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November 2024 THE DIARY OF ST MARY'S DROYLSDEN



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

Rector

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Reverend Nancy Alexander 0161 371 9667

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Pat Catterall 0161 370 0039

*'Arise, shine; for your light has
come, and the glory of the Lord
has risen upon you.'*

Isaiah 60:1

November Services 2024



3rd November - 10.30am – Holy Communion

Revelation 21: 1-6a and John 11: 32-44

7th November 7.00pm – Memorial Service

10th November - 10.30am – Remembrance Sunday

Holy Communion

Hebrews 9: 24-28 and Mark 1: 14-20

17th November – 10.30am – Holy Communion

Hebrews 10: 1-25 and Mark 13: 1-8

24th November – 10.30am – Morning Worship

Revelation 1: 4b-8 and John 18: 33-37

Please join us for Tea and coffee in the Church Room after service

A Holy Remembrance

Remember, remember the 5th of November... It seems that the month of November is filled with occasions for *remembering*. There is, of course, the 5th of November and the thwarting of the gunpowder plot to remember with fireworks and bonfires. But there are also other, more weighty occasions for remembering too. On 2nd November the Christian Church celebrates All Saints Day, in which we give thanks to God for those godly people who have gone to glory ahead of us, whose lives have been an example and inspiration to Christians throughout the ages. We also (in what was traditionally known as All Souls) remember and give thanks to God for our own loved ones who have died. At St Mary's we will hold a Memorial Service on 7th November for all who have lost loved ones, as we remember before God those whom we love but see no more, and pray for comfort and hope, for us who grieve.

We then come to Remembrance Sunday when we as a nation remember together those who have lost their lives in war, and those whose lives were forever changed: soldiers, victims and survivors of war. We remember the sacrifices they made for the freedom we enjoy today, and we commit ourselves to the building of peace, together.

At the centre of all our remembering is Jesus, who told his disciples to remember him in the breaking of bread and the sharing of wine, and who is present with us as we do this today. Through him we are able to remember with *hope*: hope in the Cross, as, through his death the power of sin and evil was broken, and the fulness of his kingdom will bring true peace and reconciliation; hope in the presence of his Spirit with us, who comforts and strengthens us in our grief and trouble; hope in the resurrection of Christ, through which we too receive the promise of resurrection and fulness of life in his presence.

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Remember, remember... with humility, with thankfulness, and with hope in Jesus, our Saviour and King.

Revd Cath

Prayer Tree

Please feel free to hang any prayer requests on the prayer tree at the front of church near the eagle lectern. Prayers may be asked for or thanks given.

You will find cards and pens there.



Sunday School

Sunday School activities are now available during term time, in the Church Room every 3rd Sunday for children in year one and above.

Tea and Toast Drop In

Tea and Toast Drop In. Every Wednesday morning from 9am during term-time. Everyone is welcome, come along for a chat and a chance to meet new people.

Fellowship and Holy Communion



The fellowship lunch and Holy Communion Service for November will be at 12noon on Monday 25th November.

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Please look out for the sign up sheet for catering purposes and of course everyone is welcome, please encourage anyone you know who you think might like to come along.

Bible Study Groups

Bible study groups meet in the Emmaus Room twice a month on Tuesday evening or Thursday afternoon to which everyone is welcome.



These are informal groups and the studies usually include a video to watch then questions for discussion followed by a brew and a biscuit or slice of cake.

If anyone is interested in joining one of the groups, or would like more information, please have a chat with Charlotte, Doreen or Stephanie (Tuesday group) or Christine, Pat or Jim (Thursday group).



Tuesday 5th November– 7.30pm

Speaker – Rev Cath Hewison

Desert Island Discs

Everyone Welcome



The Mothers' Union Christmas celebrations will take place on Tuesday 3rd December (7pm for 7.30pm) with a buffet in the

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church room. For more information and to check on the cost, please speak to Maureen Allsion.



8th October 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks for your kind donations to the Harvest Festival at Saint Mary's.

These donations will be used to make food parcels for some of the homeless and those in food poverty in Manchester, we appreciate your generosity, as will our clients.

The donations will also be used towards our Breakfast Project, which runs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. We provide a hot breakfast, showers, clothing and advice.

Once again thank you and God bless you all.

Deborah Dunn

On behalf of Lifeshare



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St Mary's Church

For their incredible fundraising efforts in support of Droylsden & District Foodbank.

Their dedication and support have made a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Pat Catterall

Droylsden & District Foodbank Manager

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the photograph exhibition, the response was amazing and there were some beautiful photographs.

Thank you to Kathryn too who helped with the displays.

I am very grateful for your support; your photographs will be returned in envelopes after 3rd November.

God Bless

Chirstine



Photographic display

The photos of the many churches - big, small, famous, local and faraway - are amazing. We certainly are a talented bunch of photographers! The display has also provoked many conversations with people saying they had visited the same place of worship or wanting to know more to plan a future trip.

It was a great idea to look at these wonderful buildings as we travelled around. Free to visit on the whole too. I certainly enjoyed visiting churches with many having lovely cafes and gifts! I do seem more aware of church buildings as I drive around and wonder what they are like inside. But no more photos now!

When Christine and I were putting the display together we noticed that the photos were mainly Christian. Perhaps in the future we could have the theme places of worship from other religions? Or churches in Manchester Diocese as many local churches were not included?

Kathryn



Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who helped in any way with our October Coffee Morning and to all who attended and were so generous in their support. We raised £391.00. I hope you enjoyed your visit and the great display of Christine's 'Churches Visited' around the church.

Please bring in your completed boxes at the latest to the OCC Boxes Dedication at the Morning Service on Sunday 3rd November.

If you wish to learn more about Samaritan's Purse/OCC, or even do a box online, please visit the web link below. There are also several Videos you can watch.

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

John Sporne





Tameside Council are offering drop in sessions at the following venues to help pensioners to check their eligibility for Pension Credit.

St Martin's Church – Thursday 7th November 10am – 12noon

Ryecroft Hall – Monday 9th December 10am – 12noon

Please take advantage of this free service if you are only receiving State Pension and have little or no savings. Remember you may be entitled to important help this winter.

Thank You

Doreen and I want to thank people for their prayers and concern since her fall 8 weeks ago.

Also, a big thank you to Kathryn and Charlotte for providing soup and cakes for us, it has helped a lot and we are both very grateful for their thoughtfulness.



Doreen is making slow progress and hopes to be back at Church soon.

Diane.

How being a Christian is like being a Pumpkin



God picks YOU from the patch and brings YOU in (John 15:16)

Then he washes all the dirt off YOU (Corinthians 5:17)

He opens YOU up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate and greed etc. (Romans 6:6)



Then He carves YOU a new smiling face (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside YOU to shine for all the world to see (Matthew 5:16)

Kathryn

Guide Our World in the Way of Peace

How we wish for our world to be filled with your peace!
How we wish for your peace to abide between nations,
So that our world can become a better place for everyone.
Lord, guide our world in the way of peace,
Show us the path that brings harmony instead of conflict,
Trust instead of mistrust, love instead of hate.
Amen

Ann Holland

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St Mary's Church Memorial Service



**If you have lost a loved one you will
be warmly welcomed to this service.**

Thursday 7th November 7pm

**For more information and to add
your loved one's name to be read
during**

the service please contact:

Barbara Walton – 0161 370 1146

Memories

Memories are a reflection of our yesteryear,
The mirror of our past life, of scenes both far and near,
The joyous things, the tragic things, the laughter and the song.
Strange how a strain of music brings the memories along.

Perhaps a whiff of perfume, or a long-forgotten name,
Brought forth a conversation will revive some joy or pain.
Or some forgotten happening as we go down memory lane,
Ah memories, ah memories the bitter and the sweet.
They rise like wreaths to haunt us at home or in the street.
We see forgotten faces, or hear voices from the past,
And memories, these memories are ours while life shall last.

So as we live each passing day, let all our lives be sweet and gay,
Yet love our mundane thoughts transcend,
To keep our memories joyous.
Until our journeys end.

Vivian Shaw



Joan Mills – Thank You



Joans family would like to thank you, her church family for your kind words following her passing on 19th September.

Joan treasured her time as a member of St Mary's Mothers Union and it was a great comfort to us to see and speak to those of you who were able to attend her funeral on 8th October.

Donations were for Willow Wood, where Joan volunteered for over 15 years and we are so grateful that we will be able to send £300 of donations to them in her name.

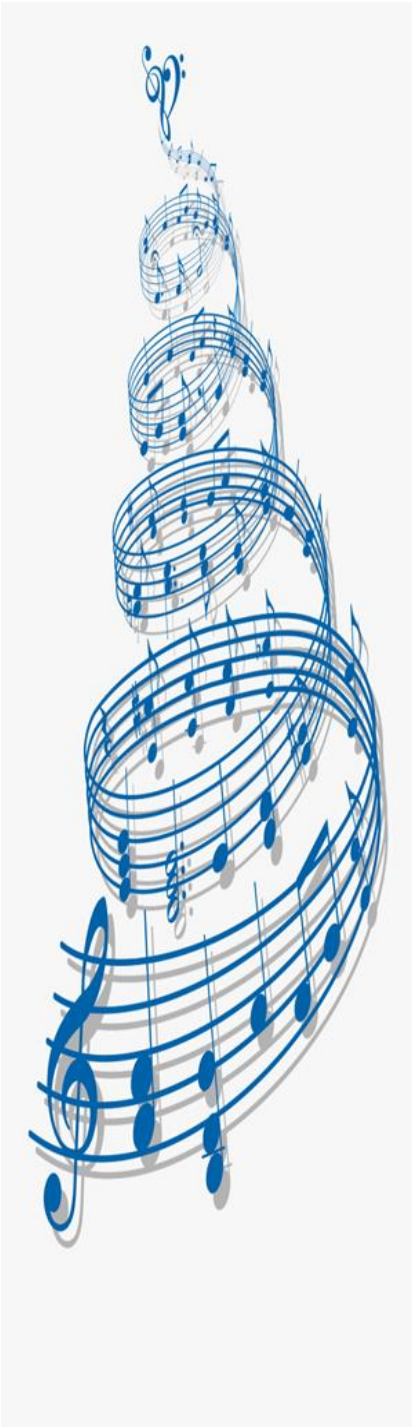
"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Jonathan and Susanne Mills

Good Friends

When a good friend walks beside us
On the road that we must keep,
Our burdens seem less heavy
And the hills are not so steep.
The weariest miles pass swiftly.
Taken in a joyous stride,
And all the world seems brighter
When a friend walks by your side.

Ann Holland



Christmas Band
Concert

Saturday 14th
December 2pm

St Mary's Church
Drolydsen

Tickets available
from Church soon
priced £5.00

including

Mulled wine and
mince pies after the
performance

See Pat

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Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December

Gifts, Crafts, Books,
Tombola, Refreshments,
and much more.



All donations to any of the
stalls (especially the
tombola) are gratefully
received.



The Disaster's Emergency Committee UK (DEC) brings together 15 leading UK aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of humanitarian crisis overseas.

In these times of crisis, people in life-and-death situations need our help and our mission is to save, protect and rebuild lives by working with the communities affected.

Pooling our resources to work as one, we are pivotal in co-ordinating the UK public's response to overseas disasters. In collaboration with our Rapid Response Network of national media and corporate partners, we raise the alarm to the UK public by launching high-profile appeals and setting up easy ways to donate.

And we have immediate impact, getting help to people who need it, fast.

When we launch an appeal, we use a set of criteria to decide when we launch an appeal in response to a disaster overseas and ensure we work effectively.

We only launch when we know that we can make a difference and add value to the work already being done by our member charities.

Our three criteria for launching an appeal help ensure that the DEC launches the right appeals at the right time.

Our three appeal criteria are:

1. SCALE

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The disaster must be on such a scale and of such urgency as to call for swift international humanitarian assistance.

2. CAPACITY

The DEC's member charities, or some of them, must be in a position to provide effective and swift humanitarian assistance at a scale to justify a national appeal.

3. SUPPORT

There must be reasonable grounds for concluding that a public appeal would be successful, either because of evidence of existing public sympathy for the humanitarian situation or because there is a compelling case indicating the likelihood of significant public support should an appeal be launched.

The DEC has launched an emergency appeal to support the people of The Middle East and the British Government will match all donations up to £10million. Please support the coffee morning, all donations will be matched by the government.

Please pray for peace in The Middle East:

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.

Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine.

We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.

In Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd November

9.30am – 11.00am

In the Church Room



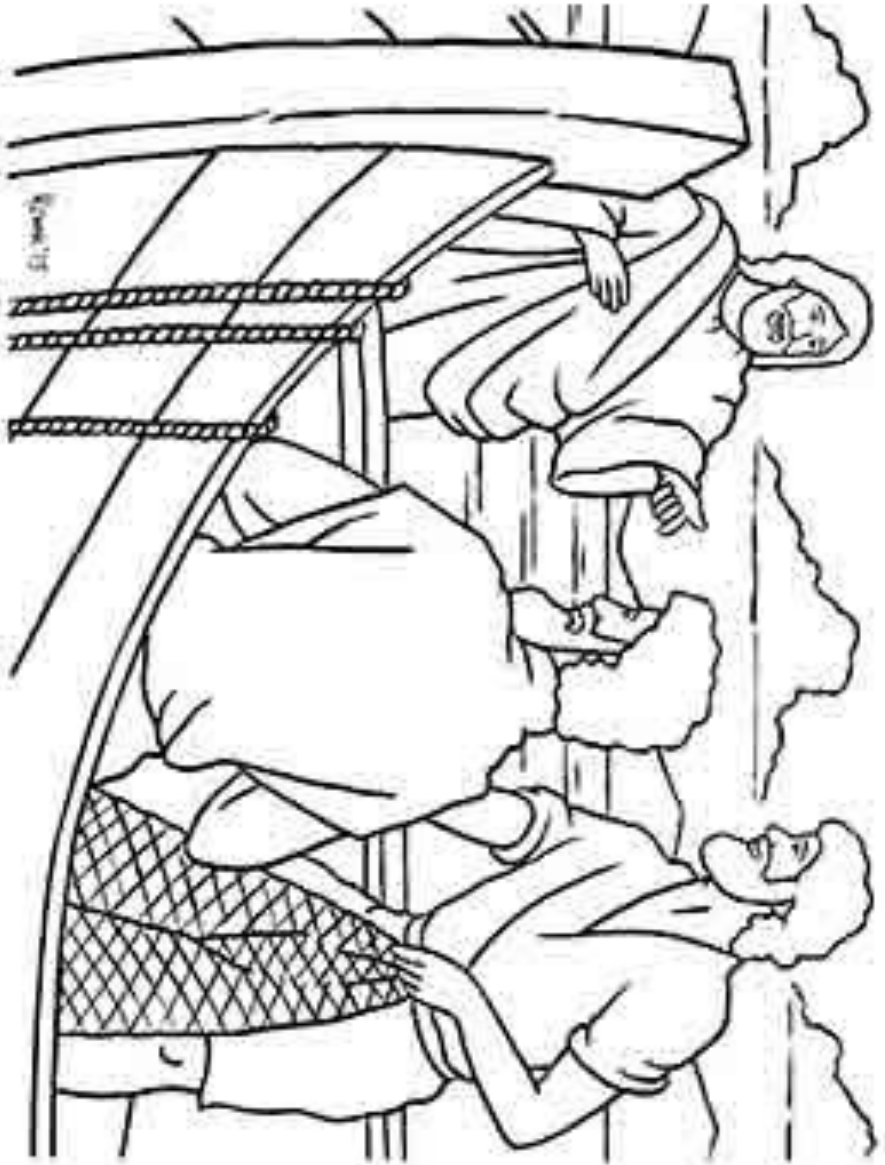
All Welcome

Proceeds to Disasters Emergency Committee
Appeal for The Middle East

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A Picture to Colour



Read Mark 1: 14-20

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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Susan Marsh, Stephanie Rigg, Christine Withers

Sides People

Maureen Allison, Elaine Burrows, Carole Clayton, Joyce Cox, Gaynor Kirby, Stephen Marsh.

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Mothers Union - Details from Church

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