

St Mary Magdalen Church, Knighton Sunday 27th March 2022 Mothering Sunday



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

Collect for this week

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 27th March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Weekly Eucharist Mothering Sunday Communion for All All Age Worship for Mothering Sunday at St Guthlacs
Monday 28th March Parish Office Closed		Gutmacs
Tuesday 29th March	9.30am	Eucharist at St Mary's
Wednesday 30th March	7.00 pm 7.30 pm 8.00 pm	Choir Practice Compline on Zoom The <i>Difference</i> Course (on Zoom)
Thursday 31st March	9.30am	Eucharist at St Guthlac's
Friday 1st April		
Saturday 2nd April		
Sunday 3rd April <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	9.00am 10.30am 10.30am	Weekly Eucharist All Age Worship Eucharist at St Guthlacs

Adrian writes: "I'm away on retreat for a few days in the middle of this week, so do please contact Matthew with anything urgent"

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. Please note: there is no Church Club at St Guthlac's on 27th March.

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.

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) <u>ida.stanyer49@gmail.com</u> 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 27th March are:

Exodus 2.1-10

The birth of Moses

2 Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶ She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said.

⁷ Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?'

⁸ 'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Paul's letter to the Colossians, chapter 3, verses 12-17

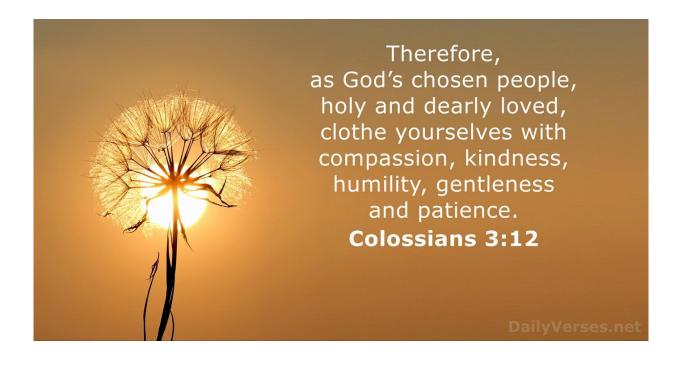
¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And

over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2.33-35

³³ The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'



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

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, 27th March, and then also next 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.

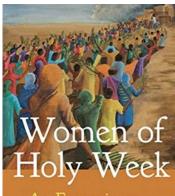
Adrian

Community of the Tree of Life - Open Day

2nd April 2022

Do you have a heart for intentional community and the formation of young adults? Are you interested in partnering with us or being part of us? The Community of the Tree of Life is a House of Prayer where young people pray, grow and serve in a residential community. You are invited to our open day on the 2 April to find out more! Find out more about the day and book your place via the link below:

https://leicestertreeoflife.org/open-day/



An Easter journey in nine stories Paula Gooder with illustrations by Ally Barrett

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.

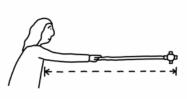
We'll be talking about the stories from Paula Gooder's book at a special coffee morning, at 10am on Wednesday 6th April at the Vicarage. You are

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.

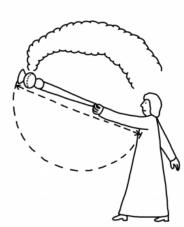


Grateful thanks to the many generous people who kindly donated £1,654.00 in the two bucket collections outside St Mary's on Sundays 6th & 13th March for the UKRAINE APPEAL.

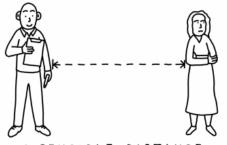
Leicestershire & Rutland Red Cross Member Lorna Kirk



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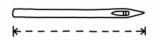


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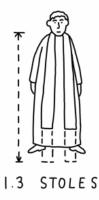
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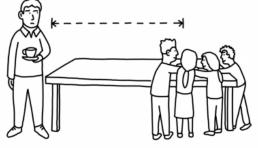
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Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV) ¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

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:

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.

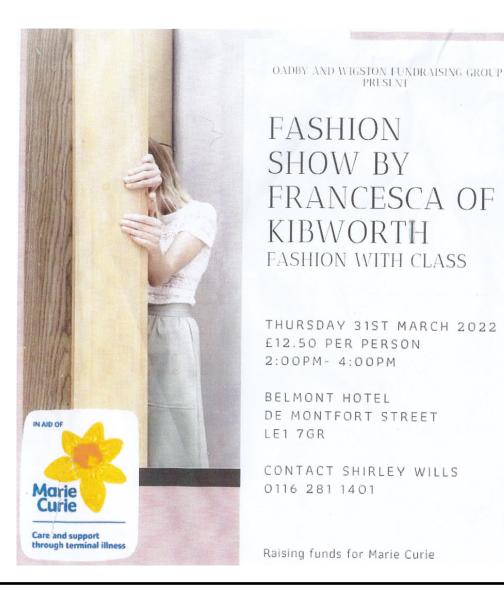
Sutton on Sea

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**



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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? pwd=NHRQZ2F0Mmt5Wk5sd2NMc1JtREpaUT09

> Meeting ID: 746 767 4408 Passcode: hope

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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: please pray for the wisdom and compassion of all world leaders, especially those directly involved in the war n Ukraine and efforts to bring peace. Pray for a deep change of heart in those intent on using violence, rather than diplomacy.

Praying for the Church: With others across our diocese, please pray for the church and parish of Holy Trinity and St John the Divine, Leicester, and for the benefices of South Croxton and Borough Hill in Framland. Pray too for our partner diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Praying for the Parish: Please pray for the peace and well-being of all those who live on **Palmerstone Way, Link Road, Ryde Avenue, Shanklin Drive, Shanklin Gardens, Shanklin 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. **Ronald Colenso**

We remember all those whose anniversaries fall at this time.