



St Mary Magdalene  
CHURCH, HUCKNALL

# St Mary Magdalene with St John the Evangelist - Hucknall

*Faith Hope and Love*



**17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

8am – Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene

9.30am – Holy Communion St John the Evangelist

11am – Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene

### Collect for today:

**Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

### A prayer for our work with children, young people and their families

O Generous God, Jesus welcomed children when others turned them away and reminded his followers to be like children in their trust of you; give us wisdom to nurture children and young people and reach out that more young people would know they are loved by you and follow in the footsteps of Jesus. In his name we ask. Amen.

### Readings for this week

Sunday	Daniel 12.1-3 Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25 Mark 13.1-8		
Monday	Luke 18.35-end	Thursday	Luke 19.41-44
Tuesday	Luke 19.1-10	Friday	Luke 19.45-end
Wednesday	Luke 19.11-28	Saturday	Luke 20.27-40

### Invitation/Challenge

I overheard a discussion in a previous church about the creed. The disagreement was not about who God is, but about whether it should be “I believe...” or “We believe”. I can see it both ways. Affirming my faith is about what *I believe*, but I am part of a church family who support each other through all that life brings so when we worship together it is also what *we believe*. We probably each understand God slightly differently, but we are united in God's love and in being ordinary humans, with all the struggles that brings, and we meet together to encourage one another as well as worship together. *I believe* in God, but appreciate the support in knowing *We believe* too. I am not alone.

## **People and places to pray for:**

- We pray for the many blessings we receive each day, ever thankful for God`s goodness, peace and love
- for the church, called to witness to your love in this generation. May Christians work with all people of goodwill to break down the barriers which divide people
- for your light to shine into the darkness of our war-torn, violent and hurting world; we pray for peace in the Middle East, Ukraine and Russia, Sudan and all places of conflict.
- for the leaders of the world, that they may be guided in all their decision-making
- for strength and courage to those who bear heavy responsibilities for the peace of the world.
- for schools and centres of learning throughout the world, for those who lack access to basic education
- for your light to shine into the long dark nights of those who suffer pain, illness or mental ill-health; we pray for healing, comfort, reassurance and compassion for all those for whom life is a struggle
- for all who work in the NHS and healthcare services, for your healing and comfort to surround those whose illness is bringing them to the end of their lives for the support of Macmillan nurses and the hospice movement
- for your light to shine into our lives with all our differences, challenges, problems and demands upon us; we pray that we may be constant in faith, hope and love as we make our journey with you

**The family and friends of those bereaved:** Trevor Brammer, Greta Ashurst, Christine Spencer, Beryl Powis

**Those in particular need:** Henry Meakin, Rian Fernades, Robert Thomas, Tom Sanders, Phyllis French, Kathleen Priestley, Tanya Torkarski, Ghislaine, Connie Ball, Harry, Kenneth Chamberlain, Beryl, James Perrin, Ronald Nakablae, Bob Farmer, Edna Sharpe and Family

## *What's on this week.....*

Monday	10.30am	Daytime Bible Study JGC
Tuesday	9am	Play & Praise St JE
	10.15am	Holy Communion St MM
	1.45pm	National Primary Welcome Service St MM
	4.30-5pm	Communion before Confirmation St MM
	7-8.30pm	Bible Study Group St JE
Wednesday	1.30pm	Play & Praise St MM
Thursday	9.15am	National Primary Y3 St MM
	1-3pm	Well-being Café St MM

	2pm 3.30-5pm 7-8.30pm	Mothers' Union JGC Food, Family, Friends St JE Alpha Course JGC
Saturday	8.30-9am	Quiet Prayer St MM
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov. <i>next before Advent</i>	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion St MM Holy Communion St JE Informal Communion St MM

## ***Notices.....***

- **Bishop Andy, the Bishop of Sherwood, will be joining us on 8<sup>th</sup> December** for the Confirmation at 11am STMM but will also be joining STJE for worship at 9.30am. Hope you can join us that day.
- **TODAY - JGC Christmas Fayre 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 11am to 2pm,** lots of wonderful craft stalls, children's activities with local choir plus refreshments. Fundraising for our Churches and JGC. We would appreciate any donations of soft toys and chocolate items, also cakes on the day. If you would like to help on a stall please see Pam, all help much appreciated!
- **Mothers' Union:** this Thursday@ 2pm in the John Godber Centre.
- **Christmas Tree Festival** 4-7 December. We are looking for lots of volunteers to staff the church and to bake! Please sign up on the rotas at the back of church for serving refreshments, selling raffle tickets or stewarding. We ask people to sign up for 2 hour sessions. If you're baking, please add your contribution to the list on the Refreshments rota. Thank you in advance for everything you're doing to support this great community and fund raising event.
- **Bell Ringers....**"Would you like to have a go at ringing the Church Bells at St Mary's?. Taster sessions are available, come and have a go. Please email Lynda Hudson, at [hucknall@southwelldg.org.uk](mailto:hucknall@southwelldg.org.uk) or on 07786624010 for more information"
- **Message from Graham J: The Nottingham Chamber Singers** are performing a family-friendly concert at St Mary Magdalene's on Sunday 8th December at 3.30pm. Items include 'Brother Heinrich's Christmas' by John Rutter and 'A Ceremony of Carols' by Benjamin Britten, plus wassails and carols. Tickets are priced at £12, £11 (concessions) and £5 (children and students) and are available from the John Godber Centre, or via Music for Everyone (<https://www.music-for-everyone.org/event/ncs-concert-stories-of-christmas/>, 0115 958 9312). We'd love to see you there!
- **JGC upcoming events....**family festive elf party on the 6<sup>th</sup> December and New Years family eve party, if anyone would like more details please see the Centre's Facebook page or posters. Tickets are selling fast!

- **Christmas Tree Festival Raffle 2024**: We are planning to run the raffle again this year at the Christmas Tree Festival. Whilst it is a very difficult time for some, we would appreciate donations of food to make up hampers for the raffle. I have put lists in the churches giving suggestions of items that would be suitable and if you are able to give anything it would be most gratefully received. Donation of a suitably sized basket or box (covered in Christmas paper) would also be much appreciated. Any queries please speak to Avril
- **Alpha and Confirmation**: If you would like to be confirmed then please talk to Helen and, if you are able, then please join the Alpha on Thursday evenings 7pm JGC. If you cannot do Thursday evenings talk to Helen.
- **Safeguarding**: Foundation safeguarding 25th Nov 6:30-8:30pm or 26th Nov 9:30-11:30am. Please speak to Nicola Turner
- **Communion before Confirmation**: We are excited to invite any regular attending children aged 8 or over to take part in Communion before Confirmation sessions. These sessions will explore what communion is all about. If your child is interested, please speak to Nicola T or Helen for more information.
- **Salvation Army Christmas gifts for children in need**: The Salvation Army welcome NEW toys for children and young people nominated by our local schools. Please deliver them to church UNWRAPPED by 6<sup>th</sup> Dec so they can be given to suitable aged children. Many thanks
- **Communion Wafers**: If you require a gluten free wafer for communion, please speak to the church warden or one of the sides people.
- **Church yard**: If you notice any anti-social behaviour in the church yard, please call the police on 101 **when you see it happening**, or report it on [www.nottinghamshire.police.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.police.uk)

Our Well-being Café is open Every Thursday 1-3pm - A great place to call in for a cuppa, people to talk to and for those who want a prayer too.

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