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WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS at 10.30am
GROWING IN FAITH & WORSHIP WE WORK TOGETHER TO SERVE & CARE FOR ALL

SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2026 – REV. ROB COTTON
Bible readings: 1 Corinthians 1 vv18-31; Matthew 5 vv1-12.

A warm welcome to our service this morning. If this is your first time here we look forward to meeting you over tea and coffee afterwards.

AMC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, **tomorrow** 23rd February at 7.30pm in church. All may attend but only members may vote.

ALPHA COURSE continues on Tues. 24th Feb. at 7pm. Please let Rev. Rob know if you cannot be there for the meal. Ashley Methodist Church will be hosting the Holy Spirit weekend here, 13/14th March.

SONGS OF PRAISE, **today**, 22nd February at Market Drayton Methodist Church. All are welcome to share worship, fellowship and refreshments.

WORSHIP @ 6, Sunday 8th March at MDMC. Speaker Anthony Clowes. All are welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, Friday 6th March at 6pm at St Paul's Church, Croxton. All are invited to this rather special service compiled by the women of Nigeria. Light refreshments afterwards. Please speak to a steward if you need a lift.

PATHWAYS TO HOLINESS AND MISSION, a Lent quiet day, Saturday 7th March, 10am -3.30pm at Frodsham (WA6 6XB). *Details are on the notice board.*

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES, 3rd April. **At 10am** starting at the Catholic Church and a walk of witness to the Anglican Church. **At noon** at Ashley Methodist Church.

LENT LUNCHESES. All are welcome for a light lunch & fellowship at noon. **Wed. 25th February** at the Chapterhouse, Ashley Parish Church. Wed. 11th March at the Oddfellows Hall. Wed. 25th March at AMC. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

BEETLE DRIVE & HOT DOGS, Sat. 7th March. Fun for all ages at MDMC. *Details later.*

PURCHASE OF NEW HYMN BOOKS. We shall be making Singing the Faith our preferred hymn book and would appreciate offers towards the cost by sponsoring a copy. Please speak to a steward if you would like to participate.

THANK YOU to Hillary for providing a very smart microwave oven, part of our kitchen upgrade.

FOOD HYGIENE COURSE. If you prepare food/cakes etc. for Church we would like you to take part in a level 2 Food Hygiene course. The 2hr course is completed online in your own time and ends with a multiple choice sheet. You will then have a certificate for 3 years. Cost is £10.80. The Church will pay for this but if you feel able to contribute that would be very helpful. Please speak to Carol Cotton **by the end of February** to be added to the list.

COMPASSION JAR. Our donations of small change help to support two children – Kevine in Rwanda & William in Guatemala. The collection jar is by the entrance. Our current fund stands at £19.89. Thank you for your continuing contributions. Every penny counts! There is a letter from Kevine on the notice board. She has been in hospital so we pray for a good recovery.

MARKET DRAYTON FOODBANK. There is a list of items required on the notice board. Gifts can be left at Loggerheads Co-op. Thank you. More information on the website:

<https://marketdrayton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

ROTA FOR SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2026 – REV. ROGER BAKER

BIBLE STUDY. We shall meet in church on Thursday 26th February 10-11.30am for week 7 of our study of the “I am” sayings of Jesus. Do come if you can for fellowship, coffee/tea and some lively and very informal discussion.

ONLINE PRAYERS take place on Mondays at 7-7.30pm. Zoom details: ID: 918 5917 6065 Passcode: 438347

MIDWEEK COMMUNION at MDMC, 11am, Wed. 25th February.

FAMILY CONCERNS. We pray for our friends in care homes, for pain relief, healing and peace for for all who are unwell, their carers and families and for families under stress. We ask for comfort and peace for the bereaved. We pray for hope, joy and peace in Christ for our young people.

CIRCULATE IN ME, CHANGE AND RENEW,
BECAUSE I KNOW THAT ONLY YOUR SPIRIT CAN BRING LIFE AND FRUIT.
(Ulrich Schaffer)