



**St Mary Magdalen Church,
Knighton**



**Sunday 3rd April 2022
5th Sunday of Lent
Passiontide**

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

Collect for this week

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 3rd April <i>5th Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship 10.30am Eucharist at St Guthlacs
Monday 4th April Parish Office Closed	
Tuesday 5th April	9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's
Wednesday 6th April	10am "Women of Holy Week" coffee morning (see item) 12 noon Interment of Ashes - Hodges 7.00 pm Choir Practice 7.30 pm Compline on Zoom 8.00 pm The <i>Difference</i> Course (on Zoom)
Thursday 7th April	9.30am Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Friday 8th April	
Saturday 9th April	
Sunday 10th April <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9.00am Weekly Eucharist (trad) 10.30am Sung Eucharist 10.30am All Age Worship at St G.

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?

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.

Social and Fundraising group

As church life begins to look more "normal" the S + F group would like to know what events and activities YOU would like us to arrange, and more importantly, what you would come to.

Everything does not have to be fundraising, although it is always welcomed. Maybe you would like to see social events or regular groups who meet in/outside church.

There will be an ideas envelope on the notice board for you to use. Or speak to a committee member. Their names are on the notice board. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you Sybil Rutland and family are very grateful for the cards, telephone calls, offers of help, and prayers they have received during Bobs illness. He is now at home waiting to start further treatment during April. Many thanks to you all.

Sybil



THE FLOWER GUILD would be pleased to receive donations towards EASTER LILIES. A named basket will be available in the Narthex on Sundays 3rd & 10th April. Many thanks.

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).

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

Ukrainian Refugee Host Sponsorship

You may already be aware that the government is encouraging householders and communities to act as hosts to offer temporary accommodation or support for the 1000s of Ukrainian refugees expecting to arrive in the UK to escape the warzone. Leicester Diocese and Leicester University are official community sponsors and the council is responsible for safeguarding and vetting. Hosting is not just about accommodation, rather it is being prepared to be a place of welcome and support. Government will financially support the families and they will be entitled to work and access benefits and services. The Diocese is currently gathering data on churches, individuals and householders who are signing up either to the government accommodation scheme and need to be under the sponsorship of the Diocese, or families and churches willing to offer support. I am currently collating this for our parishes. Please let me know if you have signed up to the government scheme or would like to support families on arrival offering to host with meals and support in other ways.

Thanks, Matthew

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Sutton on Sea

Holiday Bungalow to let - holiday times or weekend breaks

Fully furnished excluding washing machine

2 minutes from the sea / 5 minutes from the shops & restaurants

Will accommodate 5 people:- 3 bedrooms comprising 1 double, 1 twin & 1 single

Prices: Out of season - **£40 per night or £250 per week**

Summer season (mid July to mid September) **£60 per night - £400 per week**

Non-refundable deposit of **£30**

No pets

Free parking for two cars

For further details contact Molly Clarke on **270 3749**



Listening to God's Word

Our Bible reading for **Sunday 3rd April** are:

Isaiah 43.16-21

¹⁶ This is what the LORD says –

he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,

¹⁷ who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

¹⁸ 'Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

²⁰ The wild animals honour me,
the jackals and the owls,

because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,

to give drink to my people, my chosen,

²¹ the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

John 12.1-8

Jesus anointed at Bethany

12 Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ² Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³ Then Mary took about half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, ⁵ 'Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the

poor? It was worth a year's wages.' ⁶ He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷ 'Leave her alone,' Jesus replied. 'It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial.' ⁸ You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.'

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

All Welcome

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://leccofe.zoom.us/j/7467674408?>

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Meeting ID: 746 767 4408

Passcode: hope

Or Phone In 0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

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.

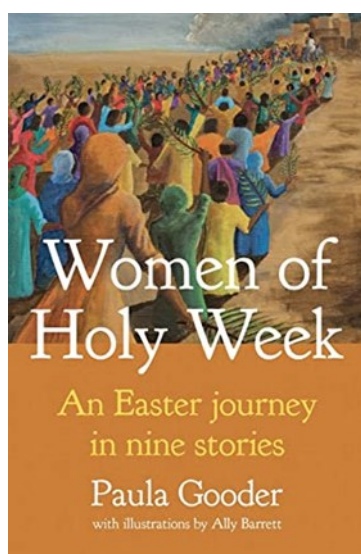
PLATINUM JUBILEE

Could you help us to make a large quantity of bunting as part of our plans to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. We would like, amongst other things, to encircle the churchyard with bunting. This will run from Brinsmead Road around to the Washbrook. If you would like to join with us in this project and for more information, please contact Cora Paul, 0116 3678954.

"A Place of Peace" - This is the working title for the PCC plan to renew the churchyard with sympathetic landscaping, seating and new planting...and we now have first designs for the work from our professional designer Tanya Willis.

Some members of the PCC will join me in 'walking the designs' in the churchyard after the service this Sunday, 3rd April. If you would like to join us, roughly 15 minutes after the service ends, then you'll be very welcome. Copies of the designs will be available, and will also be displayed in church from 3rd April.

Adrian



Women of Holy Week

During Lent you may well have been reading this new book, alongside others of us in the church. It has proved to be a stimulating and imaginative way to follow up our Sunday series about women in the Bible.

We'll be talking about the stories from Paula Gooder's book at a special coffee morning, at 10am on Wednesday 6th April at the Vicarage. You are warmly invited, especially if you've been reading – or intend to! If you're able to tell Adrian Jones or Alison Roche in advance (0116 270 4268) then we'll be able to count out chairs and biscuits! See you then.

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.

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

"Pray Continually"

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Praying for the World: Please pray for all those seeking to bring aid and supplies to refugees from Ukraine. Pray for generosity in all our hearts and for welcome and safety for everyone who has had to leave their home because of war and conflict.

Praying for the Church: with others across our diocese, please pray for the churches of St Peter's, Highfields, and St Phillip's, Evington, in Leicester - and for the national meeting of Bishops this week.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Carisbrooke Road, Stockwell Road, Ashclose Avenue, Meadvale Road, Overdale Road.**

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 **Paul Matthews, 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 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.

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.