



July 2022 THE DIARY OF ST MARY'S DROYLSDEN

*welcoming all-age community growing
and sharing God's love*

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*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in
tribulation, be constant in prayer"*
ROMANS 12:12

Tea and coffee is once again being served in the Church
Room after services

July Services



3rd July- 10.30 Morning Worship

10th July - 10.30am Holy Communion

Guest Minister Revd. Jim Burns

17th July – 10.30am Holy Communion

Guest Minister Revd. Jim Burns

24th July - 10.30am Holy Communion

Guest Minister Revd. Daniel Ramble

12.30pm – Baptism

31st July 10.30am – Holy Communion

Readings for July

3rd July: 2 Kings 5 1-14 and Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20; 10th July: Amos 7 7-17 and Luke 10: 25-37; 17th July: Amos 8: 1-12 and Luke 10: 38-42; 24th July: Hosea 1 2-10 and Luke 11: 1-13; 31st July: Hosea 11 and Luke 12: 13-21.

Hope

The dictionary definition of 'hope' is:

a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen:

Back in July 2019 I wrote an article for the diary outlining the processes involved as we moved into our vacancy. Part of that article included the following passage:

A 'vacancy' can be as long as 12 months, but we are very much hoping it will be less. The PCC, the Church Wardens, curates and the Lay Ministers are working hard to ensure we can keep the pattern of services and pastoral care going during this challenging period.

Well, how wrong could I have been with the first sentence but how right with the following sentence!

Our expectation at that time on the period of the vacancy was based on past experiences from other parishes and the Diocese's own hopes. At the end of this month, we will enter our 4th year of vacancy. As expressed in the second sentence our desire to maintain services and pastoral care has been fulfilled. Could we have hoped/expected that so many of our church family would step forward to help maintain church worship? How many of them in July 2019 had expected to share their God given talents in such a way?

Since July 2019 so many things have changed. St Mary's will now be working alongside St Martin's and St Andrews not St Stephen's, Audenshaw as had been originally planned. St Mary's no longer has Rev Sue as Associate Priest and Doreen as Reader (although we are grateful

that she continues to help lead services). Rev Nancy has greater commitments as hospital Chaplain, and we are so thankful she continues to lead our worship and baptism services.

Our 'hope' as defined above, is undiminished and thankfully we have good news. Archdeacon David has told us that there are ordained ministers interested in our vacancy and by the time you read this article the deadline for applications will have passed. We pray that the interest shown will have translated into applications received. The representatives from the three churches, alongside Bishop Mark and Archdeacon David will then interview and we pray a suitable candidate will emerge.

The past three years have seen many challenges both locally, nationally and internationally. And many of these challenges still remain. But we trust in the Lord and his plans for us.

If we look to the biblical definition of 'hope' we have faith and the expectation with certainty that God will do what he has said.

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see" (Hebrews 11:1).

At the end of my original article, I finished with the following words, and I will do the same this time as they remain relevant.

We ask for your prayers and support as we move forward into a new chapter for the Parish.

GOD Our Father

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be His Body in this place;

Send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change, to fill us with vision, energy and faithfulness in prayer,

that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our community;

And guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a new Incumbent for this parish, that the one whom we receive

*may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:
ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith and to lead us by
example
in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

Pat

The Craft Group



The Craft Group has resumed meetings on Monday afternoons from 1pm. If you enjoy knitting and nattering or have a crafty hobby and would like to join together with like-minded people, please drop in or have a chat with Jill Kennaugh.



Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 5th July 7.30pm

Annual General Meeting

Afterwards packing emergency toiletry bags for Tameside Hospital. If you have any toiletries to bring along please do so.

For more information about Mothers' Union and the project it supports, please have a chat with Mildred Booth

Cleaning Team



The Cleaning Team have returned to duties on Friday mornings at 9am. If you feel you would like to help out, not necessarily every week to spruce up the church buildings and grounds and at the same time have a chat, please have a word with Beth.

Tameside Community Recovery Fund



St Mary's were invited to apply for grant funding from the above fund.

We are thankful to Pat for submitting the application and to Charlotte for speaking at the fund meeting. There were a good number of applications for funding and the community in attendance on the day were asked to vote on who should receive the monies.

I am pleased to say that St Mary's were successful and received funding for three projects.

The first project was completed early June. The four troughs on Church Street outside the car park were treated to new compost and an array of plants. Some will bloom all season and some we hope will last for a few years. Members of the church family were joined by children from St Mary's C of E Primary school to plant the troughs. The children enjoyed digging the holes, planting and watering. We are hopeful that the Reporter included a write up and pictures of the activities.

The second project was a deep clean of the kitchen in the Church room. This was completed by a professional company and what a great job they did. Even the stained-glass windows. As with any job, emptying, reviewing contents and refilling the cupboards took a great deal of time but all was completed for Sunday 19th June when our post service refreshments returned to the church room. We will now hold our monthly



The planters outside the church carpark were planted by children from St. Mary's Ce school and members of church, on Tuesday 14th June.

We learnt the names of the flowers and how to plant them.

This was very fun and engaging to do. The flowers will hopefully attract lots of different species of insects. Each flower is colourful and unique.

As they continue to grow, it will encourage other people to plant their own plants in their gardens and planters.

Amy Bebbington (Year 5)



Saturday coffee mornings in the church room.

The final project relates to bringing wi-fi into church and will take more time to complete.

Let us pray that our work with the community grows and flourishes as we spread the good news of God's love with those we meet.

Below is a little piece from Amy Bebbinton who is in Y5 at St Mary's School about planting the plants in the boxes.

The drawings are by Mirabelle Eleazer from the Reception Class.

I'm sorry the picture above isn't brilliant but I couldn't copy and paste it – Christine

FOODBANK

As you can imagine the work of the foodbank has increased over the past few months.

The numbers had reduced to pre-covid levels but are now increasing week on week. Our stock levels are decreasing, and we are now having to purchase stock in bulk as donations are not covering outgoings. Thankfully our funds are currently sufficient to cover the purchase costs, but we are promoting our shortages with our local churches and friends to help with future funding.

There is a permanent collection point in Tesco Droylsden and of course donations can be made in church.

Thank you for your continued support.

Our stocks are currently low for:

- Milk (long life)
- **Biscuits**
- Long life fruit juice
- Jam
- Tinned vegetables
- Instant mash
- Tinned vegetarian meals
- Noodles

Pat



The Lady Bird

What is it about the ladybird
that makes me want to smile?
She's just so small and perfect
In her indomitable style.

Red with little black spots
Or yellow with spots the same,
So pretty and so colourful
As is her very name.

I'm hoping now I've seen her
A long hot spell's in store;
Though of course we'll need some rain
To even up the score.

I know she's really a beetle,
But that's OK with me.
For she's still a special lady
As I'm sure you'll all agree

Carrie Hewitt
Submitted by Ann Holland

When I read this about the ladybird, I thought of the members of the choir
up in the loft.

Every year, we have ladybirds visiting us. We nudge each other and as they walk over our hymn books and we enjoy the visit of the ladybirds every year.

Ann Holland



The preparation of the Good Friday Devotional Service had been a little worrying during the preparation. It was the first year a minister wasn't going to be available, and we just had to get it right.

During the service Pat and I noticed a ladybird sitting on the end of the microphone and it stayed with us for the whole of the service.

Christine

Ukraine

When I was with my brother and sister-in-law in Cornwall during the Jubilee weekend, we attended all the countryside type celebrations which included a flower festival themed on the Queen's reign and an outdoor church service on the village green.

Another part of the celebrations was a pop-up tea in the village hall. During this a young man stood up and thanked everyone who had donated medical supplies and toiletries to fill his van that he had driven to Ukraine. He reported that the people who had received these goodies were thrilled with them, and he had asked if there was anything else they needed to add to his list. The reply was "your continued prayers..... and body bags.....!" A great gasp then a sigh went round the room. Such a sobering thought during the joyful weekend we were all experiencing.

Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine

Jill



The Church Mission Society (CMS) exists to make disciples of Jesus at the edges. Read on to see what this means, as well as where and how we work – and how you can join in.

In CMS's vast history, thousands of people have crossed geographical, cultural and societal boundaries to make disciples of Jesus. Through their efforts, missteps and all, we have seen the gospel of Jesus make itself at home in a variety of contexts all over the world. Sometimes in ways we could never have foreseen.

When we look at the life of Jesus, we see that he spent time with people at the edges, often to the astonishment of the establishment. Sick people, poor people, tax collectors, those who were often avoided due to their "sinner" status – Jesus welcomes them. He offers grace, healing, restoration, love – and he invites them to be part of his story.

Church Mission Society is likewise called to connect with people at the edges: the edges of church, the edges of society, the edges of our comfort zones. And we're always looking for others who will join us at edges near and far, to help share God's love in creative ways, knowing that person-by-person, community-by-community, this is how we will see our world made new.

We are called to make disciples of Jesus where you may not expect to find them. And to see those disciples make more disciples until communities of people committed to following the way of Jesus are formed.

This is how we see change happen: person by person, community by community. To be more specific:

1. We connect people with a heart for the edges so they can work together. Often this takes the form of cross-cultural hubs, or pockets of people from Western and non-Western backgrounds teaming up to bring change in a specific edge-based context.
2. We train people for ground-breaking, transformational and sustainable mission in the UK and overseas.
3. We equip churches to look around, see what God is doing among people at the edges within their communities and join in.

St Mary's has supported CMS for many years, please come along to our next coffee morning which is in aid of CMS. This charity works with people both at home and abroad. Check the website for more information: www.churchmissionsociety.org

St Mary's Church, Droylsden

Coffee Morning

Church Mission Society

Saturday 2nd July

9.30am – 11.00am

In the Emmaus Room



All Welcome



A Picture to Colour – The Good Samaritan

Luke 10: 25 - 37



Answers to the Jubilee Quiz

1. George, Charlotte, Louis, Archie and Lilibet
2. Alexandra Mary
3. Princess Beatrice
4. Edward VII
5. I 27
6. Sandringham, Norfolk
7. Myrtle
8. True— the Queen weighs her guests as part of a tradition that dates back to King Edward VI
9. I Clarence House
10. Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward
11. 73 years
12. Aston Villa
13. Carriage driving
14. Twelve - Savannah, Isla, George, Charlotte, Louis, Archie, Lilibet, Sienna, Mia, Lena, Lucas and August
15. True



Deadline for the diary is always the 2nd weekend of the month unless there are school holidays when articles are required as soon as possible please.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this diary, without YOU it wouldn't be possible. If you would like to contribute to future publications, please contact me by email:

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St Mary's Church Website is

www.stmarydroylsden.co.uk

Church Flowers and Bookstall - Details from Church

Mothers Union - Details from Church

Tots Time (pre-school) - Diane Heywood/Margaret McCracken

**Lighthouse - Bubbles (3-5yrs), Splash (5-8yrs) 2nd and 4th Sundays
in Church Room**

St Mary's Church of England Nursery and Primary School

Head Teacher, Miss K Hampson - 370 3948

250th Manchester Scout Group

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers - 07973739041

5th Droylsden Brownie Guides - 339 0016

Rainbow Pack - 301 4251

St John's Band - 285 3583