



St Mary Magdalene
CHURCH, HUCKNALL

St Mary Magdalene with St John the Evangelist - Hucknall

Faith Hope and Love



22nd December 2024 – 4th Sunday of Advent

8am – Holy Communion - St Mary Magdalene
 9.30am – Holy Communion - St John the Evangelist
 11am – Informal Communion - St Mary Magdalene
 7pm – Carol Service – St Mary Magdalene



Collect for today:

**Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation 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	Micah 5.2-5a	Hebrews 10.5-10	Luke 1.39-45 [46-55]
Monday	Luke 1.57-66	Thursday	Matthew 10.17-22
Tuesday	Luke 1.67-79	Friday	John 21.19b-end
Wednesday	Luke 2.1-14 [15-20]	Saturday	Matthew 2.13-18

Invitation/Challenge

The diocese has 3 words which are a prompt for us as we live out our faith. They are Courage, Confidence and compassion. These words fit well in our gospel reading today. God’s compassion for his people who have wandered away and longs to reach out to them in love, Mary’s courage to say “Yes” and her confidence that God would be at work in her.

I wonder how courage, confidence and compassion have been part of your life so far... and how they might be part of your life in the future.

People and places to pray for:

- Give thanks for God's precious gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.
- Pray for stability, freedom, unity and reconciliation in Syria and all other nations scarred by war and turmoil.
- Pray for safety and rest for the children and staff of our schools this Christmas time.
- Pray for opportunities to shine the light of Christ in our lives.
- Pray for people who are homeless and hungry, for God to guide us in the best way to help them, and for our nation to develop policies to reduce homelessness and hunger.

The family and friends of those bereaved: John Scotney, Don Wardle, Olumide Olowookere

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	11.30am	Funeral St MM
Christmas Eve	10.15am 3pm & 4.30pm 11.30pm	Holy Communion St MM Crib Service St MM First Communion of Christmas St MM
Christmas Day	10am	United Family Communion St MM
Sunday 29 th Dec. <i>1st Sunday of Christmas</i>	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion St MM Holy Communion St JE Holy Communion St MM
Tuesday 31 st Dec.	10.15am	Holy Communion St MM
Thursday 2 nd Jan.	1-3pm	Well-being Café St MM
Sunday 5 th Jan. Epiphany	8am 9.30am 11am 6pm	Holy Communion St MM Holy Communion St JE Holy Communion St MM Hope & Remembrance St MM

Notices.....

→ **Tuesday 24th at 10.15am** we will be celebrating Christmas for those unable to get to church for Midnight Communion or Christmas day.

- **Room at the Inn?** Do you have a spare room to offer a Ukrainian refugee? Our friend, Anastasiia, has been staying with us for 2 years, but will need to find other lodging when we leave Hucknall in March or April. The Homes for Ukraine Scheme is coming to an end soon, but you could enter into a private arrangement with her under the separate Rent-a-Room Scheme. Chat to Phil Aldred for more info. 07760 885570.
- **Hucknall WI Quiz Night:** Friday 10th January 2025 7.30pm - 10.30pm at John Godber Centre. Cost: £6 per person, with teams of up to 6 - individuals or smaller teams can join forces on the night, the WI will assist. Snacks are provided. Bar will open from 7pm with table service during the quiz. Raffle & prizes for the winning team. Previous Quiz nights have been great fun - available to both men and women. Tickets can be booked online: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hucknallwi/quiz-night/e-jkbgk> or speak to Jane Zanker.

Psalm 80

- ¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might,
and come to save us!
- ³ Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- ⁴ O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- ⁶ You make us the scorn[Ⓜ] of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.
- ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.



Wishing you all a joyful, blessed and peaceful Christmas

29th December – 1st Sunday of Christmas

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

Collect for Today

God in Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family, and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readings for this week

Sunday	1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26	Colossians 3.12-17	Luke 2.41-end
Monday	Luke 2.36-40	Thursday	John 1.19-28
Tuesday	John 1.1-18	Friday	John 1.29-34
Wednesday	Luke 2.15-21	Saturday	John 1.35-42

Faith, hope and Love to all for the New Year



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