



St Mary Magdalene
CHURCH, HUCKNALL

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



Sunday 1st February 2026 – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

8am - Holy Communion - St Mary Magdalene
9.30am – Holy Communion – St John the Evangelist
11am – Holy Communion - St Mary Magdalene
6pm – Hope & Remembrance – St Mary Magdalene

Collect for today:

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God, 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	Malachi 3.1-5	Hebrews 2.14-end	Luke 2.22-40
Monday	Mark 5.1-20	Thursday	Mark 6.7-13
Tuesday	Mark 5.21-end	Friday	Mark 6.14-29
Wednesday	Mark 6.1-6a	Saturday	Mark 6.30-34

Invitation/Challenge

Today we remember Mary and Joseph taking a 40 day old Jesus to the temple for dedication. Simeon and Hannah had the wonderful surprise of meeting the promised Messiah, Mary had the shock of learning that her "Yes" to God would be costly as well as a privilege. I wonder in what ways God's involvement in your life has brought you wonderful surprises and when the privilege of knowing God's love has felt heavy. Ask God for his strength to persevere.

Prayers:

- Pray for countries where justice is in retreat or crushed completely.
- Pray for places where tempers are frayed or fraught.
- Pray for people struggling to cope after the recent storms and floods.
- Pray for those who have nowhere to sleep but the streets.
- Give thanks for faithful followers of God.

The family and friends of those bereaved: Mick Millington, Keith Bailey, Beryl Harker, Joan Moore, Mary Grimshaw

Those in particular need: Henry Meakin, Rian Fernades, Robert Thomas, Tom Sanders, Kathleen Priestley, Tanya Torkarski, Connie Ball, Kenneth Chamberlain, Edna Sharpe and Family, Rachael, Kaizen, Christine Chadwick, Jenny Chadbund, Keith Edwards

What's on this week

Tuesday	9am 10.15am	Play & Praise St JE Holy Communion St MM
Wednesday	1.30pm	Play & Praise St MM
Thursday	1-3pm	Well-being Café St MM
Saturday	8.30-9am	Quiet Prayer JGC
Sunday 8th Feb. 2nd before Lent	8am 9.30am 11am 12.45pm	Holy Communion St MM Holy Communion St JE Worship for All St MM Baptism St MM

A Lent Challenge

I wonder what you take for granted? During Lent we have a “Count your blessings challenge” - Recognising and being grateful for things like clean water, enough food etc. is important for how we see ourselves and the world. This leaflet encourages us to donate in response. You can, of course, donate to any charity. Some of us will be supporting “Away from it all” holidays. This is a Diocesan Mothers Union project providing families with holidays who otherwise could not afford one. We are delighted that this year they are providing a holiday for one of the families connected to our churches.

Notices....

- **Mary Grimshaw** who used to be part of the congregation at St MM has sadly passed away; her funeral will be taking place at St MM church on Tuesday 10th February at 12.15pm
- **Hucknall Beer Festival, JGC's largest fundraiser is back** the 12th to 15th February (we'd love to see you there!) As part of our fundraising the Centre sells cheese cobs during the event and we're looking for any kind hearted volunteers who may be able to spare an hour or so to help prepare them with us on the Thursday, Friday OR Saturday morning. We could do with a helping hand to speed things up if anyone has a little time to spare as demand has increased.
- **Quiz 20th March 2026 at John Godber Centre**
Please join us on Friday 20th March at the John Godber Centre for our Quiz for All event. Doors open at 7pm – eyes down at 7.30pm. Nic will be our compere on the night for what promises to be a fun filled evening. Refreshments available at the bar and a raffle will take place on the night. You can come as a team (up to 6 people) or join others on the night - we will help you to make new friends. Tickets cost £5 (16 years and over) £2.50 (under 16 years) - there's no age limit and it isn't for the super smart - it's about having a good time! Tickets can be booked online at TicketSource - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-mary-magdalene> Alternatively please speak to Jane Z. Please support this event by sharing with family, friends, colleagues and the wider community and come along to enjoy a good time 😊
- **Narrowboat Day Trip Wednesday 27th May & Saturday 6th June**
I have provisionally arranged a day trip on 2 narrowboats for those who are interested in enjoying a trip along the canal. Each narrowboat holds up to 12 people, one boat allowing for up to 2 wheelchairs (if required). The journey begins at 10am with a return at 4pm approximately and will cost £10 per person (providing all places are utilised). All ages are welcome. Each boat has toilet facilities and a small kitchen area to allow the making of hot drinks. The trip will go from Canal Street,

Nottingham (2 minute walk from Nottingham Station) up to Beeston Heritage Centre and back. Refreshments for drinks will be included within the price. You can either bring a packed lunch or purchase this from the Heritage Centre. If this is something you would like to find out more about or sign up for, please speak to Jane Zanker.

- **Donations for Fundraising**

We have a couple of up-and-coming fundraising events, the Spring Fair and a Quiz For All. If you have any donations which can be used as raffle prizes. Please liaise with or pass onto Pam Barron or Jane Zanker. Many thanks

- **Volunteers needed!**

We are looking for people to join our cleaning rota to help care for St John's Church; this would be once a month for 1 hour. If you're able to spare a little time to help with this, please speak to Helen or Keith. Thank you for your support.

- **Rachael will be licensed** as Priest in charge of St Peter and St Paul, West Hucknall on 24th February at 7pm. Her last Sunday with us as a member of staff will be 8th Feb. If you would like to contribute to a gift for Rachael then please put the money in an envelope marked Rachael and give it to Eric.

- **Church WhatsApp Group**: if you would like to be part of the Church WhatsApp group, please give your name and mobile number to Jane Haywood (contact details at the bottom of the pew leaflet), and she will add you to the group.

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