



St Mary Magdalene  
CHURCH, HUCKNALL

# St Mary Magdalene with St John the Evangelist - Hucknall

*Faith Hope and Love*



## Sunday 15th February 2026 – next before Lent

8am - Holy Communion - St Mary Magdalene  
9.30am – Holy Communion – St John the Evangelist  
11am –Holy Communion - St Mary Magdalene  
12.30pm – Baptism – St Mary Magdalene

### Collect for today:

**Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory 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	Exodus 24.12-end	2 Peter 1.16-end	Matthew 17.1-9
Monday	Mark 8.11-13	Thursday	Luke 9.22-25
Tuesday	Mark 8.14-21	Friday	Matthew 9.14-15
Wednesday	Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21 or John 8.1-11	Saturday	Luke 5.27-32

### Invitation/Challenge

For the people of Jesus time they had grown up with stories of Moses, Abraham, David, Elijah etc. Then along comes Jesus who is very different. It must have been confusing. I imagine it was even more confusing, but also a wow moment - when they had their mountain top experience of Moses and Elijah with Jesus. Our Wow moments of growing in our grasp of who Jesus is don't have to be on mountain tops - let's keep our eyes, ears and hearts open to notice God and grow in faith and love

## **Prayers:**

- Pray for humility in high places.
- Pray for lives blighted by war.
- Pray for all who work to make our town a better place to live.
- Pray for glimpses of God's glory in our daily lives.
- Give thanks for the saints who have gone before us.

### **The family and friends of those bereaved:**

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

**For those being Admitted to Communion:** Anais Lamb

**For those being baptised:** Elora Wardle

### *What's on this week*

Today	6pm	Visting Bell Ringers Quarter Peal St MM
Tuesday	10.15am	Holy Communion St MM
Wednesday	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service 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 St MM
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> of Lent</b>	8am	Holy Communion St MM
	9.30am	Holy Communion St JE
	11am	Informal Communion St MM
	12.30pm	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*

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- **Lent Group 2026:** We'll be meeting to reflect and pray using the Bible verses, short reflections, some silences 7-8pm each Tuesday in March. Hope you can join us. If you're not sure if this is for you come and try one session and you can make your own mind up! It will be led By Helen C, Jane H and Jane Z. Ask if you want to know more.
- **This week Ash Wednesday Services** will be held at St James Papplewick @ 10am and St MM at 7pm. We hope you will be able to join us.
- **Donations for Fundraising:** A big thank you to everyone who has kindly donated gifts for the up-and-coming fundraisers, these are very much appreciated. Any further donations which can be used as raffle prizes, please pass onto Pam Barron or Jane Zanker. Many thanks
- **Narrowboat Day Trip Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May & Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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. **Closing date 21<sup>st</sup> March.**
- **Thanks** to all the people who quietly, often when no one is noticing, tidy up, make people feel welcome, arrange flowers, make the tea, read or lead the prayers, ... step in when there's a gap and generally make church a better place. If you would like to help out in any way then have a word with Jane, Helen, Nicola or one of the assistant church wardens or welcome team.
- **Encouraging young people in their faith:** For the last 5 years we have been praying for our work with children and young people, that they will grow in faith through knowing they are loved by God and participating in worship. We would like to trial a new way of engaging our school age children in worship. Those who would like to, will be invited to sit with Nicola during the service so that she can help them grow in understanding what we are doing in worship and why we worship. The PCC have agreed the best place for the children to gather with Nicola is the front of church in the south

aisle, where they will be able to see clearly what is happening at the front of church. This will start on 15th February.

- **A recent article in Church Times** reported that thousands of candles each year end up in landfill. So a worshipper of a Church in Manchester had decided to upcycle them into votive candles. (Tea Lights) - Therefore I have decided to follow what is being called the.. 'Church Candle Challenge initiative'... so any old Candles, doesn't matter what colour or scented please bring them into Church and they can be transformed into Votive Candles. (Perhaps also helping save the Planet..... Thankyou.....Ian Raynor
- **Rachael will be licensed** as Priest in charge of St Peter and St Paul, West Hucknall on 24<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. 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.
- **Quiz 20<sup>th</sup> 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 😊
- **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.

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