



# Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

## Sunday 19th June 2022

**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 / 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.

### MORNING SERVICE 10.30AM

PREACHER  
**Paul Savill**

WORSHIP LEADER  
**Mark Savill**

### The week ahead

Sunday 19th June	<b>Morning Service</b> , (Family Service) <b>Zoom Circuit Coffee Morning</b> ( <i>details below</i> ) <b>Junior Fellowship</b> (yr 4-7) <b>TTAAH (Youth Fellowship)</b> (Yr 8+)	<b>10.30am</b> 12pm 4.30-6pm 7-8.30pm	<b>MDMC</b> Online MDMC 41 Hampton Drive
Monday	<b>Stroke Club</b> <b>Ukulele Club</b> <b>Explosion</b> (5 years old – school year 3) <b>Fireworks</b> (years 7+)	2-4pm 4-4.30pm 6-7pm 7.30–8.45pm	Hall Church Hall Hall
Tuesday	<b>Social Hour Outing to Bridgemere</b> <b>A Chaired Taste—Community Choir</b>	Meet at church at 2pm 7.30pm	Hall Hall
Wednesday			
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 11.5-2.45pm 6-7.15pm 7.30-8pm 7-7.30pm	MDMC Hall Hall Hall Hall Online
Friday	<b>Ladies Breakout</b>	10am	Hall
Saturday			
Sunday 26th June	<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

Remember that God's grace is deeper than your failures and God's mercy is wider than your shortcomings. When everything is against you may you be given the gift of faith to remember that God's promises are true, God's Presence is real and God's power is not spent.

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

**SOCIAL HOUR:** Our next meeting is an outing to Bridgemere Garden Centre Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, leaving the Church at 2pm. Please let Chris Bradeley know as soon as possible if you wish to go. Many thanks to all who attended the Alzheimer's talk. The donations amounted to £110 which was excellent.

**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.

**CAP MONEY COURSE:** This is a free, short course that makes managing your money simple. It covers budgeting, saving and wise spending in a friendly informal setting over a cuppa and cake. It is for anyone who wants to get organised with their finances and not just for people in debt. The next course is starting on Monday 27th June 10am - 12noon in the MDMC lounge. If you or someone you know would be interested, contact Ali Doulton on 0755 473 8425.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:** On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, there will be a Foundation Module 'Creating Safer Space' safeguarding training session held at MDMC from 9.30am-12.30pm. If you have recently taken up a new role within the church, it may be that you are required to attend this training. All those required to attend will be notified personally, however if you would like to attend this training, or think your role may require it but you have not received an invitation, please speak to Helen Perry



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## REFLECTION

## Gospel Reading – Luke 8: 26 - 39

There are a lot of questions in today's Gospel reading! After crossing the Sea of Galilee in a boat and calming the storm en route, Jesus and the disciples arrive in the Gentile land of the Gerasenes. There they meet a vulnerable man – demon possessed, naked, cast out from the town, living alone among the tombs. He doesn't ask for help or healing, rather, Jesus unprompted commands the evil spirit to leave the man. The evil spirit objects, recognising Jesus as the Son of the Most High God, and asks Jesus to leave it alone. And it admits it is not one spirit but many, a legion. The demons were intensely real to this man and the people of Gerasa. This man was suffering from violent mental illness, he was too dangerous to be among people, he could break free of all the restraints they placed on him. People were terrified of him, but Jesus faced him calmly. Who are the people we are scared of? Who do we choose not to associate with because of our fear?

When Jesus cast out the demons into the pigs, the man sees visible evidence that he is freed. He regains his right mind, he dresses in clothes, and he sits calmly at Jesus' feet – adopting the posture of a disciple. When Jesus freed the man from the spirits that possessed him, he also freed the people from the threat the man had posed to them. But they still weren't happy.

Why do we find it difficult to believe in the possibility of change and redemption? One of our less pleasant human attitudes is the willingness to continue to condemn people because of what has happened previously. To keep them locked up in our perceptions of the past. Think of the difficulty convicted prisoners have on release from prison to convince people that they have changed.

This story is not just a healing miracle; Jesus comes with cosmic power. He has just calmed the powers of nature, calming the wind and the raging waves; here He casts out the demons, the powers of evil. Jesus comes to challenge and cast out every power that prevents people living fully and freely. This challenges us to think of the powers that destroy a human life today. Think of those enslaved by addictions. Think of those who are haunted by the past, tortured by their memories – survivors of abuse, sexual, physical, and emotional – the abuse continues in the mind long after the physical act has ceased.

The people of the neighbourhood do not celebrate when the man is restored to full health; their fear continues to hold them captive. Jesus sends him back to live among his former neighbours to witness to them of what God has done for him. The man, knowing who has healed him, goes about proclaiming what Jesus has done for him, witnessing to Jesus, the Son of God. Do we?

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## Sunday 26th June

**10.30am**

*Preacher* **Mark L / Richard Teal**

*Worship Leader* **Katharine Williams**

*Reader* **Sandra Barthorpe**

*Church Stewards* **Amy Porter**

**Erica Gough**

*Welcome stewards* **Margaret Baker**

**Glynis Lee**

*Prayer ministry Team* **Team A**

*Organ* **Al Savill**

*Piano* **Katharine Williams**

*PA* **Robin Faul**

*Visuals* **Kat Turner**

*Creche* **Ros Cooper**

*Children & youth* **June, Nicole, Jess S**

**Jeannette, Rob J**

*Coffee* **Longslow Life Group**

*Flowers* **Sandra Barthorpe**

## Jesus, lover of my soul - Charles Wesley

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Saviour hide, till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide, o receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenceless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.