



**St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton**



**Sunday 22nd May 2022
6th Sunday of Easter**

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

Collect for this week

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.



DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday 22nd May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs
Monday 23rd May	7.00pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 24th May	9.30am Holy Communion (St Mary's) 2.30pm Mothers' Union
Wednesday 25th May	7.00 pm Choir Practice 8.00 pm Compline on Zoom
Thursday 26th May <i>Ascension Day</i>	9.30 am Holy Communion (St G) 7.30pm Ascension Day Service (St M)
Friday 27th May	11.00am Service of Prayer for Healing with Holy Communion 1.00pm Funeral - Rex Wills 4.00pm Wedding rehearsal
Saturday 28th May	11.00am Wedding
Sunday 29th May <i>Sunday after Ascension</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am Morning Prayer at St Guthlacs

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?

Thanks Sybil Rutland and family wish to thank everyone who was in church for Bob's funeral and for the messages and offers of help and support during Bob's illness. This response has given us all strength and courage during a most difficult time.

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.

Thank you Flick and family thank you all for your cards and kind messages on the loss of Ben. They have been much comforted by your loving thoughts and prayers.

Mothers' Union Fellowship Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 24th May at 2.30pm in St Mary's. The topic is "Those Radio Days" and our speaker, Bob Leake, will remind us of programmes we used to enjoy listening to in the olden days. (I believe we called it the wireless then!) As always, visitors are very welcome.

A date for the diary: we have an extra meeting planned for Tuesday, 7th June when we will meet in St Mary's for another stroll down Memory Lane to talk about the Coronation. LP

 **DIOCESE OF LEICESTER MAKING A DIFFERENCE PROJECTS**

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

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: there will not be a street collection in our area this year but there will be envelopes available in church on 15th and 22nd May, for your donations. Please Gift Aid them if you can – it adds a significant 25% to your gift.

The focus this year is on how the combined effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, conflict and drought have robbed Jessica and her family in Zimbabwe of the power to provide for her children.

"And 7,000 miles away, the war in Ukraine will drive up food prices in Zimbabwe, and around the globe. Without the fertiliser and food - like wheat and cooking oil - that Ukraine and Russia produce, vulnerable families will be pushed even deeper into hunger. **But hope does not disappoint. Hope lives in you.** With every gift, every action, every prayer, we celebrate and share hope with our sisters and brothers facing crisis around the world, from Ukraine to Zimbabwe."

(Christian Aid)

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



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



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Listening to God's Word

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 22nd May** are:

Acts 16.9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

The Conversion of Lydia

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

John 14.23-29

²³ Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵ I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to

you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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.

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

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

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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'A ceaseless interchange of mutual love unites the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our prayer is not merely communication with God, it is coming to know God by participation in this divine life. In prayer we experience what it is to be made "participants in the divine nature"; we are caught up in the communion of the divine persons as they flow to one another in self-giving love and reciprocal joy.' [Society of St John the Evangelist, Rule of Life]

As this Christian Aid week draws to a close and we turn our minds to the Ascension of Jesus Christ, we see the scars of humanity on a risen Christ taken into the heavenly realm. We are comforted that all our brokenness, wounds and hurt will one day enfolded by the Divine.

Help us Lord as witness to our communities the difference that faith makes to our lives that we may bear fruit, know joy, peace and generosity being kind to all we meet.

We pray for all those community jubilee plans will be rich celebration for the reign of our Queen. May she enjoy robust health in body and mind as we honour her diligent enduring service.

We pray for those facing hardship in Ukraine that peace may break forth and evil be restrained. We pray for those in this country facing food and fuel hardships that political will and virtuous practice may prevail to alleviate such poverty.

We pray for those struggling with the effects of climate emergency, rising prices and food shortages in East Africa and Zimbabwe. We pray for your holy kingdom to reign. Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus.

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 **David Stanyer, 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.