



St Mary Magdalene
CHURCH, HUCKNALL

St Mary Magdalene with St John the Evangelist - Hucknall

Faith Hope and Love



18th May 2025 – 5th Sunday of Easter

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

Collect for today:

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father, 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	Acts 11.1-18	Revelation 21.1-6	John 13.31-35
Monday	John 14.21-26	Thursday	John 15.9-11
Tuesday	John 14.27-end	Friday	John 15.12-17
Wednesday	John 15.1-8	Saturday	John 15.18-21

Invitation/Challenge

We use the word love in so many ways – “I love a cup of tea first thing in the morning”, “I love my dog”, “I loved this book”, “I love God”, “I love you”. The word means different things in the ways we use it. In many stations we mean “I really like”. Yet Jesus asks me to love people I find it hard to like. And Jesus continued to love his friend Simon Peter, even when Simon Peter betrayed Jesus 3 times when Jesus had been arrested. The words of Jesus today are an invitation and a tricky challenge. Let us pray for wisdom and love.

Prayers:

- Thank God that He loves us and keeps his promises
- We pray for peace in Israel and Gaza, for those who are suffering extreme hunger and for the return of the Israeli hostages
- We pray for others at war, Ukraine and Russia, the Congo, Sudan, and all places where there is conflict, especially India and Pakistan
- For aid agencies, relief workers and medical staff in places of crisis
- For wisdom for world Leaders, our own Government, the United Nations and peacemakers
- For all who make decisions on behalf of others
- We pray for those who come to our Well Being Cafe
- For those who suffer from mental ill-health and all medical staff and counsellors
- For victims of crime and those in prison, and all prison staff
- For people to come to know the love of God and the peace that passes all understanding

The family and friends of those bereaved: Annie Turnbull, John Hall, Andree Kane

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

Those Marrying: Jacqui Walker and Clinton Parker

<i>What's on this week</i>		
Monday	12pm-7pm	Deanery Parish Share Meeting St MM
Tuesday	9am 10.15am 7-8.30pm	Play & Praise St JE Holy Communion St MM 'The Chosen' St JE Hall
Wednesday	11am 1.30pm	Funeral of Andree Kane St MM Play & Praise St MM
Thursday	1-3pm 6.30pm	Well-being Café St MM Wedding rehearsal St MM
Saturday	8.30-9am 2pm	Quiet Prayer in Church St MM Wedding of Jacqui and Clinton St MM
Sunday 25 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter	8am 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion St MM Holy Communion St JE Informal Communion St MM

Notices

- ❖ **Jane's ordination**: On Sunday 29th June, Jane will be ordained as a deacon at Southwell Minster. She warmly invites anyone who would like to share in this special occasion to attend the ordination service at 11:00am. All are welcome. As a church we would like to give her a gift of a stole (the scarf thing the clergy wear, different colours at different times of the year). If you would like to make a small donation to this then please put the donation in an envelope marked "for Jane" and give it to Eric (treasurer) or Keith (Church Warden) or Helen. Please don't give it to Jane!
- ❖ **Did you know...?** Many pensioners now pay tax? This means if you receive total pension income as to attract deduction by way of income tax, you can GIFT AID any donation you give to church. Please put cash donations in one of the envelopes and sign it, or sign the gift aid form at the back of church and give it to Geoff or Eric. It will make a big difference to all your donations to church. Thanks
- ❖ **'The Chosen'** - The Chosen is a TV serialisation of the life of Jesus and is a great way to bring to life the stories of the Gospel. We are starting series 1 on Tuesday 29th April. Everyone is invited to join us, whether you have never seen The Chosen or would like to watch it again. Please speak to Helen or Rachael for further info. **Tuesdays - 7pm-8.30pm, St. Johns Community Hall.**
- ❖ We have a **Spring Clean** booked for 31st May at ST John the Evangelist – hope you can join us.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Would you be interested in joining a team** leading worship in residential home once a month? If so please get in touch with Helen C.

HELP US TO ENABLE GODS WORK

Are you able to help us in our mission to help others in our work in the community

Currently in doing our work in the community we are incurring more expense than donations we receive. We only receive money by donations and fund-raising events.

However, if all the adult members were to add the cost of a coffee each month to their giving - it would cover the loss.

If you 'Gift Aid' your giving – that enables us to claim the tax you have paid & add it to your donation (which increases it by 25%). Complete a form & pass it to the Parish Giving Officer.

Can you help us to help our community?

Our Wellbeing Café is open 1-3pm every Thursday for a cuppa and a chat. and the chance for prayer for those who would like it. All welcome

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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