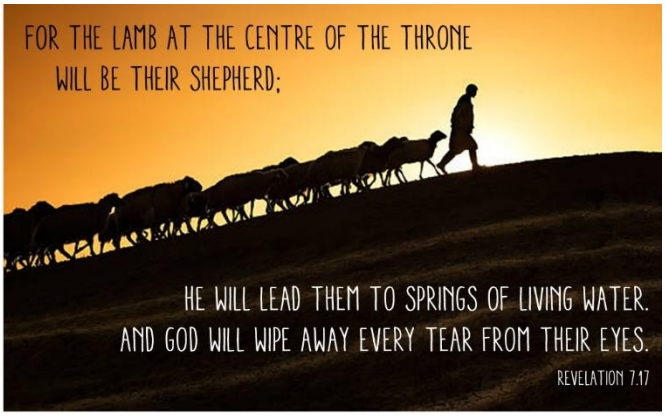
St MARY'S CHURCH Market Drayton

1st November 2026

Becoming Dementia Friendly Church 2026-7



Remembering in Hope

All Souls' Day will be celebrated on Monday 2 November, when we are invited to remember with love those who have died and have been entrusted to the mercy of God and we had a wonderful service yesterday to celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us.

As Christians, we believe that every human life is precious in the eyes of God. We remember the faces, voices and kindness of those who have touched our lives. We may feel the pain of their absence, and memories may bring both tears and smiles. Yet our faith encourages us to look beyond our sorrow towards the promise of eternal life. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). These words offer comfort in times of grief. They remind us that, through Christ, death is not simply an ending but a passage towards the fullness of life with God. It is a day when we remember all the faithful departed, especially those who have no one to remember them.

All Souls' Day also challenges us to live well today, to forgive generously, love deeply, serve others and cherish the gift of each moment.

We may light candles and offer our prayers, but may we remember that love is never wasted and that hope remains alive in Christ.

Peter

Messy Church

On **Tuesday 3rd November at 3.30pm** in The Parish Rooms**.**

John Panter's Funeral

Many here at St Mary's will remember John Panter. His funeral will be held on at St Mary's on **Thursday 12th November at 1:30pm**. I'm sure John's family would appreciate seeing some of his St Mary's friends at the service.

Board Games @ Christ Church

Board Games morning on 2nd November in the Christ Church Social Space, 10:30am - 12pm

Deadline for newsletter articles Wednesday noon.

Please pray for…



Scott Reay, Helen Hughes, Pauline Bickley, Barry Salter and Pam Clarke. We pray for the family and friends of Phil Hickman, Angela Bridge and John Panter and Jessie Bloor.

Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name added or removed from this list, which is reviewed and edited regularly.

Christmas Choir – singers still needed!



'Christmas Choir' practices for St Mary's Carol service (20th December) have already started at 7.30pm on Thursdays for harmony singers; with tune singers joining from 26th November. It is not too late to come along. Everyone welcome, every note is taught. Elaine

Warm Spaces: Games Café…



Next **Tuesday 10th November 2-4pm**.

Everyone is very welcome to drop in for a FREE cake and drink and enjoy some sociable time together. Feel free to bring your own games. If you are able to help out, then do sign up at the back of church.

The Tearfund Big Quiz Night



Saturday 14th November at 7pm. Free entry but donations encouraged in aid of Tearfund. Come as a team of up to 6 members or on your own and team up with others on the night. Bring your own refreshments. Please book your place with Elaine Cook or sign the sheet at the back of church.

Word for Today



Copies of The Word for Today for November are now available on the Welcome Desk.

Operation Christmas Child

We are not collecting shoeboxes this year. If you would like to send a prepacked shoebox, please use this link: https://samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-online/send-a-pre-packed-shoebox

Services

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

Sunday

9.00am BCP Holy Communion

10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings: Revelation 7.9-17 Matthew 5. 1-12

The 10.30 service will also be on Zoom.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSCtVRS9PSkZXdz09
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

Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:
https://www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk/media



Our service on **Remembrance Sunday starts at 10.45am.** Please note that there is **no 9.00 service** that morning. After the service there is the usual parade down to the Cheshire Street war Memorial for the main wreath laying ceremony at 12.00. For those wanting something quieter and more reflective we have a Communion service in church on **Saturday 7th November at 6.30pm.**

Bring and Share Lunch



The next Bring and Share lunch is **15th November in the Parish Rooms.** Everyone is welcome. Lunch is served from 1pm.

Finding Your Hidden Treasure by Benignus O'Rouke

This book on silent prayer is recommended by Sue Frankfort. Benignus O'Rourke is an Augustinian friar and member of the Clare Priory community in Suffolk. It is a small, very readable book. Each chapter is only a couple of pages long, but each contains pearls of wisdom.
If anyone else has any books they would recommend for building our faith, do let us know and we can share the details here.

Foodbank

Urgent or low stock items:
Cartons long life fruit juice; Tins of Spam, Ham & Chicken; We have plenty of: Baked beans.
See the Foodbank website for more details.
https://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/ The trolley at the back of church is now in use and donations are gratefully received.

Shropshire Council Local Transport Plan

Find out how to have your say at:
https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-transport-plan/ Closing date for responses is noon Monday 16th November. There is also an online discussion you can join: Webinar - Monday 2 November 2026, 6pm-7pm and an in-person event on **Monday 9th November 12.00-5.00pm** at the Festival Drayton Centre, where you can learn more about the draft plan, meet the project team and share your thoughts.

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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