



**St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton
Sunday 20th March 2022
3rd Sunday of Lent**



**Join us in prayer, worship and life together,
this Sunday and through the week**

Collect for this week

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.



DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 20th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am 'Fresh' worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs 7.30pm PAUSE (see item)
Monday 21st March Parish Office Closed	
Tuesday 22nd March	9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's 12.30pm Funeral (Colenso) 2.30pm Mothers Union
Wednesday 23rd March	11.00am - National Day of Reflection 1.00pm (church open) 7.00 pm Choir Practice 7.30 pm Compline on Zoom 8.00 pm The <i>Difference</i> Course (on Zoom)
Thursday 24th March	9.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Friday 25th March <i>Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	11.00am Eucharist to mark the Annunciation of Our Lord to Mary, with healing and prayers
Saturday 26th March	7.30pm Fashion Show
Sunday 27th March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am Mothering Sunday Communion for All 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs

March 27th is Mothering Sunday and we'll be celebrating at St Mary's with a special Communion service for all ages. There won't be any Sunday Club today but there'll be things to do for the children in the service itself.

Sunday Club, for children at primary school, meets during the 10.30am service on both the second and third Sundays of each month. Everyone is welcome even if it's your first time here! Just ask one of the Welcome Team to point out our leaders, and then say hello :)

On the first Sunday we all stay together for All Age Worship, and on the fourth Sunday why not join us at 10.30 for the relaxed, cafe- style Church Club at St Guthlac's, Holbrook Road? **Please note: there is no Church Club at St Guthlac's on 27th March.**

March 25th - The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We shall celebrate their feast at the service of Eucharist and Healing Prayer at 11.00am in St Mary's Church. All welcome. *Janet*

Our Real Easter Eggs have arrived! Although we still have some weeks of Lent remaining, our Real Easter Eggs have arrived and are ready for collection. If you have ordered eggs then please see Alison Roche with your payment on a Sunday at church, or try calling at the vicarage if you pass.

Mothers' Union Fellowship Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 22nd March in St Mary's at 2.30pm when Heather Powell, (our former Diocesan Administrator) will talk about adoption. It's Adri's birthday that day so we'll have some cake to help her celebrate. As always, non-members are welcome to join us. LP

Gift Aid Secretary

We are looking for someone to work with the current secretary with a view to taking on the role eventually. The job involves recording all donations and claiming gift aid where appropriate. It may sound complicated but clever software from Data Developments does the real hard work. Their Donations Co-ordinator program is excellent and even enables claims to HMRC to be made with a click. I have no financial qualifications though I did pass O level Maths many moons ago. Please ask if you would like more information. *Lorna Pollard*

Caring for each other at church during infectious times

Although we are no longer subject to Government regulations and restrictions relating to Corona virus, I do hope that when we come to church we will continue to have the highest regard for the safety and wellbeing of other people as well as our own comfort.

- On Sundays, can I please ask you therefore to continue sanitising your hands on the way into church;
- to be understanding of those people who would like to continue wearing a face covering;
- to reserve the side chapels for those who would like rather more space around themselves;
- to avoid crowding together after church and to give people a little more space than usual;
- **not** to come to church if you have any symptoms of covid-19 or a positive lateral flow test in the last 24 hours.

Following our recent discussion, the PCC and I have agreed that when we celebrate Holy Communion together we will continue to administer from the chancel step, but that now **we will offer the cup of wine once more, for those who wish to receive it.** If you would like to have wine after receiving the bread/wafer then simply move towards the side of the priest where you will see a Eucharistic Assistant holding the chalice. They will lift it for you so that you can take a sip of wine.

I must ask you though, **please do not** take a wafer and then dip it in the wine – we have been advised that this practice (called ‘intinction’) carries a significantly high risk of passing on any infection.

We do understand that not everyone feels ready to take wine again in

this way yet, and that is perfectly fine. After receiving the bread please just head back to your place as you have done previously. Your Communion is just as acceptable if you take only bread.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with these precautions and changes – this way we can remain both safe and welcoming!

Adrian

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2022

Neither Ida Stanyer nor Ros Astles is able to continue organising Christian Aid Week. However, we would very much like someone else or a group of people to take over this very important charitable outreach and we would, of course be able to offer as much help and advice as was wanted.

This year Christian Aid Week is from 15th to 21st May.

If you are able to help, please speak to Adrian, Matthew, Ida (0753 269 1913) ida.stanyer49@gmail.com or (Ros 07961884496) rastles@icloud.com

Thank you.

Do you receive the newsletter by post?

Now many of us have returned to church or receive the newsletter by email, we propose to stop sending the newsletter by post after Easter as this is costing a considerable amount.

However should you still need to receive it this way please let us know (James Gutteridge 0116 2702705 Or Amanda Beck 07732020023).

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 20th March** are:

John 4.3-42

³ He left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴ But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' ¹¹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' ¹³ Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' ¹⁵ The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' ¹⁷ The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' ¹⁹ The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' ²¹ Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the

Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' ²⁵ The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' ²⁶ Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' ²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' ²⁸ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' ³² But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' ³³ So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' ³⁴ Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: donations for refreshments on the two Sundays amounted to £73.16, which has been forwarded to the Fairtrade Foundation. Many thanks for your generosity – and to Ida and Alison for their help with the cakes! Eileen McKellican

The National Day of Reflection—Wednesday 23rd March

The 23rd March will be the second anniversary of the start of the first national lockdown in response to the Corona virus pandemic. Back in 2020 we had little idea about the way in which this new virus would reshape our daily lives in the days to come, would galvanise the world's scientists to discover and develop vaccines at unprecedented speed, and would challenge our health professionals to the extreme. Few of us would have suspected the scale of loss and pain, through bereavement, illness, separation and isolation that we would face as a country, but also as families and individuals.

While life now is beginning to return to 'normal' many of us still need the opportunity to reflect, grieve and pray in the face of all that we have experienced. Doing this together will help us to find healing and hope for the future.

On 23rd March, St Mary's will be open during the day from 11am to 1pm for all of us, if we would like this opportunity. At noon we will mark the national silence and have a few prayers. There will also be the chance to leave your own written prayers, to light a candle in memory of a loved one and to place a daffodil as a sign of hope. Clergy and volunteers will be on hand to talk and help.

The national charity 'Marie Curie' will receive any donations you would like to make in memory of all those who have died.

Adrian

**National Day of
Reflection
23 March**

Pause



Many of us find ourselves dashing around without time to rest or to pause, even on a Sunday.

Make some time to hear the still small voice of God at a relaxed, informal Communion service at **St Mary's - 7.30pm on Sunday 20th March.**

Our theme is

"Rage and Hope"

There will be music, readings and quietness, before an opportunity to share Communion together if you wish.

You're welcome to bring your own cushion, and a favourite mug for tea or coffee.

More information from Adrian Jones
0116 270 4268 or 07919 262 399

War in Ukraine – how to help

We have all seen terrible scenes from the war in Ukraine on our televisions and naturally we feel moved to want to help those suffering.



Firstly, please make sure you are **praying** for the civilians caught in the invasion and those who have had to become refugees:

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Lord, we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. Lord may your Kingdom come, and Your will be done.

Lord God, we ask for you to be with all – especially children - who are suffering as the crisis in Ukraine deteriorates. Lord for those who are anxious and fearful. For those who are bereaved, injured or who have lost their lives. And for those who have lost homes and loved ones. Lord hear our prayers.



Secondly, please consider **giving** to the relief appeal launched by the Disasters Emergency Committee.

You can give online here:

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal> or by sending a cheque payable to *Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal* to DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, PO Box 999, London EC3A 3AA, or by making a donation at a Post Office. The UK Government will match public donations to this appeal pound-for-pound up to £25 million.

Lastly, you might consider **lobbying** your local MP or Government Ministers to make changes to our immigration regulations so that

Ukrainian refugees can be helped quickly and efficiently. You might like to find out more about joining with others and sponsoring a refugee family coming to Britain – see the Leicester Community Sponsorship Group www.leicester-csg.co.uk

Adrian



Grateful thanks to the many generous people who kindly donated £1,654.00 in the two bucket collections outside St Mary's on Sundays 6th & 13th March for the UKRAINE APPEAL.

Leicestershire & Rutland Red Cross Member
Lorna Kirk

“Doing Lent Gently” in 2022

Join ‘Difference’ – this Lent, over five Wednesday evenings from 9th March, we are running ‘Difference’, a course (on Zoom) that equips Christians to cross divides, navigate disagreement and pursue a just and flourishing world. Through film, Bible study, prayer and discussion we are encouraged to develop the three habits of being curious, being present and reimagining – to build reconciliation and change in place of division. Please email Adrian for details: adrian.jones@zoho.com The link is below but to avoid confusion, both compline and the course can be accessed on the same link but please note the time changes for compline.

Topic: Compline then Lent Course

Time: 7.30pm Compline 7.55pm Lent Course

Join Zoom Meeting

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pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09](https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09)

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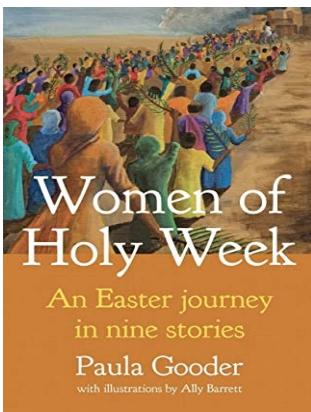
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Dial in-

0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 746 767 440

Get reading – follow up our Sunday series on women of the Bible by reading *“Women of Holy Week”* by Paula Gooder.



This is an imaginative retelling, in nine stories, of the events of the last days of Jesus through the eyes of the women accompanying him. We’ll also have a special coffee morning to discuss the stories together, at 10am on Wednesday 6th April at the Vicarage. Please phone Adrian Jones or Alison Roche on 0116 270 4268 if you’d like a copy of the book for £9.99 .

Celebrate Easter 2022!

This year we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus - the first Easter - across both churches in our benefice. Do join us at any of the following services:

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| Sunday 10 th April | Palm Sunday All Age Worship at St Guthlac's, 10.30am |
| Sunday 10 th April | Palm Sunday Sung Eucharist at St Mary's, 10.30am |
| Thursday 14 th April | Maundy Thursday Communion at St Guthlac's, 7.30pm |
| Friday 15 th April | Good Friday All Age Worship at St Guthlac's, 10.30am |
| Friday 15 th April | Good Friday Meditation at the Cross, St Mary's at 2pm |
| Friday 15 th April | Good Friday Reflection at St Mary's, 7.30pm |
| Sunday 17 th April | Easter Vigil Sunrise at St Guthlac's, 5.30-6.15am |
| Sunday 17 th April | Easter Day Sung Eucharist at St Guthlac's, 10.30am |
| Sunday 17 th April | Easter Day Sung Eucharist at St Mary's, 10.30am |

Could you be a Knighton Knitter? If so your needles are needed for this years Christmas project. There is a printed pattern for you to take on the noticeboard. Coffee Craft and Chat mornings may follow! If you have any queries ask Cora or Sue H.

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Raising funds for Marie Curie

**Online Compline Night Prayer from 7.30pm (until the
Difference Course is complete) each Wednesday**

All Welcome

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Meeting ID: 746 767 4408

Passcode: hope

Or Phone In 0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

PLANNED GIVING SCHEME

Regular giving is an integral part of our church life supporting our day to day costs, ministry and mission. A good way to achieve this is through a weekly envelope or a monthly bank standing order as part of our Planned Giving Scheme. Scheme details can be obtained from Lorna Pollard, Planned Giving Scheme Secretary: telephone 01162704272 or email: stmarysknighton.giving@gmail.com. If you are a taxpayer and gift aid your giving, our church can claim an additional 25%.

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A Prayer for Ukraine

from Christian Aid

Lord of all people and all nations,
we lift before you the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia,
each girl and boy, each woman and man
living in fear of what tomorrow might bring.

We long for a time you spoke of through your prophet Isaiah,
when weapons of war would be beaten into ploughshares,
when nation will no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace.

Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety;
comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones;
change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression;
fill earthly leaders with great wisdom to find paths to peace.

Please Lord come and have your way in your world.
May your will be done here, on earth as it is in heaven.
May your peace reign. Now and always.

We lift this prayer to you, our God,
who is able to do more than we can ever ask or imagine.
In the name of Christ our saviour.

Amen

Please pray..... *"but you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. "* (Jude, 20-21)

Praying for the World: This week please continue to pray for Ukraine and it's suffering people, and in particular for negotiations to end the war. Pray also for those other areas of conflict and suffering around the world that are being overlooked at the moment - Yemen, Eritrea, Syria and more.

Praying for the Church: with others across our diocese, please pray for the benefice of Stocking Farm and Beaumont Leys, Leicester, for St Nicholas, Leicester and for our partner Diocese of Trichy in India.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Southland Road, Portisdown Road, Ventnor Road South, Wimbourne Road, Ring Road, Ryde Avenue.**

Praying for those in need: Please pray for all those who are in need at the moment, those who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, and those who are anxious and worried. In particular please pray this week for **Judi Stone, Bob Rutland and Rod Bowditch**

We pray for all those on our parish 'Continuing Prayer' list. May they know the power of God's healing love at work in their lives today.

We remember those who have died recently and pray for their families and friends.

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.