



# Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

Easter Sunday

Sunday 17th April 2022

## EARLY COMMUNION

8AM

PREACHER

**Rev Mark Lawrence**

## FAMILY SERVICE

10.30AM

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### 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!
- \* This morning's service is a Family service so the children will be staying in church.
- \* 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 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>Zoom Circuit Coffee Morning</b> (details below)	12pm	Online
	<b>Hinstock Easter Celebration</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Hinstock Chapel</b>
	<b>TTAAH (Youth Fellowship)</b> (Yr 8+)	7-8.30pm	41 Hampton Drive
Monday			
Tuesday	<b>The Social Hour</b>	2.30pm	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
Friday	<b>Music &amp; Movement</b>	2-4pm	Hall
Saturday			
Sunday 24th April	<b>Morning Service</b> (with Junior Church)	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>

No Children's outreach clubs during the school holidays

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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

*May you be reminded of the price God paid for your redemption and hope. The Father sent His Son, the Son willing came. God's wrath was poured out upon God's own self. You sin has been atoned for, your shame has been carried. The Cross has conquered. There is hope.*

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.

# Notices

## In the early morning light

Mary made her way  
One more time to say goodbye  
Where her master lay  
Tears of sorrow turn to joy  
Hear the angels say  
You won't find the Saviour here  
Christ is risen today

*Because He lives*  
*Because He lives*  
*We have a hope that will remain*  
*Because He gives*  
*Eternal life*  
*To those who call upon His name*

As we journey through this world  
Singing God's great song  
Age to age the story told  
Of the risen one  
Holy fire breathe on us  
Resurrection power  
Signs and wonders follow us  
Every waking hour

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**MD 10K—SUNDAY 8TH MAY:** As always, we would love you all to get involved in the 10k race again and support this fabulous community event. There are two ways you can volunteer to help.

The first is to offer to be a marshal during the race, which usually means manning a barrier across a road junction from 10:45am until the last runners pass your marshalling point. Please email MD10kmarshals@gmail.com to register your interest in helping.

The second is to help with the various activities around our blue bus, which will be down on the Grove field. Help will be needed from 9:30am in the morning. More details to follow over the next two weeks, but please do consider volunteering.

**MDMC WELFARE FUND:** I am beginning to become aware of various welfare needs as I settle into my new job (at CAP) and the leadership team have agreed that we will set up a welfare fund so that I am in a position to help with small emergencies as needed and respond quickly. We are aiming to keep a fund of around £500 that we can top up as needed.

For accountability Mark and I will always talk to the church treasurer before giving anything away and keep a close cash record of incomings and outgoings. Also if it is an amount over £100 I will liaise with at least one of the leadership team. I do have access to some other welfare funds and of course the Foodbank for many needs but we felt that this would be a good back up and enable us to respond quickly to emergencies.

If you feel you would like to make a contribution to this fund, please put cash in an envelope and pass it to me or put it through our door marked 'Welfare Fund'. Thanks and blessings, Carolyn Lawrence

**GLORIA'S BIRTHDAY UKRAINE APPEAL:** Thank you for your generous donations. I have raised £867.50 for the DEC Ukrainian Appeal. And I also had a wonderful birthday celebration! Thank you God. Gloria.

**ECG:** Some of our worship team are at the ECG conference this week, leading worship in the morning sessions. Please pray for them as they prepare and lead.

## Sunday 24th April

### 10.30am

Preacher **Pete Williams**

Worship Leader **Katharine Williams**

Reader **TBA**

Church Stewards **Colin Barthorpe**

**Mike Bradeley**

Welcome stewards **Chris Bradeley**

**Rob Jennings**

Prayer ministry Team **Team D**

Organ

Piano **Katharine Williams**

PA **Gail (before JC)**

Visuals **TBC**

Creche **Lizzie Bunce & Amy Porter**

Children & youth **Gail A, Nicole F, Jess S**

**Jeannette W, Rob J**

Coffee **Longslow Life Group**

Flowers

### EASTER REFLECTION—Luke 24: 1-12

'Why do you look for the living among the dead, he is not here, but has risen... remember how he told you.' How could the women at the empty tomb remember? With weeping and sorrow, they had shared his agony on that Friday, witnessing him cry 'it is finished' and the last breath of their beloved as he hung on a cross. So, they run back and tell the disciples, who think this is an idle tale, or as one translation puts it, 'nonsense'.

Today we celebrate that 'nonsense' or idle tale, beyond human imagining. We celebrate the message of resurrection, forgiveness, and abundant grace beyond measure. Our lives are touched by hope, astounded by the love of Christ. Love that bore nails hammered through flesh and bone. Love that was rejected, betrayed and abandoned. Love that was too strong to be bound and held by death. Love that burst forth from a tomb with the rising sun.

The joy of Easter is perhaps not only that God has raised Christ from the dead. Easter joy is also about the possibility and the promise that, regardless of what our lives are like now, new life is available to each one of us today. Nothing is the same, everything has changed, Of most significance as we celebrate Easter, is perhaps not what we do today, but what we do tomorrow, the day after, and the day after that. How will we now live differently in the light of the resurrection? Jesus did not die and rise again so that we might continue life as usual. If this new life and freedom do not change us, perhaps, we might as well put the stone back over the entrance to the tomb, and let the women's story remain an idle tale.