



St Mary Magdalene
CHURCH, HUCKNALL

St Mary Magdalene with St John the Evangelist - Hucknall

Faith Hope and Love



16th February 2025 – 3rd Sunday before Lent

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

Collect for today:

Eternal God, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of 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	Jeremiah 17.5-10	1 Corinthians 15.12-20	Luke 6.17-26
Monday	Mark 8.11-13	Thursday	Mark 8.27-33
Tuesday	Mark 8.14-21	Friday	Mark 8.34—9.1
Wednesday	Mark 8.22-26	Saturday	Mark 9.2-13

Invitation/Challenge

Most things in life have consequences: if the weather is cold then I may put the heating on, if I put the heating on my heating bill will be higher. If I do not put the heating on I will be cold and miserable.

Jesus tells the crowd that some actions lead to blessings and some lead to woes – these are the consequences of the choices we make. They are not God’s judgement on us. Sometimes awful things just happen. These are not consequences of our choices but just bad luck – what matters is how we respond, how we trust God to help us through and remember his never ending love

People and places to pray for:

- We pray for all the school children who will be on holiday, that they enjoy their break and do not put them self in any danger.
- Pray for all staff at the schools, that this may be a time of refreshment for them.
- We continue to pray for all our hospitals, doctors, nurses, and all other staff as they look after their patients, especially during this winter.
- For our families, friends, neighbours and all those we will meet, help us to be a witness to them. Give us the right words to say and help us with our actions to show your love and Grace to each one of them.
- We pray for the grace to see this world and its needs and problems through the eyes of love, hope, justice and mercy; to abandon prejudice and build bridges of reconciliation.

The family and friends of those bereaved: Betty Butlin, Brian Hinsley

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, Rachael, Kaizen

What's on this week.....

Tuesday	10.15am 12pm	Holy Communion St MM Funeral of Brian Hinsley St MM
Thursday	1-3pm 2pm	Well-being Café St MM Mothers' Union JGC
Friday	12.30pm	Torkard Lunchtime Recital St MM
Saturday	8.30-9am	Quiet Prayer JGC
Sunday 23 rd Feb. 2nd Sunday before Lent	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion St MM Holy Communion St JE Informal Communion St MM

Notices

- **Mothers' Union** this Thursday (20th) @ 2pm in the John Godber Centre; Pat Rose will be doing a Quiz.
 - **The Ash Wednesday Service** this year will be on Weds. 5th March, 7pm at St Mary's.
 - **Hucknall Women's Institute (WI)** are hosting an Afternoon Tea on Saturday 8th March 2025 at The Bentinck Club, Hucknall to celebrate International Women's Day. The event starts at 2pm and is open to both women and men. Tickets are from £12 and the ticket price includes:
 - Sandwiches, scones and cakes*
 - Tea/Coffee
 - A glass of Prosecco/Nosecco (optional upgrade)**Dietary requirements can be catered for
- To book please visit: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hucknall-wi/t-zrzxol>
- **Saturday 8th March from 8am in the town centre**, I will have a Market Stall selling goods for the Church. Any donations will be gratefully received but no breakables or large items please.
Donations can be left in the church vestry marked Market stall.
Thank you, Sue Gibson
- **We're having a few tables at the Easter Fayre at JGC** on March 16th and would very much appreciate any donations of chocolate, any size or shape and bottles of wine. If you have any unwanted teddies/ soft toys, then we'd love them too. If you would like to help on the day, please let me know. Thank you, Pam Barron
- **Torkard Ensemble Recital** (Free) this Friday 21st February @ 12.30pm. The theme this time is 'music you didn't think you knew (until you heard it)! Intriguing? No charge for the Recital – but we welcome donations to support the Hucknall Food Bank, and also for the refreshments which go to the Church. Please wear warm clothes! Thank you Liz Charrot
- **The Monday Daytime Bible study group**: just to inform you this won't be running until further notice.
- **Makaton Signing for Babies and Families 6 Week Course with Jill Bellamy**: Flexible, fun sessions using songs, stories and activities using Makaton to encourage communication skills. All learners receive a pocketbook and a certificate.
Starts Tuesday 25th Feb for 6 weeks at St. John's Church Community Hall, Hucknall (not running at half term) from 11am – 12pm. £21 or free for people on most means tested benefits. Please contact Jill on: jill.bellamy@inspireculture.org.uk
- **Greggs Vouchers**: At the PCC it was decided to invite the congregation to make donations towards Greggs vouchers for homeless people. When we have vouchers to be given away they can be collected on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings only. If you would like to

donate then please put money in an envelope and mark it “Greggs Vouchers”. Many thanks

➤ **Tuesday evening Bible Group**

There will be a Lent group starting on 11th March for 5 weeks and The Chosen will start up after Easter. All are welcome at these sessions 7 - 8.45pm at St John’s Church Hall on Nottingham Road.

- **Are you good at organising fund raising events?** If so please have a word with our church wardens. The churches have quite a few things that need fixing – and they’re never cheap! Thanks.

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.

Our churches are funded by the giving of people like you and me. If you are able to donate towards our upkeep then you can put money in the collection plate, or use the card reader by the main door or set up a regular donation via BACS – we are grateful for all donations no matter how Great or small. If you are a tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your donation... then even better! Thank you.

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.

I am having February as a sabbatical – a time for prayer, reflection, reading. I will not be worshipping with you but you will be in my prayers. Please remember me in yours. Helen Chantry

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