

St Mary Magdalene with St John the Evangelist - Hucknall Faith Hope and Love



19th October 2025 – 18th Sunday after Trinity

8am – Holy Communion - St Mary's 9.30am – Holy Communion – St John's 11am – Holy Communion - St Mary's

Collect for today:

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through 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	Jeremiah 31.27-34	2 Timothy 3.1	4—4.5 Luke 18.1-8
Monday	Luke 12.13-21	Thursday	Luke 12.49-53
Tuesday	Luke 12.35-38	Friday	Luke 12.54-end
Wednesday	Luke 12.39-48	Saturday	Luke 13.1-9

Invitation/Challenge

There are times when we pray when we are asking God for things – and it's good that we do this, our loving heavenly Father knows what we need but invites us to tell him.

There are other times when we sit in silence and remember we are in the presence of someone who loves us. And that is enough.

Prayer is not about me trying to change God's mind, but allowing him to refocus mine.

Prayers:

Generous God, this week we pray for

- all those around the world who do not have access to the basics of life, for those who struggle for food, water, shelter, medical assistance and education. Where there is plenty, inspire us to find ways to distribute resources more fairly.
- those suffering with mental health issues, those too afraid to seek help and those who are waiting for much needed support.
- those for whom life is a constant struggle, where seemingly never-ending conflicts and issues prevent them from knowing you.
- friends, family and neighbours. We give thanks for the good relationships, we ask for peace in the difficult relationships, and we pray that those who have no relationships would know you are with them and that they are never alone.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen

<u>The family and friends of those bereaved</u>: James Perrin, Dennis Johns, Jacqueline Gough, Alan Alford, Dean Thornley, Rev'd. David Anderton, Mark O'Dwyer

<u>Those in particular need</u>: Henry Meakin, Rian Fernades, Robert Thomas, Tom Sanders, Kathleen Priestley, Tanya Torkarski, Connie Ball, Kenneth Chamberlain, Beryl, Bob Farmer, Edna Sharpe and Family, Rachael, Kaizen, Christine Chadwick

What's on this week			
Tuesday	10.15am	Holy Communion St MM	
	7-8.30pm	'The Chosen' St JE Hall	
Thursday	1-3pm	Well-being Café St MM	
	7-8.30pm	Bell-ringers Practice St MM	
Saturday	8.30-9am	Quiet Prayer in Church St MM	
	10-11am	Bellringing Visitors St MM	
Sunday 26 th	8am	Holy Communion St MM	
October Last after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion St JE	
	11am	Informal Communion St MM	

Notices

- ❖ Church Flowers...Lots of you enjoy the lovely flowers in church as part of worship. We are always happy to encourage new members to join the group. You would receive any help and advice needed! Also, a reminder that to keep our flowers going we are always grateful to receive any donations to the flower fund. This can be for any reason. A celebration, a memory of a special time, an event in the news, a thank you to God or in memory of a loved one and so on. Please give any donations via the church wardens or to Eileen Harvey or Ann Murray. Thank you.
- <u>"When I die"</u> this is a free leaflet available from the back of church to encourage people to prepare for when this life ends so that we can leave helpful information for those left behind. It's based on a Mothers Union resource. Please pick up a copy if you would like one if there are none left please tell the church warden on duty and we'll get more printed.
- ❖ <u>Notices</u>: Please could you send any notices for next Sunday's pew sheet to Helen. Thank you
- ❖ <u>Our Diocese</u> will be having an audit known as INEQE in January. This is an independent audit on how churches can improve in safeguarding. It would be great if anyone of you were to complete the questionnaire. It is anonymous. Just follow the link. The questionnaire takes about 20 minutes to complete.
 - <u>Church of England Southwell and Nottingham Ineqe Safeguarding</u> <u>Group</u> Thank you, Nicola
- ★ <u>Table top Sale</u>: Heydays are having a table top sale at St John's on 15th November 10am till 12noon. If anyone would like to have a stall please contact Heydays on 07967505363, tables are £12 and set up is from 9am. Bev and David will be having a stall that day to raise money for our churches.

Christmas Tree Festival Raffle 2025

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. Also if anyone has a suitable basket or a shallow box that they can cover with Christmas paper that would be suitable for us to use it would be appreciated. A list giving suggestions of items that would be appropriate has been placed in both churches and if you are able to give anything it would be most gratefully received.

This year we have kindly been offered the use of a room in John Godber Centre for storage and preparation and they have kindly agreed to accept donations at reception up to 28 November (Thanks to Kim). Through November if anyone has spare time to help prepare the hampers all assistance would be appreciated. Any queries please speak to Avril

❖ Christmas Fayre: On Sunday 16th November there will be a Christmas Fayre in the John Godber Centre. We are having a few stalls there and would very much appreciate any donations of chocolate (any size), bottles of wine and offers of cakes on the day. Thank you

Shoebox appeal

If you'd like to take part in this year's Shoebox appeal you will find leaflets in both churches. They will be collected sometime in November. More information about the charity can be found on the TEAMS4U website. Thank you.

- How much does it cost to change a lightbulb?
 - To replace the lights at STMM, which need scaffolding for quite a few, it will cost £11,533.30. The new bulbs will last 10 years but it's a big outlay but we don't want a gloomy church. Are you able to contribute to this? Every little helps. Thanks
- Are you interested in being confirmed an opportunity to publicly declare your faith in the love of God – and for God to confirm his love for you? Please talk to Jane or Helen

Everyone is invited to the Domestic Abuse Awareness training. Led by the Diocese, on 1st November 10am-1pm. Refreshments will be provided! JGC are hosting the sessions. Whether you have a role within church or not, everyone is welcome to attend. Some people received face to face training nearly 3 years ago, so those people are able to retrain. If you work with the children or renew well-being cafe, you will need to attend one of these sessions as this is now a requirement from the Church of England Safeguarding team. If you have any questions please speak to Nicola. Thank you.

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