take a seat on the front row and a member of the prayer team will come to you.

### The week ahead

Sunday 10th April	<b>Palm Sunday Morning Service</b> (with Junior Church)	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
	<b>Zoom Circuit Coffee Morning</b> (details below)	12pm	Online
	<b>Worship @6</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
Monday			
Tuesday	<b>Thinking About the Bible</b>	2-4pm	Hall
	<b>A Chaired Taste—Community Choir</b>	7.30pm	Hall
Wednesday			
Thursday	<b>Early Morning Prayer Meeting</b>	6.30-7am	MDMC
	<b>Zoom Prayer Meeting</b> (details below)	7-7.30pm	Online
	<b>Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
Friday	<b>Good Friday Service at St Marys</b>	10am	St Marys
	Followed by walk of witness to Arlon Square (by Argos)		
	<b>Good Friday service in Arlon Square</b>	10.40am approx.	
Saturday			
Sunday 17th April	<b>Easter Sunday Communion</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	8.30am	Hall
	<b>Easter Sunday Family Service</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
	<b>Hinstock Chapel Easter Celebration &amp; communion</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Hinstock Chapel</b>
	<b>TTAAH (Youth Fellowship) (Yr 8+)</b>	7-8.30pm	41 Hampton Drive

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Rest day—Friday

## REGULAR WORSHIP

Sundays in Church

10.30AM

These are livestreamed for church family

## PRAYER

Thursdays in church

6.30-7AM

Thursdays on Zoom

7-7.30PM

Meeting ID: 918 5917 6065

Passcode: 438347

### #niteblessing

*The darkest moments in our lives often precede beautiful dawns. If you are facing the darkness of loss may you be reminded of the hope of reunion. If you are in the valley of sorrow may the promise of God's comfort and the assurance of God's presence bring strength.*

Malcolm Duncan



Meeting ID: 915 2872 0686  
Password: 975503

**Life Groups** are an important way of deepening relationships with God and each other, and inviting people to meet Jesus. 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 Thursday to Al Savill, notices@mdmc.org.uk. 07966295413

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

**How deep the Father's love for us,**

How vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss –  
The Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life –  
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,  
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart –  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

*Stuart Townend*

The idea of worshipping in the midst of suffering and pain can be an incredibly difficult one. And yet, we are called to be worshippers all the time, in every area of our lives. This does not mean, however, that we try and sideline our pains and struggles when we come to sing together on a Sunday; in fact, the Bible seems to continually encourage us to bring those pains and emotions before God, in all their raw agony and confusion. God is not just the God of Sunday morning songs of adoration; He is also the God who cares enough about our individual pain that He became human and walked an even greater road of suffering than we do. He knows what we feel, not merely sympathetically as an omniscient stranger, but empathetically as the man who was despised, abandoned, brutalised, and unloved. The Psalms, and books like Ecclesiastes and Job, are full of people bringing their suffering and righteous anger to God, asking 'why, God, are you letting this happen?' This is an important and legitimate form of worship, and neglecting to do this will only serve to remove those areas of our lives and emotions from our relationship with God. This can all too easily become a dangerous habit.

Jesus wept when he learned that His friend Lazarus had died, even though he then immediately went to raise him from the dead! God doesn't just say to us 'you'll get through this'; he says 'I know how it feels', and weeps alongside us. A resolution or a miraculous outcome further down the road does not lessen the integrity of current pain. It is important to remember this in our communal worship, and to sometimes give space for properly embracing and emotionally engaging our congregational voice with the realities of our everyday lives. Holy Week is a time to remember Christ's pain and suffering in the garden of Gethsemane, but it's also a time for us to bring our own pain and loss to God, asking God to 'take this cup from us', while also ultimately encouraging each other to say 'yet not our will be done, but his'.

**Prayer:** God, you walked the road of pain far further than any of us ever will. You know us in our sadness, our anger and our frustration. Thank you for becoming like us and sacrificing everything just so we might know you. We pray for those of us in deep anguish and pain, and we ask that you will be with them in the depths of their experience. Thank you that you don't offer us trite answers, but instead you give us your blood, your humanity, and your peace that is beyond all understanding. Be with us on our journey. Amen.

**Sunday 17th April**

	<b>8am</b>	<b>10.30pm</b>
<i>Preacher</i>	<b>Mark Lawrence</b>	<b>Mark Lawrence</b>
<i>Worship Leader</i>	—	<b>Mark Savill</b>
<i>Reader</i>		<b>Barbara Daniels</b>
<i>Church Stewards</i>	<b>Pete Savill</b>	<b>Erica Gough</b>
	—	<b>Amy Porter</b>
<i>Welcome stewards</i>	<b>Barbara Shingler</b>	<b>Margaret Baker</b>
<i>Prayer Team</i>	—	<b>Glynis Lee</b>
	<b>Team C</b>	<b>Team C</b>
<i>Organ</i>	<b>Al Savill</b>	<b>Al Savill</b>
<i>Piano</i>	<b>Al Savill</b>	<b>Al Savill</b>
<i>PA</i>	<b>Robin Perry</b>	<b>Will Cooper</b>
<i>Visuals</i>	<b>Robin Perry</b>	<b>Kat Talbot</b>
<i>Creche</i>	<b>Ros Cooper</b>	
<i>Children &amp; youth</i>	<b>Family Service</b>	
<i>Teams (am)</i>		
<i>Communion</i>	<b>Margaret Baker &amp; Glynis Lee</b>	
<i>Coffee (am)</i>	<b>Joan Turnbull &amp; Kat Talbot</b>	
<i>Flowers</i>	<b>Easter</b>	

**Notices**

**HOLY WEEK EVENTS**

**Thursday 14th April:**

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, MDMC, 7.30pm

**Friday 15th April:**

Good Friday Witness, St Mary's 10am, followed by walk of witness Service in Arlon square 10.40am (churches together).

**Sunday 17th April:**

Easter Communion, 8am. Easter Breakfast, 8.30am  
10.30am Family Celebration Service

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** Please book online before 8.30am on Friday if you are intending on having breakfast with us at 8.30am in the church hall on Sunday. Anyone without Internet access can let Lisa Savill know and she'll book you on. <https://marketdrayton.churchsuite.com/events/lk0s6zoq>

**HINSTOCK CHAPEL EASTER:** There will be an Easter Celebration with Communion & refreshments on Sunday 17th April at 4pm. Please pray that the Hinstock residents that we have had contact with will join us.

**EASTER CHICKS:** Thanks to all who bought Easter Chicks from Ann Gaulton. £41 has been raised for CAP.