



**St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton**

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Sunday 29th May 2022

7th Sunday of Easter/Sunday after Ascension

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

Collect for this week

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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 29th May <i>7th Sunday of Easter / Sunday after Ascension</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Benefice Service of Holy Communion at St Guthlacs
Monday 30th May	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 31st May	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's)
Wednesday 1st June	9.15am St Wistan's Pilgrimage Walk 7.00 pm Choir Practice 8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 2nd June	9.30 am Holy Communion (St G) 12.30pm Church cleaning 2.00pm Church Jubilee decoration
Friday 3rd June	Royal Memorabilia Display
Saturday 4th June	Royal Memorabilia Display
Sunday 5th June <i>Pentecost</i>	Royal Memorabilia Display 9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs 2.00-5.00pm Jubilee Celebration 5.30pm Evensong

Please check the online diary for updates and beyond the week ahead: www.stmarysknighton.co.uk

Church Decoration for the Platinum Jubilee

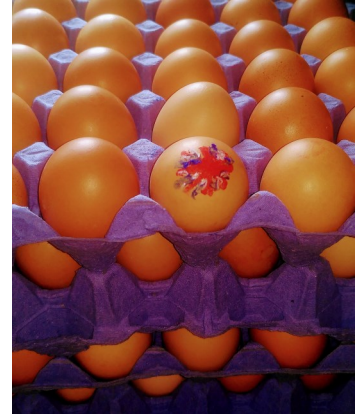
A reminder that we will be decorating church with flower arrangements and memorabilia, to mark each decade of the Queen's reign, on **Thursday, 2nd June from 2pm.**

Contact Lorna Kirk (0116 2707843) or Deborah Martin (0116 2707525) for further information or if you have memorabilia to offer. Thank you.

Help Refreshments will be served during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Donations of cakes (including gluten free and tray bakes) will be greatly appreciated. If possible could they be brought to the church before 2pm on the day. If you are able to provide a cake or to help with serving, please let Hilary Lewis know on telephone number 2705889.

Free Eggs for jubilee!

We've acquired 200 free-range eggs to giveaway. If you would like some eggs to help with cake baking for the jubilee please either come to St Guthlacs for the joint Sunday service or contact Hilary Lewis to collect or she can deliver. 0116 2705889



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We are collecting items for victims of domestic abuse in Leicester – items required include:

- Packs of new knickers – any size
- Socks – sizes 3-5 and 4-7
- Nappies – all sizes
- Toiletries – toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, face cloths

Please place items in collection boxes at St Guthlac's or St Mary's.

Contact Clare Gough for more details if required –

claregough@yahoo.co.uk Thank you in advance for your donations to this important support network.

'A Place of Peace' – Consultation period

Dear Friends,

After the last two 10:30 Sunday services, in small groups we have 'walked the designs' provided by Tanya Willis; and images of these draft designs have been available on the church noticeboard for nearly two weeks now. At the PCC meeting last night, it was agreed we should have a six-week consultation period to gather suggestions and views on the designs from not only our congregation but, as far as possible, from the wider Knighton community. Adrian and the PCC have asked me to coordinate this. We will also be putting the designs and a short project synopsis on the St Mary's Facebook page and webpages. So if you have any views and/or suggestions about the project, could you please email me (sian.howard@tiscali.co.uk) and we will do our best to ensure that all viable ideas are taken into account when we ask Tanya to move to the second stage of producing firm technical plans.

Sian Howard

St Wistan's Pilgrimage Walk

Wednesday 1 June 2022

Start: 9.15am at St Wistan's Church, Kibworth Road, Wistow. LE8 0QF

Finish: Bell Street Monument, Wigston, LE18 1AD

Free, Family Event!

- Four-mile leisurely walk
- Learn about the legend of the Leicestershire saint
- Local cafés serving refreshments
- Event for all the family
- Please dress suitably

For more information search St Wistan Pilgrimage on Facebook, contact Reverend Matthew Gough 07754961997 or email revgough@gmail.com



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

Royal Memorabilia Display

Friday 3rd June - Monday 6th June

During the weekend of celebrating Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we will decorate seven windows within St Mary's Church with flowers and special items signifying those 70 years.

If you are able to help provide such named treasures, please let Lorna Kirk (2707843) or Deborah Martin (2707525) know asap. Thank you



Just turn up
Rehearse 4.30pm
Jubilee Celebration
Sunday 5th June



Come & Sing Evensong

5.30pm



ST MARY'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION



All welcome free community event, live jazz band, cakes, refreshments, plantstall, prize duck race, children's jubilee crafts and finishing with "Scratch Choir" Evensong from 5.30pm

Sunday 5 June 2022

2pm-5pm

Listening to God's Word

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 29th May** are:

Acts 16.16-34

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' ³¹ They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who

were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

John 17.20-end

²⁰ 'I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

Christmas project knitters - there is double knitting wool in a bag on the notice board, please help yourself. Also a completed bottee for you to see. (Thank you Janet) For any information please see Cora.

Property for sale There are currently 2 properties available for purchase at Muston Gardens. Muston Gardens is a site of residential dwellings and intended for Christians aged 55 and over. Both of the properties are spacious 2 bed semi-detached bungalows with open aspects. Viewing is strongly recommended. For more information, or to arrange a viewing please contact Joel Pither on 07983 603 763.

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for the gift in recognition of my time on the PCC, it was most unexpected. To serve on the committee both before and during these unprecedented Covid years, has been both pleasurable and challenging. Together we have achieved a great deal and I feel that during these difficult times, as a church family, we have grown much closer in our fellowship and love for one another.

Take care everyone. Thanks again.

Andrew Oldershaw

New Compline Zoom link

New recurring access link and codes for Compline

from **Wednesday 18th May** onwards.

Please use the following going forward.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118183080>

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

Dial by your location

0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 811 1818 3080

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%.

Contact details:

Vicar: Adrian Jones Adrian is currently on sabbatical study leave, so please contact Matthew, others in the Ministry Team, or the Church Wardens as appropriate. He'll be back at the end of July.

Curate: Revd Matthew Gough 07754 961997

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Thy Kingdom Come: Between Ascension and Pentecost

'Wait for the gift my Father promised' Acts 1:4

May the Spirit be born in our church again. Be born in each of us. May the spirit enable us to be faithful witnesses to God's love. A love that goes beyond our emotions or need for reciprocal reward. An unselfish, giving love.

From the Justin Welby's 9 days of Thy Kingdom Come-

Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire. Thou the anointing Spirit art who does they sevenfold gifts impart.

Come Holy Spirit, I acknowledge my greatest need is Your presence and my sure hop, Your great love be with me.

Come Holy Spirit, blow upon us and cause us to be moved by the strength of Your presence

Come Holy Spirit and create in us a longing, expectation, and hope for the fullness of your presence

Come Holy Spirit give us the words to tell of your love that may hear your voice summoning them in love.

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430):

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit that my thoughts may all be holy;

Act in me O Holy Spirit that my works, too, may be holy;

Draw my heart O Holy Spirit that I love but what is holy;

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit to defend that is holy;

Guard me then O Holy Spirit that I always may be holy.

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 **Shirley Wills, Paul Matthews, Judi Stone, 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 give thanks for those who have recovered or who are recovering.

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

Rex Wills and Ben Jefferson

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.