



# Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

Sunday 16th April 2023

## MORNING SERVICE

10.30AM

PREACHER

**Paul Savill**

### 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.
- \* 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.

### Today's Stewards

Pete Savill

Ailie McGoogan

### The week ahead

Sunday 16th April	<b>Morning Service</b> (with Junior Church) <b>'Encounter' @ Hinstock Chapel</b> <b>Junior Fellowship</b> <b>TTAAH (Youth Fellowship)</b> (Yr 8+)	<b>10.30am</b> <b>3pm</b> 4.30-6pm 7-8.30pm	<b>MDMC</b> <b>Hinstock</b> Hall 41 Hampton Dr
Monday	<b>Ukulele Group</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>Social Hour Outing—meet in car park at 1.15 to leave at 1.30pm</b> <b>A Chaired Taste</b> (Community Choir)	7.30pm	Hall
Wednesday	<b>Church Leadership Team Meeting</b>	7.30pm	Manse
Thursday	<b>Early Morning Prayer Meeting</b> <b>Toddlers</b> <b>Toddlers</b> <b>Fusion</b> (years 4-6) <b>Zoom Prayer Meeting</b> (details below)	6.30-7am 9.45-11.15am 1.15-2.45pm 6 - 7.15pm 7-7.30pm	MDMC Hall Hall Hall Online
Friday			
Saturday	<b>Coffee Morning (Christian Aid)</b>	10am–12pm	Hall
Sunday 23rd April	<b>Morning Service</b> (with Junior Church) <b>Songs of Praise</b>	<b>10.30am</b> <b>3.3pm</b>	<b>MDMC</b> <b>MDMC</b>

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Rest day—Friday

Room Bookings;  
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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

### #niteblessing

*When the burden feels too heavy may God lift your shoulders.  
When the journey feels too hard may God give you determination.  
When the pressures feel too great may the Lord give you peace. May God either lighten your load or strengthen your back each day as you rise. 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](mailto:notices@mdmc.org.uk): or 07966295413.

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

# Notices

**EASTER OFFERING:** Each year, the Methodist Church holds an Easter Offering dedication service (at MDMC, this will be today—Sunday 16th April). This tradition dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for missionary work overseas from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day. In March 1884, the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes and collecting bags asking for a penny a head, and collected around £100. In 1900, Women's Work raised £1,655 for the work of overseas missions.

Since then, each successive Methodist women's movement has encouraged donations in support of God's mission. Recently, Methodist Women in Britain (supported by the Global Relationships team) have produced an annual service of dedication, often used widely around the Connexion as a circuit service. All the money raised through the Easter Offering goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Great Britain for work in our Partner Churches around the world.

**THE SOCIAL HOUR OUTING:** The Mini Bus will be leaving the Church car park at 1.30pm. Please let Chris Bradeley know by the end of Sunday if you want a place on the bus

**COFFEE MORNING:** MWiB (Methodist Women in Britain) will be holding a coffee morning next Saturday (22nd April) from 10am till 12noon in aid of Christian Aid. They would be delighted to receive donations of cakes, produce, books, plants and unwanted gifts, but more importantly, your presence next Saturday morning would be most welcome.

**SHROPSHIRE HOPE PRAYER BREAKFAST:** Come & pray with other Christians from around Shropshire, and to hear Bishop Mike Royal, General Secretary of Churches Together England, speak on the challenges and mission opportunities facing the UK church. It takes place at Christ Church Bayston Hill, Glebe Road, Bayston Hill, SY3 0PZ on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 8:20am - 11am. Click on this Eventbrite link to book for this FREE event: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shropshire-hope-prayer-breakfast-tickets-566208614207?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete&keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shropshire-hope-prayer-breakfast-tickets-566208614207?aff=ebdshpsearchautocomplete&keep_tld=1). Speak to Mark Savill if you would like to know more.

**HOPE EXPLORED:** There will be a 'Hope Explored' course at MDMC for three Wednesday evenings 24 May, 31 May and 7 June, run by Ali Daulton from CAP. This short course looks at the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and considers how we can find hope for the future. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending please contact Ali on 07798 741239. If you feel you could help with meal preparation for one of the evenings, please also contact Ali or Carolyn Lawrence.

**LONDON MARATHON—IN AID OF COMPASSION:** Please pray for Pete Williams as he finishes his preparations this week to run the London Marathon next Sunday (23rd April), and continue to pray as he actually runs the race! Please pray for good health and fitness and for stamina on the day! If you feel able to sponsor him, please see the following link to his fundraising page, hosted on the Compassion UK website: <https://challenges.compassionuk.org/profile/4849/pete-williams>. You can use this to link to either sponsor a child or to make a one-off donation, either / both of which would be greatly appreciated. Please also share this link to your social media accounts to ensure widespread publicity.

**LOCAL PREACHERS AWARDS:** Next Sunday morning (23rd April) Ron Lucas and Muriel Ash will be recognised in a special service at Ashley Methodist Church at 10.30am, led by Rev Mark to celebrate 60 years as Local Preachers. We thank them for many years of service, preaching God's word in our circuit and beyond.

## A Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The king of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful saviour, I'm yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the roaring lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus, yours is the victory

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

*Phil Wickham / Brian Johnson*

## Sunday 23rd April

<i>Preacher</i>	<b>10.30am</b>
<i>Worship Leader</i>	<b>Fraser Philp</b>
<i>Reader</i>	<b>Mark Savill</b>
	<b>Sandra Barthorpe</b>
<i>Church Stewards</i>	<b>Colin Barthorpe</b>
	<b>Amy Porter</b>
<i>Welcome stewards</i>	<b>Glynis Lee</b>
	<b>Nikki ap Gruffydd</b>
<i>Prayer ministry Team</i>	<b>Team C</b>
<i>Organ</i>	<b>Al Savill</b>
<i>Piano</i>	<b>Jacob Savill / Al</b>
<i>PA</i>	<b>Jeannette Wanless</b>
<i>Visuals</i>	<b>Kat Turner</b>
<i>Creche</i>	<b>Ros Cooper</b>
<i>Children &amp; youth</i>	<b>June A, Joan T, Gail A</b>
	<b>Kevin L, Chris B.</b>
<i>Coffee</i>	<b>Joan Turnbull &amp; Kat Turner</b>
<i>Flowers</i>	