



Christ Church
 Little Drayton
 A Traditional Church
 A Welcoming Church
 A Caring Church



Sunday 2nd May The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monthly Bible verse: 

'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off- for all whom the Lord our God will call.' *Acts 2: 38, 39*

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God,
 who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
 have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
 grant that, as by your grace going before us
 you put into our minds good desires,
 so by your continual help
 we may bring them to good effect;
 through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever.



Amen

Please pray for the people of our parish: **Lee, Andrew Bailey, Pat Bullen, Christine Hull, Stephen Hadley, Jodie, Gracie, Robert and Family, Bill Hughes, Solo, Colleen, Joshua, Judy Treadgold, Heather, Shaun, Grace, Lillian Shinn, Brian and Elaine, Cherry, Cicely Egerton, Ann, Twyla, Ray, Will and Pat James, Steve Talbot, Paul Webster, Elaine Hind**

Please pray for members of our church family: **Val Vane, Geoff Vernon, Sheila Vernon, Lynda Verrill**


Please pray for the life of our church: **Film and Co, GSS, the choir, children's work**

Sunday Bible readings:

A reading from Acts 8.26-end

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 15.1-8



 Readings to use in the first week of May:

Day	Date	Reading	Psalm
Sunday	02	Hebrews 11.32-12.2	44.16-end
Monday	03	1 Peter 1.1-12	145
Tuesday	04	1 Peter 1.13-end	19
Wednesday	05	1 Peter 2.1-10	30
Thursday	06	1 Peter 2.11-end	57
Friday	07	1 Peter 3.1-12	138
Saturday	08	1 Peter 3.13-end	146
Sunday	09	John 21.1-19	104.26-32

We are looking for 2 more people to go on the rota as sidesperson, if you would like to volunteer please let Rev. Jane know. Thank you.

We are also looking for volunteers to clean the brasses in November. Please let Heather know if you are interested—655493.



Market Drayton Churches Together—New webmaster needed

Churches Together are looking for a new webmaster to look after its website. The site uses WordPress, which is an easy to use platform. For the last ten years it has been looked after by Randall Hardy who would like to pass on the responsibility to someone else in the coming months. Randall is willing to spend time familiarising his replacement with the user interface if necessary. Could this be an opportunity for you to serve the local Christian community? Time, motivation and not being terrified by computers are all that is required. In the first instance please contact Rev. Jane.

If you would like to go on the church's electoral roll please fill in one of the forms at the back of church and leave it in the box on the wall by **Friday 7th May**. (This is only for people not already on the roll).

MESSAGE FROM THE FOODBANK: WE URGENTLY NEED THE FOLLOWING PLEASE: UHT MILK - NO STOCK, LONG LIFE CARTONS OF FRUIT JUICE - NO STOCK, SPONGE PUDDINGS/SLAB CAKE - NO STOCK, CEREALS (NOT OATS/PORRIDGE) - LOW STOCK, PACKETS OF FLAVOURED RICE/PASTA AND NOODLES - LOW STOCK, CAT FOOD - WET - NO STOCK, MEN'S DEODORANT - NO STOCK, CLEANING PRODUCTS AND WASHING UP LIQUID - LOW STOCK, LOCAL SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS/VOUCHERS - MORRISONS/LIDL/ALDI/ASDA/SAINSBURY'S. **THANK YOU.**

The Foodbank is now open Tuesday and Friday mornings 9am-11am for food donation only.

Please find below some helpful links to Spiritual Resources:

Daily Hope, a free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers from the Church of England— please call 0800 804 8044

www.churchofengland.org, search 'Daily Prayer' for full Church of England Offices

www.sacredspace.ie, daily guided *lectio divina* with the Gospels

www.universalis.com, for a wealth of Catholic resources and readings for each day

<https://www.lichfield-cathedral.org/welcome-back/together-in-worship-from-51120>

A resource from Lichfield Cathedral

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation>
CofE call to prayer for the nation

Apps: (for handheld or mobile devices):

Common Worship Daily Prayer, Lectio 365, Pray as you go



In 2022 Christ Church will be 175 years old, if you are interested in joining a committee to discuss what we can do to commemorate this milestone, please see Rev. Jane.

If you have any good pictures of wildlife that could go on our outdoor nature board please see Jacqui or Jane Eastham. Thank you.

There are forms in the vestry for PCC members to fill in, please could you complete these before the APCM on 23rd May. Thank you.

UPCOMING SERVICES and EVENTS:

Sunday 2nd May

10am Parish Eucharist



Tuesday 4th May

10am Holy Communion



Sunday 9th May

10am Parish Eucharist



Tuesday 11th May

10am Holy Communion



Sunday 16th May

10am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evening prayer



Tuesday 18th May

10am Holy Communion



Sunday 23rd May

10am Parish Eucharist
11.15am APCM



Tuesday 25th May

10am Holy Communion



Sunday 30th May

10am Parish Eucharist



Please wear a mask at all times when you come into church, unless you are medically exempt. As before, we will have stewards on hand to assist you; and take your details for test and trace purposes. Please kindly use the hand sanitizer provided, and we will direct you to a pew. We regret that, for health and safety measures, the toilet and the kitchen remain closed for the time being.

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