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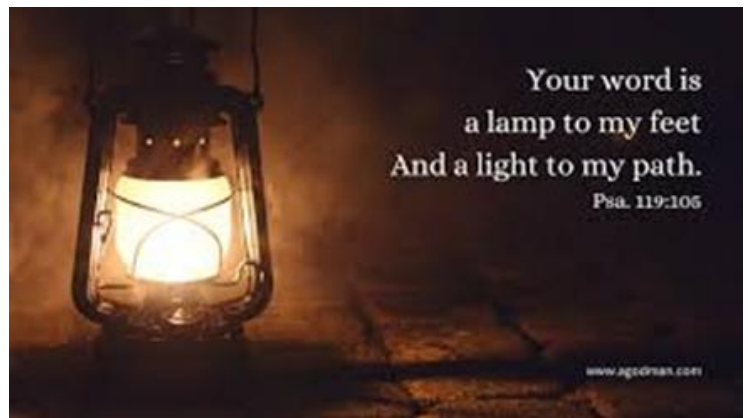
Bible Sunday

We celebrate this Sunday as Bible Sunday and perhaps it good thing to ask Why? Why is the Bible so important that we should do this? May I make 3 suggestions. Firstly, it is important that we give thanks to God for the Bible and for the many people down the ages who protected it, translated it, printed it, preserved it and made it available to us today. It is good to remember that in order for us to have the Bible today it has cost many Christians with their lives.

Secondly, we need to pray for the many people who seek to make sure that the Bible is freely available for people to read today. For organisations like The Bible Society, which seeks to propagate the printing and distribution of the Bible throughout the world; for The Gideons, who seek to make the Bible available by placing copies in Hotels, schools and other public places: for UBC which distributes "The Word for Today" free of charge; for organisations (e.g. The Scripture Union, The Bible Reading Fellowship and others) who provide Daily Bible Reading Notes to help us understand the Bible and encourage us to read it regularly.

Thirdly, and most importantly, Bible Sunday reminds us of the importance of the Bible. For indeed the Bible is God's Word to us, and it is through the Bible that we learn about God; we learn what is right and wrong; we learn that God loves and cares for us; we learn that by giving Jesus, His Son, to die for us, God forgives our wrongs and restores our relationship with Him; we learn how God wants us to live and how He has given us His Holy Spirit to help us to live as He wants us to. It is through the Bible and prayer that God speaks to us personally and makes Himself known to us. Just as food is vital to keep our physical bodies alive and active, so the Bible is vital in keeping us Spiritually alive, making us aware of God's presence with us and His guiding each moment of our lives. May this Bible Sunday remind us of the importance of the Bible and spur us on to give it its rightful place in our lives.

David



Please pray for...

Rachel (a member of our Thursday congregation); Sue Norman; Hazel Haskayne; Brian McClellan; John Panter; Joe McPhee; Ben Robinson; Jack Cade; Finley Parton; John and Ray Reynolds; Hilary Talbot's friend mum of four Kelly (42) who is battling brain cancer. We also pray for those who have recently lost loved ones, including the families and friends of Andy Roberts and our dear friend Guy Skipwith (details of Guy's funeral to follow).

Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name added or removed from this list. The list will be routinely reviewed every few months.

Children and Families Worker Post

The closing date for applications is **31st October**. Please that the right people will apply and that those interviewing will be guided by the Lord in the decisions they make.



All Souls Service to be held on Saturday **1st November at 10.30am** in St Mary's. Everyone is welcome to attend and you are invited to add the name(s) of anyone you would like to be remembered specifically at that service on the list in the Welcome area. The names of those who have died in the last year are already included on the list.

Christmas Choir - will you join us?



'Christmas Choir' practices for St Mary's Carol service on 21st December start at 7.30pm on Thursdays from **23rd October**, for harmony singers with tune singers joining from 27th November.

Please let Elaine Cook know if you would like to take part. Everyone is welcome.

Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated.

9.00am BCP Morning Prayer

10.30am CW Morning Worship

Readings Romans 15. 1-6; Luke 14. 1- 21

The 10.30 service will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXR0SctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

Thursday Holy Communion 10.00am



IONA Communion

Sunday 26th October at 6.30pm

Reading: Psalm 119, 105-112

Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

<https://www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk/media>

Games Cafe



The Games café opens on **Tuesday 28th October at 2.00pm** in the Parish Rooms. Come along and join an afternoon of fun with board games, coffee and good company! Feel free to bring your own games or just turn up to join in the fun. Bring your friends and find warmth and a welcome this

Winter!

Entrance fee of £1

Songs of Praise

3.30pm on Sunday 26th October at

Market Drayton Methodist Church

All is welcome to this informal gathering. Coffee, tea and cakes are served as you sing your favourite hymns.



UCB Word for Today

Copies of Word for Today covering November, December and January are now available at the welcome desk.



Foodbank Items Needed



Stock Items urgently required:

Cartons of Long-Life Fruit Juice; UHT milk (green); Flavoured Instant Noodles; Deodorant (male and female).

We have plenty of:

Cereal; pasta; rice; tea; baked beans.

The trolley at the back of church is now in use and donations are gratefully received.

Swap Shop – Saturday 8th November.



10.30am in the Parish Rooms.

Helpers as well as suitable items would be much appreciated.

Next Organ Social - 29th November

Our next organ fund raising event will be a social along similar lines to the very successful one held in May. There will be a buffet style meal interspersed with entertainment. We are still looking for offers of help. **Please let Elaine know if you can contribute to the entertainment.** Tickets are available from Elsie Cook & David Lake at a cost of £15.

Operation Christmas Child

Shoebboxes will be collected from 10th November. Please save and fill your own boxes. Contact Hilary Talbot for further information.



Staying in Touch

Please either leave a message or send an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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