



St Mary Magdalene  
CHURCH, HUCKNALL

# St Mary Magdalene with St John the Evangelist - Hucknall

*Faith Hope and Love*



## 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Sunday next before Advent

8am – Holy Communion St Mary Magdalene  
9.30am – Holy Communion St John the Evangelist  
11am – Informal Communion St Mary Magdalene

### Collect for today:

**God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory, 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 7.9-10, 13-14	Revelation 1.4b-8	John 18.33-37
Monday	Luke 21.1-4	Thursday	Luke 21.20-28
Tuesday	Luke 21.5-11	Friday	Luke 21.29-33
Wednesday	Luke 21.12-19	Saturday	Matthew 4.18-22

### Invitation/Challenge

Some things in life are not what they seem: my son has salt and pepper pots that look like penguins, or we were given a bottle opener that looks like Gromit.

Some people are not quite who we assume them to be either. Jesus looked like a travelling preacher and he was, he slept wherever people invited him to stay, he wore the ordinary clothes of the very ordinary people of his day. But he was also a King and when he talked about being a king, then people found it hard to believe. He was not a king who had servants but one who served anyone who would let him. It's no wonder they struggled to understand.

I wonder what difference he has made to you and your life.

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

- We give thanks for the gift of Christ our King and his sacrifice for us.
- We pray for those who are caught up in the conflicts of war, those who are victims of violence, terrorism or hate crimes
- We pray for our world as technology grows around us and many consequences are unforeseen; grant us the ability to discern the good from evil, the genuine from fraud, the truth from falsehood and the voice to stand up for what is right.
- For all young people who are struggling with life through a computer screen; give them the words to speak of their suffering, to seek help, to find comfort and consolation, and to be aware of your constant love surrounding them
- We pray for those who are suffering severe financial hardship; help us to bring food to the hungry, warmth to the cold and reassurance to the anxious.
- For a transforming peace, turning fear into trust, pain into hope and doubt into confidence for a better future.
- For church community projects - Social Eating Renew and Wellbeing Café
- For those exploring faith, those on Alpha and those preparing for Confirmation
- For ourselves that the glory, majesty and example of Christ our King will fill our hearts and lives with a deeper compassion and open our eyes to see the presence of Christ in all people

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

**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

<i>What's on this week.....</i>		
Monday	9-10.30am 10.30am	National Primary Yr3 St MM Daytime Bible Study JGC
Tuesday	9am 10.15am 4.30-5pm 7-8.30pm	Play & Praise St JE Holy Communion St MM Communion before Confirmation St MM Bible Study Group St JE
Wednesday	9-10.30am 1.30pm	National Y1/2 Christmas Pilgrimage StMM Play & Praise St MM
Thursday	1-3pm 3.30-5pm	Well-being Café St MM Food, Family, Friends St JE

	7-8.30pm	Alpha Course JGC
Saturday	8.30-9am 10am-1.30pm	Quiet Prayer St MM Visiting Bell Ringers Quarter Peal St MM
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec. <i>1<sup>st</sup> of Advent</i>	8am 9.30am 11am 4pm 6pm	Holy Communion St MM Holy Communion St JE Holy Communion St MM Christingle St JE Hope & Remembrance St MM

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

- **Christingle Sunday** 1<sup>st</sup> December 4pm STJE, All welcome.
- **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 11am STMM** The confirmation candidates who have not yet been baptised will be baptised in this service. I hope you can be with us to support them.
- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Bishop Andy preaching at 9.30 STJE  
Bishop Andy taking the confirmation service at 11am STMM
- **Sunday Morning Refreshments:** I would be most grateful if you would give some thought to joining the Sunday Morning Rota. Currently 7 of us that are on the rota are also on the Sides person Rota and it is making things difficult – so extra help would be most appreciated. Please give it some prayerful thought. Thank You Avril Ridley
- **John Godber Centre Christmas Market:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 4-8pm.
- **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 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.

***If you would like information of how to give regularly to our work then please see one of our church wardens.***

***We are an Ecofriendly Church with the Bronze award from Aroche and working towards the Silver award. Please join us in choosing to make responsible decisions for the sake of all of creation, both at church and in our homes and the whole of life.***

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