



Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

Sunday 22nd January 2023

MORNING SERVICE

10.30AM

LED BY

Rev Becky Richards

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.
- * 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

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| Sunday 22nd January | Morning Service (with Junior Church) | 10.30am | MDMC |
| | Songs of Praise | 3.30pm | MDMC |
| Monday | Explosion (5 years old – school year 3) | 6 - 7pm | Hall |
| | Fireworks (years 7+) | 7.30–8.45pm | Hall |
| | Ukulele Group | 4-4.30pm | Hall |
| Tuesday | Thinking About the Bible | 2.15pm | Lounge |
| | A Chaired Taste Practice | 7.30pm | Hall |
| Wednesday | Mid Week Communion | 11am | 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 | Ladies Breakout | 10am | Lounge |
| | Music & Movement | 2-3pm | Hall |
| Saturday | | | |
| Sunday 29th January | Morning Service (with Junior Church) | 10.30am | MDMC |

#niteblessing

When the last thing you want is the only thing you can do, may you be given grace to do it. Each moment of life, every breath, is held in the hands of God. May you remember that all unfinished conversations can be finished in Christ. God holds you through it all

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 Rev Mark

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

PETER DANIELS: It's with sadness that we have learnt of the death of Peter Daniels this week. Please pray for Barbara and the rest of Peter's family at this difficult time, as we are assured that Peter has gone home to be with His Lord.

BRAZIL TRIP—PRAYER WHATSAPP: Carolyn is setting up a Whatsapp group for those who want to pray for the team as they travel to Brazil on mission in February. That way she can send just one message whenever there are needs for prayer. If you would like to be included in this group, write your number down and give it to Carolyn at church or drop her or Mark an email or text with your number.

THE THINKING ABOUT THE BIBLE GROUP will meet at 2:15pm in the Church Lounge next Tuesday 24th January. We will continue to look at the Bible passages regarding the gifts and fruit of Holy Spirit.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING @ MDMC: On Saturday 4th February (please note date change) 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. There are also some people who have completed the training previously who are now due a refresher. 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 (07972 720686 or email: hp11141@gmail.com). Many thanks for your time and commitment to attend this important training.

SOCIAL EVENTS MWiB have planned the following events for 2023, please make a note of the dates and do come along and support if you can.

Coffee Morning on Saturday 22nd April, 10am -12pm for Christian Aid,

Little Voices Concert on Saturday 17th June, 7.30pm for Cancer Research.

Coffee Morning on Saturday 15th July, 10am -12pm for Alzheimer's Research

Beetle Drive with HotDogs. Saturday 9th September, 4pm

Coffee Morning on Saturday 21st October, 10am—12 for MWiB.

Read Ecclesiastes 3.1-13

Everyone has different thoughts and emotions about the four seasons. Is winter darkness a time for misery or rest? Is summer sunshine a time for joy or merely heat and pressure? And what about spring and autumn? In some parts of the world the seasons are less marked than in the UK. Would you enjoy living in a place where all-year round everything remained more or less the same?

The passage from Ecclesiastes suggests that our lives have seasons as well. And, like seasonal weather, these human seasons can be unpredictable. We may find ourselves in a 'time of building' where we are productive and fruitful, only to find that a sudden and unexpected time of mourning has come upon us. The challenge is to accept each season and seek God within it. It is tempting to assume that when we are in a season of despair or pain we have been abandoned by God. It is also tempting, when life is full of joy and good things, to forget that God is there at all.

So, the discipline of seeking God in every season – and not ever giving up – is surely an opportunity for growth. Sometimes we can rejoice that God is easily to be found; we shouldn't let such moments pass us by. To borrow Ecclesiastes' style: a time to pause and wonder, and a time to praise and rejoice; a time to dance and a time to laugh; a time to tell others about it, perhaps. There will be other times when we need a lot of perseverance to find God. But that steely determination to keep looking, whatever life throws at us, can bring unimagined blessings that may have passed us by if we had given up on God.

Remember, whatever season we are in, God is faithful. Whatever we may be feeling in a particular moment, God is here and God does care. In this new year, whatever time or season we find ourselves in right now, let us commit to walking with each other through those seasons never doubting that God is faithful, and with us, and waiting to be sought out.



URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

UPDATED ON FRIDAY 13 JANUARY

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FANTASTIC DONATIONS!

WE ARE IN NEED OF....

CARTONS OF UHT MILK (BLUE AND GREEN)

CARTONS OF LONG LIFE JUICE

THANK YOU

WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF

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A prayer of adoration

O Lord our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth, you have set your glory above the heavens; Lord of all eternity, mighty Saviour, you have given us a time for everything. We thank you for every season and time under heaven. You created everything. You have breathed life into all things. We worship and adore you. Amen.

Sunday 29th January

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| | 10.30am |
| <i>Preacher</i> | Mark Lawrence |
| <i>Worship Leader</i> | Robin Perry |
| <i>Reader</i> | Graham Russell |
| <i>Church Stewards</i> | Lisa Savill Amy Porter |
| <i>Welcome stewards</i> | Glynis Lee Margaret Baker |
| <i>Prayer ministry Team</i> | Team C |
| <i>Organ</i> | Katherine Williams |
| <i>Piano</i> | Katherine Williams |
| <i>PA</i> | Mark Savill |
| <i>Visuals</i> | Derek Wanless |
| <i>Creche</i> | Ros Cooper |
| <i>Children & youth</i> | Jeannette W, Rob J, Jess S Hannah G, Jo C, Jess R |
| <i>Coffee</i> | Sandra Barthorpe |