



Welcome to Market Drayton Methodist Church

Sunday 9th April 2023
Easter Sunday

EARLY COMMUNION
SERVICE
8AM
EASTER CELEBRATION
10.30AM

BOTH LED BY
Rev Mark Lawrence

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!
- * Younger children are invited to Junior Church during the 10.30am service. 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.



Today's Stewards
Pete, Erica & Amy

The week ahead

Sunday 9th April	Easter Sunday Early Communion	8am	MDMC
	Easter Family Breakfast	8.30am	Hall
	Easter Morning Service (with Junior Church)	10.30am	MDMC
	TTAAH (Youth Fellowship) (Yr 8+)	7-8.30pm	41 Hampton Dr
Monday	Bank Holiday Monday		
Tuesday	NO Thinking About the Bible group		
	A Chaired Taste (Community Choir)	7.30pm	Hall
Wednesday			
Thursday	Early Morning Prayer Meeting	6.30-7am	MDMC
	Zoom Prayer Meeting (details below)	7-7.30pm	Online
Friday			
Saturday	Thanksgiving Service for Jim Thomas—Ernesta's husband	2pm	MDMC
Sunday 16th April	Morning Service (with Junior Church)	10.30am	MDMC
	'Encounter' @ Hinstock Chapel	3pm	Hinstock
	Junior Fellowship	4.30-6pm	Hall
	TTAAH (Youth Fellowship) (Yr 8+)	7-8.30pm	41 Hampton Dr

Please note—there are no midweek children's clubs or Toddlers during the school holidays.

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 you sense God is least present may you be given a deep and sustaining gift of faith to enable you to believe that God is still there. In the darkest moments, and the most frightening circumstances, may the grace and mercy of God carry you and shield you always
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: or 07966295413.

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

Notices

LADIES BREAKOUT: Jackie would like to thank the Ladies Breakout group for the support over the years, love and kind gifts as she finishes leading. Ladies Breakout will be continuing. Watch this space.....

CHILDREN & YOUTH PRAYER MEETING: Please join us for an hour to pray for children, young people, youth workers, and local schools in Market Drayton and the surrounding villages. Held on the 2nd Friday of every month at the Festival Drayton centre, MD, 9-10am. The next one is Friday 14th April. Tea and coffee provided. If you are unable to attend the prayer hour, you can receive the monthly prayer requests and we would love to receive any prayer request for young people. Email Hannah Garside (youthchurchmission@yahoo.com) or Kev Lee (youthwork@mdmc.org.uk).

THE MARRIAGE COURSE: Please contact John or Lizzie Bunce on 07868513926 as soon as possible to book your place on the Marriage Course. It is a weekly course starting on Wednesday 12th April from 7:30 to 9:30pm until 24th May and will be held at The Ballroom, Buntingsdale Hall, MD.

THINKING ABOUT THE BIBLE GROUP: Please note that this group will NOT meet this week, but will resume on Tuesday 25th April.

JIM THOMAS: Please do pray for Ernesta Thomas and her family following the death of her husband Jim. There will be a thanksgiving service at MDMC on Saturday 15th April, 2pm and you are all very warmly invited to come and support Ernesta.

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 22nd 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
Speak to Mark Savill if you would like to know more.

Scripture Reading—John 20:1

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. . . .

We will often greet one another this morning with the greeting "Christ is risen!" and the response will be "He is risen indeed!" We join centuries of Christians in marking this day as the day that changed everything. We celebrate the amazing truth that although Jesus was dead, he's now alive forevermore. Christ Jesus rose victorious over death. He is risen!

It's interesting to notice how John, the gospel writer, anchors the event of the resurrection to a day, a time, and a witness. On a particular day in history, early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene saw that the stone had been moved away from Jesus' tomb. John wants to be clear. The resurrection of Jesus happened on earth's soil, in our time, for the benefit of us humans whom God created and loves. Because Jesus is risen, life for us is forever anchored in good news.

Christ's resurrection gloriously demonstrates that God's sovereign love has the last word. As a powerful hymn puts it, "No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand." We now live in the joyful assurance that because Christ lives, we too will live for all eternity.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Living God, our hearts are lifted to you in praise and thanks that the grave could not hold our Lord Jesus. He is risen! Help us to live joyfully, hopefully, and boldly in the power of his resurrection. Amen.

Ruth Boven



The Day of Resurrection

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over,
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful!
Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph,
and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen
their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen,
our joy that hath no end.

St John of Damascus

Sunday 16th April

	10.30am
<i>Preacher</i>	Paul Savill
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Evie Savill
<i>Reader</i>	Gloria Bates
<i>Church Stewards</i>	Pete Savill
	Ailie McGoogan
<i>Welcome stewards</i>	Chris Davies
	Chris Bradeley
<i>Prayer ministry Team</i>	Team B
<i>Organ</i>	TBA
<i>Piano</i>	Matt Baker
<i>PA</i>	Will Cooper
<i>Visuals</i>	Derek Wanless
<i>Creche</i>	Ros Cooper
<i>Children & youth</i>	Family Service
<i>Coffee</i>	Longslow Rd Life Group
<i>Flowers</i>	