



# Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

## Sunday 22nd May 2022

### MORNING SERVICE

10.30AM

LED BY

**Mark Savill, James  
Spencer** (Compassion UK)  
& **Robin Perry**

**WORSHIP @ 6PM**

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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!
- \* 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 / car park 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 22nd May	<b>Morning Service</b> (with Junior Church), <b>Zoom Circuit Coffee Morning</b> ( <i>details below</i> ) <b>Worship@6</b> (contemporary worship)	<b>10.30am</b> 12pm <b>6pm</b>	<b>MDMC</b> Online <b>MDMC</b>
Monday	<b>Ukulele Club</b> <b>Explosion</b> (5 years old – school year 3) <b>Fireworks</b> (years 7+)	4-4.30pm 6 - 7pm 7.30–8.45pm	Hall Hall Hall
Tuesday	<b>Thinking About the Bible</b> <b>A Choired Taste—Community Choir</b>	2pm 7.30pm	Hall Hall
Wednesday	<b>Mid Week Communion</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
Thursday	<b>Early Morning Prayer Meeting</b> <b>Toddlers</b> <b>Toddlers</b> <b>Fusion</b> (years 4-6) <b>Ukulele Group</b> <b>Zoom Prayer Meeting</b> ( <i>details below</i> )	6.30-7am 9.45-11.15am 11.15-2.45pm 6 - 7.15pm 7.30-8pm 7-7.30pm	MDMC Hall Hall Hall Hall Online
Friday	<b>Ladies Breakout</b> <b>Music &amp; Movement</b>	10am 2-4pm	Lounge Hall
Saturday			
Sunday 29th May	<b>Morning Service</b> , (with Junior Church)	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>

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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 take time to value those around you, thankfulness for faithful friends filling your soul. May you hold close those who hold you in their hearts, and may your heart always have room for others. May you notice those who feel unseen and share hope with them

Malcolm Duncan



**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

## Read Acts 16: 1-15 & John 14 23-29

I wonder ... what picture do you have in your mind of Paul? Take a moment to think what words you would use to describe him .....

The Acts reading today marks a big turning point in his ministry. Paul and his mentor, Barnabas, have had a disagreement and parted company just as they were setting out on a new missionary journey. At first the going is obvious. Paul revisits the towns from his previous journey and we're told that the churches there were strengthened in the faith by his presence. But then the time comes to move on ...

I wonder if the words you chose for Paul contained ideas like "hesitant" or "undecided" or "uncertain"? He continues to travel west along the trade road through Asia Minor taking Silas and Timothy with him, but he's lost the clarity of purpose that marks his earlier journey. First they travel through Phrygia and Galatia but they're stopped from preaching there. Then they try to go into Bithynia and are stopped. So they continue west until the road literally runs out on them as they reach the sea at Troas ... and we have no stories of preaching in the towns along the way because we're told that they bypass Mysia too. And only now, in Troas, when Paul has no options left does he receive the vision for his journey.

Sometimes we present the Christian journey as one of certainty ... just have faith and all will be simple and straightforward. But over and over again the Bible reminds us that reality isn't like that. Reality is confusing and messy and there are times when we feel lost.

Paul has lost his mentor, his home base, and his travelling companion and it takes time for him to get back on track. For a while there he's adrift and uncertain of the way to go. All he can do is put one foot in front of the other and continue, trusting that the fog will lift and that God will speak ... and so it is ... and it turns out that God was speaking and guiding him even in the fog.

In our Gospel reading Jesus and the disciples are approaching a time of great loss and uncertainty as they head for Jerusalem, and Jesus is trying to prepare them for this time. He will no longer be with them but they will not be alone. His Spirit will be with them and will guide them and remind them of the things they need to remember.

This was Paul's experience at his time of loss and uncertainty. Life is messy and confusing but if we listen and follow one step at a time then when we look back we find that we were not alone even when we thought we were.

Mary G Elms  
The Methodist Church

**COMPASSION SUNDAY:** Today, we welcome James Spencer, from Compassion as we celebrate our support as a church of this children's charity. There will be opportunity to sponsor a child today—More information in the service and in the hall afterwards.

**WORSHIP@6:** Contemporary worship, ministry and teaching tonight at 6pm. Speaker, Pete Williams.

**CHRISTIAN AID:** Please return your donation envelopes by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, either in the offering plate or to Gail Ackerley.

**LADIES BREAKOUT:** The next Ladies Breakout will be on Friday 27th May at 10am in the church hall. All women are welcome to come and share fellowship, pray, hear testimony about the goodness of God together.

**TRIPS OUT WITH ST MARY'S:** Spaces available on two trips organised by St Mary's

Wednesday 22nd June: to Coventry, leaving Towers Lawn at 11am and returning 8pm approx. Day includes period for lunch, tour of the Cathedral, time for shopping or cup of tea, and an Evensong service before returning. Cost £10 for coach (if full).

Saturday 2nd July: to Jodrell Bank, leaving Towers Lawn at 9.30 am and returning for 5.30 pm. Cost £9 Concessions, £11 Adults, with optional half hour Space Dome Show for extra £6 + £10 for coach (if full).

Please contact Carol Corney or Barbara Bashford as soon as possible with names of those who wish to attend either or both.

**READERS VOLUNTEER LIST:** There is a list on the notice board in the foyer for volunteer readers for Sunday morning services. You are invited to add your name to any particular Sunday you can volunteer for—whether it is just once, or more often. Please consider volunteering.

**HELP WITH ELIZABETH:** Ros Cooper is looking again for support with Elizabeth - being a taxi driver to take her to and from her activities in Shrewsbury on a Friday in the day or occasionally on a Monday to Telford. Also someone happy to keep her busy locally on a Wednesday, taking her to aqua-fit or out for a walk or lunch. Also any keep fit/dance sessions she would be happy to join you in!! Pay is £10.20 per hour - mileage paid too. Please get in touch if you know anyone who might be able to join our team!!

## Come, come to Jesus

*Come and call on His name*

*For He is love everlasting*

*Yesterday and forever the same.*

Come, all who are weary

Lay your burdens down

Come, all who are thirsty

Drink from living water poured out.

*Come, come to Jesus...*

All who need forgiveness

Find it in His grace

All who need a Saviour

Come, and gaze upon Jesus' face

*Come, come to Jesus*

Paul Savill

## Sunday 29th May

### 10.30am

Preacher **Paul Bishop**  
Worship Leader **TBA**  
Reader **Paul Bishop**

Church Stewards **Amy Porter**  
**Erica Gough**  
Welcome stewards **Margaret Baker**  
**Rob Jennings**

Prayer ministry Team **Team A**

Organ **Matt Baker**  
Piano **Jeannette Wanless**  
PA **Derek Wanless**  
Visuals **Derek Wanless**

Creche **Ros Cooper**  
Children & youth **Izzy S, Jess R, Gail A**  
**Rob J, Chris B**

Coffee **Sandra Barthorpe**  
Flowers **Margaret Baker**