



Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

Sunday 1st October 2023

MORNING SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

10.30AM

LED BY

Rev Roger Baker

Today's Stewards

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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

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.
- * 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.
- * Please join us for refreshments in the hall following the service if you are able.

The week ahead

Sunday 1st October	Morning Service (with Junior Church)	10.30am	MDMC
	'Encounter' @ Hinstock Chapel	3pm	Hinstock
Monday	CAP Money Course	9.30am	Lounge
	Hard of Hearing	2-3.30pm	Hall
	Ukulele Group	4-4.30pm	Hall
	Explosion (5 years old – school year 3)	6-7pm	Hall
	Fireworks (years 7+)	7.30–8.45pm	Hall
Tuesday	Social Hour - Trentham Visit	2.30pm	
	A Choired Taste (Community Choir)	7.30pm	Church
Wednesday	VIP Club	2-4pm	Hall
	Church Council	7.30pm	MDMC
Thursday	Early Morning Prayer Meeting	6.30-7am	MDMC
	Toddlers	9.45-11.15am	Hall
	Toddlers	1.15-2.45pm	Hall
	Fusion (years 4-6)	6-7.15pm	Hall
	Zoom Prayer Meeting (details below)	7-7.30pm	Online
	Ukulele Group	7.30-8pm	Hall
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday 8th October	Morning Service (with Junior Church)	10.30am	MDMC
	Worship@6 – Speaker Ashley Cooper	6pm	MDMC

#niteblessing

Whatever your face may be you have the gift of contentment. To smile is not to pretend everything is okay but to choose to remember that, even in the saddest moments, the joy of the Lord is our strength. Even if your face is tear-stained may you be marked by praise

Malcolm Duncan

Please take any non-perishable food, hygiene or cleaning items to the Parish Rooms Tues or Fridays 9-10.30am or drop off at supermarkets, or in the green bucket in the church foyer.



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 one of the leadership.

Items for the notice sheet to be sent by end of Thursday to Al Savill, notices@mdmc.org.uk or 07966295413.

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

Notices

CHURCH COUNCIL members please note the next meeting is on Wednesday 4th October, 7.30pm at MDMC.

WORSHIP@6 returns next Sunday at 6pm (8th October), when our guest preacher will be Rev Ashley Cooper. Ashley has been the Principal at Cliff College in Derbyshire since 2017 (<https://www.cliffcollege.ac.uk/>), having previously been the Minister at Swan Bank Church in Burslem. Ashley is well known to us at MDMC and he has preached here numerous times. We look forward to him visiting us again and sharing God's word with us.

MARKET DRAYTON FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: MDMC have once again been asked to sing carols just prior to the switching on of the Christmas lights on Saturday 25th November at 4.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come and join in! Put the date in your diaries.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEAL: The next meal at Wetherspoons is on Tuesday 3rd October at 7:30pm. If you would like to attend, please let Mike Shingler know or phone him on 0163065255 by Monday 2nd October.

MARKET DRAYTON FOODBANK have launched their Harvest Appeal and are encouraging us to donate food or money to help provide food for families in crisis. The money donations help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food as well as developing sustainable projects. Please see the Foodbank website for foods that are more urgently needed or just donate any non perishable foods. Details for donations places can be found on the front of this sheet or at

<https://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Sunday 8th October

	10.30am
<i>Preacher</i>	Robert Williams
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Mark Savill
<i>Reader</i>	Sandra Barthorpe
<i>Church Stewards</i>	Susan Richardson Alan & Elizabeth Herd
<i>Welcome stewards</i>	Rob Jennings Barbara Shingler
<i>Prayer ministry Team</i>	Team C
<i>Organ</i>	Al Savill
<i>Piano</i>	Al Savill
<i>PA</i>	Belle Fowler
<i>Visuals</i>	Derek Wanless
<i>Creche</i>	Ros Cooper
<i>Children & youth</i>	Jeannette W, Rob J, Jess S, Jo C, Jess R
<i>Coffee</i>	Youth Groups
<i>Flowers</i>	Diana Bromley

God's Amazing Grace

The word 'grace' can be defined in different ways. It's used to describe a smoothness and elegance of movement – she danced with grace; or to describe being courteous or polite – he had the good grace to apologise for his mistake - and it can be used to describe honouring someone or something by our presence – he was the best player to grace the football pitch. But for Christians 'grace' has a very special meaning ...one which can be really hard to define or explain. One explanation I've heard is that 'Mercy is not getting what we do deserve, while grace is getting what we don't deserve'. In other words, someone shows us mercy when they don't give us some sort of punishment for doing something wrong. But grace takes it a step further. Not only do we not get the punishment we might deserve, but we're actually given something really good that we've done nothing to deserve.

So, what does grace give us? Well, another popular explanation of grace is that it is God's Riches At Christ's Expense. We've all let God down in some way, at some time – failed to love him with our whole heart, failed to treat and love others in the way he wants us to, failed to protect the beautiful creation he's entrusted to us. But not only does he show us his mercy and forgiveness – he shows us his grace, by showering us with his riches of love, joy, peace, hope, comfort, strength, purpose, power, lifeI could go on! And all that is possible because, on the cross, Jesus took the punishment instead of us. Philip Yancy, in his book 'What's So Amazing About Grace?' gives us another important insight into 'grace': 'Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more....And grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us less'. God's love for us is a gift – it's grace – we don't deserve it, we can't earn it and we can't lose it. Amazing!

Catherine Mc Bride, Vicar of St Mary's Church, MD