

# November 2023

# THE DIARY OF ST MARY'S

# DROYLSDEN



*A 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*

## **November Services 2023**



**5<sup>th</sup> November - 10.30am – Family Holy Communion –  
Shoebox Sunday**

**Revelations 7: 9-17 and Matthew 5: 1-12**

**12<sup>th</sup> November - 10.30am – Holy Communion –  
Remembrance Day**

**Amos 5: 18-24 and Matthew 25: 1-13**

**19<sup>th</sup> November - 10.30am – Holy Communion**

**Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 and Matthew 25: 14-30**

**26<sup>th</sup> November - 10.30am Morning Worship**

**Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 and Matthew 25: 31-46**

**6.30pm – Holy Communion**

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

## **O God, Our Help in Ages Past, Our Hope for Years to Come**

On Remembrance Sunday each year we remember those who have given their lives in war, pray for those who suffer the devastating effects of war today, and commit ourselves to strive for peace and healing in society.

This year we do not have to look far to see the terrible suffering and pain brought by war, with both Ukraine and Israel / Palestine not far from our minds.

We read in Isaiah that in God's Kingdom swords will be beaten into ploughshares, and spears into pruning hooks. Jesus (the one promised by God), is said to be the Prince of Peace. So, we hold in our hearts the hope of the fulness of God's kingdom when the lion will lie down with the lamb – where there are no more enemies to threaten and destroy.

With this hope in our hearts, we can find courage to keep on praying for our world today. God works in many ways, not least in changing human hearts to see our neighbour as equally loved, and equally a recipient of God's mercy and grace. Peace is built on justice and freedom. Where these are present love can begin to grow between people, and communities can be rebuilt.

Meanwhile, we watch and pray, and maybe weep with those who are suffering today. With our eyes fixed on Jesus, and with hope in our hearts, let's work and pray for peace and healing where we are, and support as we can, those who seek to bring help and healing to all who suffer from wars past and present.

Rev Cath



## **Celebrating 175<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary**

What a fabulous day we had celebrating our Church Anniversary on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The Church was decorated with lots of displays showing all the different groups and organisations connected to St Mary's. Lots of people stayed for excellent performances by St John's Castle Band and many stayed on for our Songs of Praise Service.

Lots of tea and toast was consumed, hot dogs and burgers eaten, and beautiful little cakes enjoyed.

people searched the registers and were delighted to find a record of their baptism or wedding. One couple re-enacted their wedding photos in the churchyard.

Rev. Cath won the hymn competition, (answers are at the back of the diary for you to see how you did) lots of people were walking round church humming to themselves, you may know all the hymns, but do you know the titles?

We now have a beautiful mosaic of our Church to remind us of the day.

Thank you to all who set up displays, served refreshments, joined in the crafts and quiz, spoke to strangers, sang and encouraged people to come along YOU all make St Mary's Church Community a loving, caring one, moving forward with faith.

Christine



## Sunday School

Sunday School activities are now available in the Church Room every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday for children in year one and above.

## Tea and Toast Drop In

Wednesday mornings during term-time from 9am. Call in for a brew and a chat and perhaps meet some new faces. Who knows what you might discover.

For more information have a word with Beth or Gaynor

A Big

# THANK YOU



for supporting Droylsden & District foodbank  
with your harvest gifts

Your donations make a BIG difference  
to local people in crisis.

Droylsden & District foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's UK wide foodbank network.

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## Do the Honours!



At our Mothers Union meeting in October, we had a talk from Roy Catterall DL who spoke about the Honours System. BEMs, OBEs, MBEs etc are awarded twice a year, on the King's official birthday and New Years Eve.

Every day 'ordinary' people make an extraordinary difference across Greater Manchester. Chances are that you know at least one who

immediately springs to mind. But have you ever thought of nominating them for a national Honour?

Reading the media coverage of the New Year and Birthday Honours Lists, you might come away with the mistaken impression that honours are only awarded to household names, or the retired who have dedicated their entire lives to community or charitable service.

Yet the reality is, that each year the King recognises the extraordinary achievements of people from all walks of life, and all ages, within our communities. These are the people who really make a difference to the lives of those around them.

Typically, over 70% of people who receive honours are people who have undertaken outstanding work in their communities.

However, Roy told us that although the Northwest is 11.2% of the UK population in the 2022 New Years list the NW received only 7.3% of honours. Greater Manchester is 4.2% of the UK population but from the same list only received 31 honours; 2.73% of the total. Consistently one of the bottom 3 regions nationally.

We know there are people out there who deserve an honour, but we need you to nominate them. So, if you know somebody who deserves to be recognised, please do the Honours!

Roy also spoke about KAVS.

The King's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK. It is known as the MBE for groups of volunteers.

Any group of 3 or more people doing volunteering work can be nominated for the award. The majority of the group must be volunteers, and more than half the volunteers must have the right to live in the UK.



To be nominated they should have been doing outstanding work for at least 3 years that:

- is led by volunteers, not paid staff
- is based in the UK, Channel Islands or Isle of Man
- provides a specific and direct benefit to their local communities

Anyone who is independent from the group can nominate. So again, if you know a group you think deserve to be nominated -Do the Honours!

Visit <http://www.gmhonours.org/> for more information or speak to Roy or Pat



Barbara Walton recently received this letter from Andrea and Andrew our CMS partners.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.  
Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Barbara,

We have been back in the UK seven weeks and are going through the process of transition as we begin to resettle in Scarborough. Of course, it is good to be able to reconnect with our family and friends in the UK but there is still a sense of 'homesickness', missing our life as it was in Nepal.

Our last year in Nepal left us exhausted. Andrew who been doing two jobs found himself frequently falling asleep in the chair during the day since we got back! In the last seven weeks we have been resting, recharging our batteries, and visiting children and grandchildren. One piece of exciting news we would want to share is that Anna and Petr are

expecting twins in the new year. We expect that we life for us will get busier!

We are now at the stage of making plans to visit our supporting churches during the next few months. We hope that we will be able to meet with you during one of our visits. Please do contact us if you know that your church would like a visit. We are looking forward to sharing with you all that the Lord has been doing in Nepal. Thank you for your continued prayerful support as we begin to discern the next stage of our journey with God.

God's peace,

Andrea & Andrew



Mother's Union Branch meeting

Tuesday Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Church room

Invited guest speaker Sue Abbott

The meeting will be led by Christine Withers and Meryl Crummack

Everybody welcome

A tribute to Jill Kennaugh, a member of the Mothers' Union for 25 years.

We remember Jill as a truly dedicated friend, enthusiastic and faithful in all she did for our Mothers' Union.

We will miss her and the support which she gave to us all.

God Bless you Jill



## **In Memory of Jill Kennaugh RIP**

The funeral of Jill took place on Mon.16th Oct and the church was packed, which showed how much she had touched the hearts of people that she knew.

Jill was a unique person and had her own individual style. Her life was centered around St. Mary's and Manchester United.

All I can do is list all the activities in church that she attended during her lifetime starting at the Brownies (and that is how we met). Guiding; C.Y.F.A.; P.C.C.; the T.Team; Mothers Union; Craft Club- and her all year hobby of the Christmas shoe boxes plus the church fair and her lovely knitted toys. I hope I haven't missed anything out.

Jill and I had a friendship that had lasted over 60 years and to my family she was Auntie Jill, attending all our family celebrations with Dan.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Dan and her brother John and his family.

We will miss you. God Bless,

Hilary Birch



## **Jill**

Remembering Jill, where do I begin? Going back to around 1996 when several of us from St Mary's got involved in Operation Christmas Child and the warehouse was in Higher Openshaw. Jill was in the thick of it

checking that the boxes had sufficient in them, those were the days when you could put almost anything in shoeboxes for children or their mum and many of the boxes were bigger than today's OCC boxes. We continued the annual OCC teamwork in church and in the Stockport or Tameside warehouses every year until 2019 when the warehouse was in Droylsden Shopping Centre. Over all those years it was Jill who made up far more boxes than anyone from church, it took me several years to realise this, as Jill never mentioned it. Jill was working at the warehouse almost every day over the 3-to-4-week period in November to early December. From 10.30 am to 3.30 pm. Jill would stay on for the evening shift when Dan would be at the warehouse helping. Oh! and Jill would catch the bus to Ashton bus station then walk the mile or more to the out-of-town industrial area warehouse. I'd offer to give her a lift if she could meet at church, but she just said, 'No it's ok I can manage.'

When the occ warehouses closed in Tameside due to Management changes to the system of checking & collecting. Jill would still be the one to make up more boxes than anyone and produce more hats, scarves and knitted items for children and for the past couple of years she would buy 100 OCC Flat-pack boxes, 50 for her to do and 50 for church. Jill never one to say a lot - Just did it.

I'm sure many of her church friends could add their thoughts of Jill from their involvement of working with Jill in several of our church activities.

RIP Jill

John Sporne



## Christmas Fair



## St Mary's Church

### Christmas Fair

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am – 2pm**

**Refreshments, gifts, cards, books, cakes and much more**

**All donations to the stalls are gratefully received, if you are thinking of providing a home baked cake, please ensure it is wrapped in clingfilm.**

**Thank you**

### Forward Planning

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 10.30am - Christingle**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am – Crib Service and Morning  
Worship**

**11.30 – Christmas Midnight Service**

**25<sup>th</sup> December – 10.30am – Holy Communion**

# Harvest Challenge Recipe Book

St Mary's School once again chose to support the work of Droylsden & District Foodbank with their harvest collection.

However, this year they also decided to invent recipes to cook using the contents of the food parcel. Each class created their own recipe and cooked it for all to enjoy. They have made a recipe book including all the recipes which will be given out at the Foodbank. Their fantastic creative initiative has been shared throughout the country via the Trussell Trust weekly newsletter. Very well done to both pupils and staff for being so creative.

Below are a few of the recipes but if you want to see all the meals created visit:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1034880322/>

## **How to make stew**

Year 6 grew their own vegetables, but you can use fresh or tinned.

We cooked it on an open fire but you can use an oven.

### **Ingredients**

1 Tin of cannellini beans; 4 medium sized potatoes ; 2  
Chicken stock cubes: Water Season to taste

Serves 4

### **Method**

1. First, finely chop your carrots, potatoes and onions.
2. Then put them in a casserole dish or large pan.
3. Next, add the cannellini beans and beef.

4. After that, cover the vegetables and meat with water.
5. Crumble the chicken stock in the dish and season to taste.
6. Cook for approximately 1 hour or until the vegetables soften.

Be careful when taking the casserole dish out of the oven as it will be very hot.

### Year 1 - Harvest Challenge



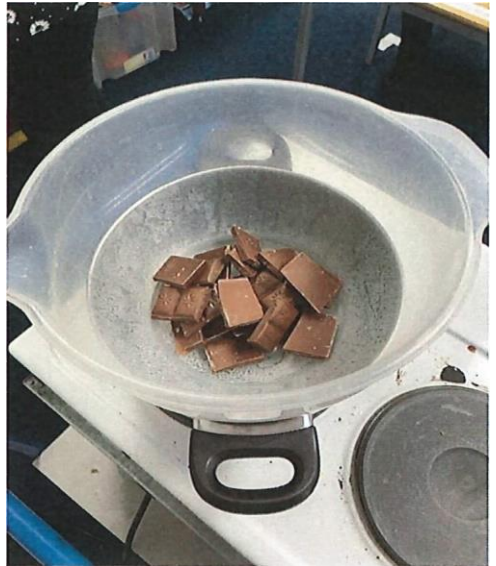
How to make sausage pasta.	You will need: Sausages. Pasta Tomato sauce
1. First, cook the pasta.	2. Then cook the soggetti.
3. Next, drain the water from the pasta.	4. After that, cut the sausages up.
5. After that mix the sauce into the pasta.	6. Finally, eat the pasta and enjoy it.

The stew would be great with crusty bread to dip into it

## How to make a delicious coco pop square

### You will need

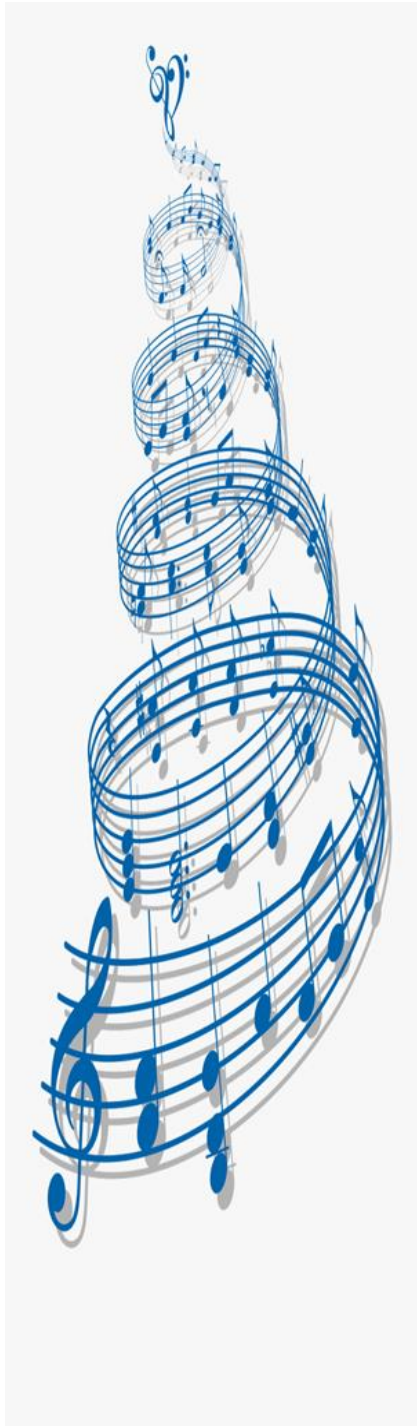
- 1 box of coco pops.
- As many bars of chocolate as you want
- A spread (your choice of flavor)
- A large spoon
- Hot water
- A knife
- A pan
- A mixing bowl



### Method

1. To begin, wash your hands so there are no germs on your hands.
2. Carefully heat the water in the pan.
3. Evenly break the chocolate into pieces and put it into a bowl.
4. Next, stir the chocolate into the bowl while the bowl is on the pan.
5. When the chocolate has melted, pour just over half of the box of coco pops in.
6. When you have stirred it, evenly put it into the tray.
7. Using the spoon, press it down so it is flat.
8. Place the mixture into the fridge for 30 mins.
9. If wanted, apply the spread to the top of the mixture.
10. Put it back into the fridge for another 30 mins.
11. Take it out of the fridge.
12. Finally, cut it into even squares.





# Christmas Band Concert

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>  
December 2pm

St Mary's Church  
Droysden

Tickets available  
from Church soon  
priced £5.00

including

Mulled wine and  
mince pies after the  
performance

See Pat

## Operation Christmas Child

For those who have done their box - You can bring them into church on Saturday 4th November to the Coffee Morning. Or on Sunday 5th for the Shoebox Presentation & Blessing at 10.30am. If you come to this Service and have brought your box in previously there will be a box for you to take forward.

Please try to put a Christmas Card or Greetings Card in your box and an elastic band around your box, don't worry if you do not have an elastic band as I have some.

Donations can be put in the OCC Donations Box in the Church Room at anytime whilst it is there.

Thank you.

John Sporne



St Mary's Church, Droylsden

# Coffee Morning

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am – 11.00am

In the Church Room



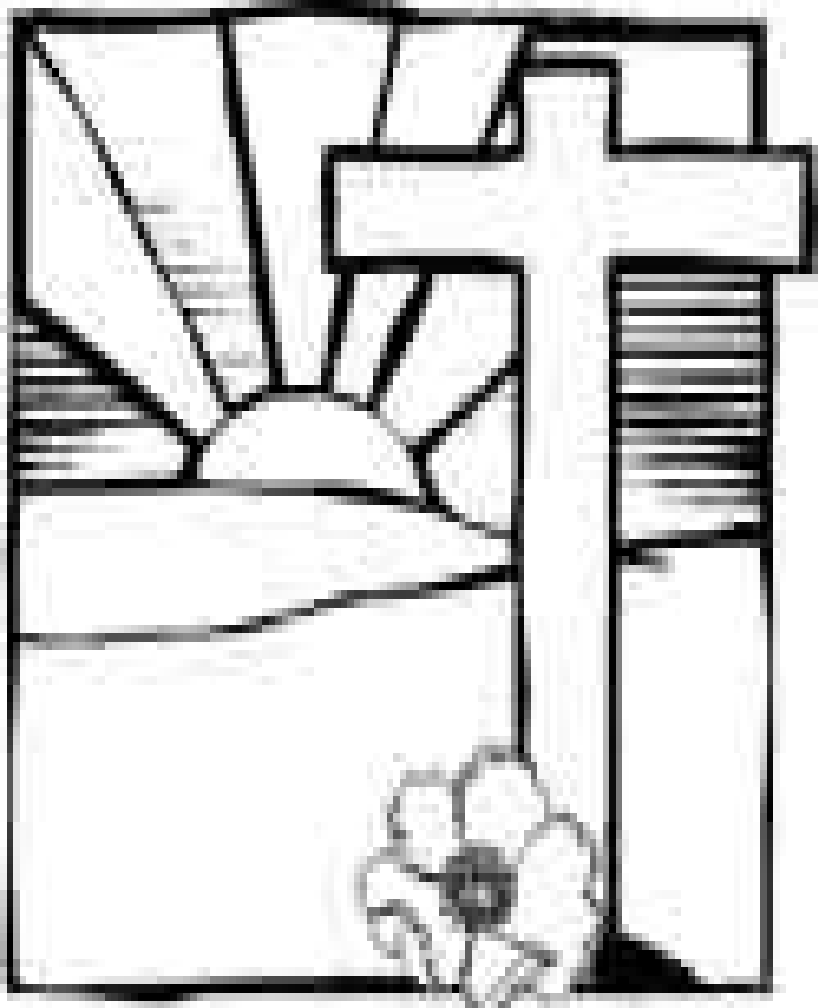
All Welcome

Proceeds to Operation Christmas Child



# **A Picture to Colour**

Lest We Forget



**Remembrance Day 11<sup>th</sup> November**

## Answers to the Hymn Quiz

1. For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile, You gave me Jesus and you made me your child and I just thank you for making me, me. ***If I were a butterfly***
2. As we gaze on your kingly brightness. So our faces display your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory .... ***Shine Jesus Shine***
3. Give me courage when the world is rough. Keep me loving though the world is tough. Leap and sing in all I do ..... ***One more step.***
4. From Heaven you came, helpless babe. Entered our world, you glory veiled. Not to be served but to serve ..... ***Servant King***
5. And now let the weak say "I am strong" let the poor say "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us. ***Give thanks with a grateful heart***
6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise that when we first begun. ***Amazing Grace***
7. Each little flower that opens. Each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colours, And made their tiny wings. ***All things bright and beautiful.***
8. Goodness and mercy all my life. Shall surely follow me, and in God's house forevermore. My dwelling-place shall be. ***The Lord's my shepherd***
9. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning. Born of the one light, Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise every morning ..... ***Morning has Broken.***
10. O now carry me to Bethlehem to see the Lord of love again: just as poor as was the stable then, the price of glory when he came. ***See him lying on a bed of straw (calypso carol)***
11. .... I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide. ***Jesus I have promised***

**12.** All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love. ***We plough the fields and scatter***

Deadline for the diary is always the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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