



# Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

**Sunday 27th November 2022**  
Advent Sunday

## MORNING SERVICE 10.30AM

PREACHER  
Robin Perry

## SONGS OF PRAISE 3.30PM


**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.
- \* 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 27th November	<b>Morning Service</b> , (with Junior Church)	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
	<b>Songs of Praise</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
Monday	<b>CAP Money course</b>	12.30-2.30pm	Lounge
	<b>Ukulele Group</b>	4-4.30pm	Hall
	<b>Explosion</b> (5 years old – school year 3)	6-7pm	Hall
	<b>Fireworks</b> (years 7+)	7.30–8.45pm	Hall
Tuesday	<b>A Chaired Taste—Community Choir</b>	7.30pm	Hall
Wednesday	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
	<b>Thanksgiving Service for Pat Savill</b>	3pm	MDMC
Thursday	<b>Early Morning Prayer Meeting</b>	6.30-7am	MDMC
	<b>Toddlers</b>	9.45-11.15am	Hall
	<b>Toddlers</b>	1.15-2.45pm	Hall
	<b>Fusion</b> (years 4-6)	6-7.15pm	Hall
	<b>Zoom Prayer Meeting</b> (details below)	7-7.30pm	Online
	<b>Ukulele Group</b>	7.30-8pm	Hall
Friday	<b>Music &amp; Movement</b>	2-3pm	Hall
Saturday			
Sunday 4th December	<b>Morning Service</b> , (with Junior Church)	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>MDMC</b>
	<b>Encounter @ Hinstock Chapel</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Hinstock</b>
	<b>TTAAH (Youth Fellowship)</b> (Yr 8+)	6-8.30pm	MDMC

### #niteblessing

*May you have a life laden with the fruit of God's mercy and presence. May love, joy and peace be yours in abundance. As you walk with others may you show patience, kindness and generosity and may your days be marked with faithfulness, gentleness and self-control* *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 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

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** There will be a Thanksgiving Service for Pat Savill's life on Wednesday 30th November, 3pm at MDMC. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the church hall and you are all very welcome to. If you are able to make sandwiches, cakes, or help to serve tea and coffee, please speak to Gail or sign up on the list in the foyer. Thanks

**DRIVE-IN CAROLS:** The Drive-In carols at Morrisons will be on Sunday 11th December, 6pm. We are hoping to have a standing area so those without transport can watch safely. We also need those of you who enjoy singing carols to be in the stage again, especially harmony singers, to lead the singing. Please invite your friends and neighbours!

**CAROL SINGING AT THE ZONE:** Save the date: We are holding a community carol singing event on Fairfields Park, by the Zone, at 5pm on Friday 16th December. As well as singing lots of popular carols, we'll be joined by Longlands School choir and MDMC's very own folk group, the Bearded Brethren. It would be wonderful if lots of MDMC folk can support this event and join in with the singing. We will also be serving hot chocolate and mince pies, so if you can help serve or want to provide some mince pies, please speak to Helen Perry.

**LOCAL PREACHERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS** will next meet on Monday 5th December, 7.30pm at MDMC.

**NSMYC REUNION CONCERT:** The annual reunion Christmas concert will be at MDMC on Saturday 17th December, 7pm.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEAL:** The next meal is on Wednesday 7th December at Wetherspoons at 7:30pm. **Please note the change of date.** Please let Mike Shingler know by Sunday 4th if you are coming so as to book the table. 01630652555

**READERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES:** The list for December to February is on the notice board in the foyer for you to volunteer to read at any of the forthcoming Sunday morning services. Please do add your name onto any dates of your choice.

**CAIDEN'S FUNERAL** will be held on Thursday 1st December, at 3.30pm at Telford Crematorium. I would really appreciate it if anybody is able to attend. Please contact me if you need a lift and I will see if I can help. Many thanks, Jane Hughes

## Read Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

Today, the beginning of Advent, is a time when we recall that God broke into history in Jesus of Nazareth. We turn our attention to the significance of his birth and life as we look at the people who were around him, their lives intertwined with his, each playing their own part in the drama of God's story with their various and individual yesses to his will.

But our readings today also present us with a powerful conviction that we occupy a finite window of opportunity. The day of the Lord is nearer now and we do not know how long may be left.

We are not meant to know. That is not the point. "No one knows about the day or the hour." We are not meant to use our time trying to interpret the images and indications of Scripture in order to plot the date of the Day of the Lord. "No one knows", nor can they.

Rather, these passages invite us to live our lives for God, to be fully present to each day, to find the opportunities to serve him and bear his love, grace and mercy to those who haven't yet seen that there is more to life than "eating and drinking, marrying and being married", or pursuing the passions of the darkness that Paul describes.

We are encouraged to live as people who are wide awake, clear-sighted, passionately following Jesus, faithful and ready to take each day as the day of the Lord, the day when his sovereign will is done and heaven comes closer to earth. Wake up. Keep watch. Not to plot a timetable to a final apocalypse, but rather to see that, through all the uncertainties and conflicts of this world, God is still God. And God is with us.

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,**  
born to set thy people free,  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## Sunday 4th December

	<b>10.30am</b>
<i>Preacher</i>	<b>Mark Lawrence</b>
<i>Worship Leader</i>	
<i>Reader</i>	<b>Gloria Bates</b>
<i>Church Stewards</i>	<b>Ailie McGoogan</b>
	<b>Erica Gough</b>
<i>Welcome stewards</i>	<b>Anne Gaulton</b>
	<b>Nikki ap Gruffydd</b>
<i>Prayer ministry Team</i>	<b>Team D</b>
<i>Organ</i>	.
<i>Piano</i>	
<i>PA</i>	
<i>Visuals</i>	
<i>Creche</i>	<b>Ros Cooper</b>
<i>Children &amp; youth</i>	<b>June A, Gail A,</b>
	<b>Joan T, Kev L, Chris B</b>
<i>Coffee</i>	<b>Lynne Townson</b>
<i>Flowers</i>	<b>Joan Turnbull</b>