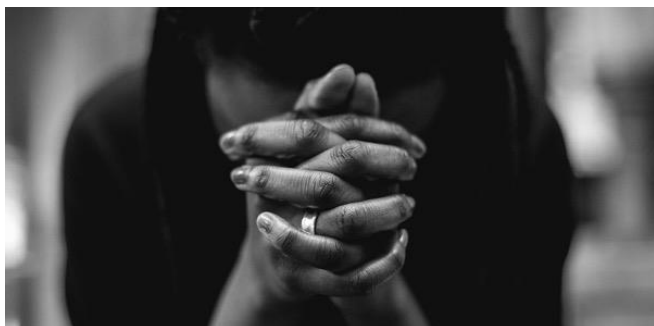


Three Churches Newsletter April 2018

St John Baptist, Hugglescote
St Christopher's, Ellistown
St Mary's, Snibston



May is the month for prayer

Of course, we are called to pray at all times but there is going to be a particular call to prayer this month in our parish and across the nation.

I belong to a prayer network called the Guild of St John and St Mary Magdalene. It is named after St John, who stood at the foot of the cross remaining with the Lord until he died, and after St Mary Magdalene, the first one to proclaim that Jesus was risen from the dead in her words that echo down the centuries to us 'I have seen the Lord'.

Despite the long name, 'The Guild' is just a group of people who meet to pray and worship together and who call others to prayer. Most communication about requests for prayer happens by email but occasionally, when invited, some members of the guild go to a particular place to pray.

Members of the Guild are coming to pray in the parish for two days from the evening of the 8th May through to the morning of the 10th May. During that time, we will hold the parish and its people before God. We will join in with the regular services of the parish but there will also be a special service of praise and prayer on

Wednesday 9th May 7.30pm at St Christopher's.

This will be contemporary, informal worship with a time of ministry and prayer. This time is for you – a time to come before God in a very open way to receive from the Holy Spirit - all are welcome to come along.

Our prayer will continue as we join the global call to prayer between Ascension and Pentecost- **Thy Kingdom Come.** Thy Kingdom Come is the call to prayer initiated by the Archbishops of York and Canterbury three years ago. It has become an interdenominational and international movement. **The call is quite simply to pray for our friends, families and communities to know Jesus.**

This year we are joining with Hugglescote Churches Together to provide opportunities for prayer.

This is what will be happening:

Thursday 10th May 10.30am Ascension Day Service St John's.

Saturday 12th May 9.00am – 10.00am an hour of prayer with the Coalville Churches praying together at St Christopher's

Sunday 13th May 3.00pm Afternoon Tea in aid of Christian Aid at St John's – it is also Christian Aid week.

Prayer walk materials will be available for prayer walks during the week – to be done in your time.

Tuesday 15th May 6.00pm Evening Prayer in St John's Lady Chapel – this happens every week – come along!

Thursday 17th May. Prayer Awareness Walk leaving the Oasis Café at 2.00pm. Led by Sarah Fegredo.

I would like St John's and St Christopher's to be open at some point during the week for quiet prayer. Probably Wednesday afternoon. I will leave sign up lists at the back of church.

There will also be booklets available to prompt your prayer during these days.

Prayer changes things! When we offer our prayers to God we might wonder whether God hears. It may even feel like something we do by rote or perhaps we pray because that is what the 'church' does – but we have little expectation of an answer. . .

But... prayer changes things! We do not always know the direct answers to our prayers but when we come before God with honesty and with real concern and open our hearts to God, then we are drawing closer to God and God by his Spirit will work within us.

We may find that what is changed is ourselves. We may find that a series of events or happenings over a period of time unravels a knotty situation. We may gain a different perspective on our troubles. We may be drawn into God's sorrow for our world and its peoples and be asked to carry that burden with God, weeping and feeling the pain of the suffering of so many today. We may become the answer to our prayers. So let us pray



Diary for May 2018

- Weds. 2nd May
12:30 pm Clergy Chapter Meeting at the Rectory
6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal at St. John's
- Thurs. 3rd May
9:30 am Holy Communion at St. Christopher's
3:00 pm After School Club at St. Christopher's
- Sat. 5th May
2:00 pm Wedding at St. John's
- Sunday 6th May 6th Sunday of Easter**
8:00 am Holy Communion
9:30 am Family Service at St. John's (with a short Social Committee meeting after the service)
3:00 pm Messy Church at St. Christopher's
- Tues. 8th May
2:00 pm Mothers' Union in the Broughton Lounge
- Weds. 9th May
10:30 am Holy Communion at St. John's
7:30 pm Praise & Prayer Evening with the Guild of St. John & St. Mary Magdalene at St. Christopher's
- Thurs. 10th May – Ascension Day**
10:30 am Holy Communion at St. John's
3:00 pm After School Club at St. Christopher's
- Fri. 11th May
6:30 pm Wedding Blessing Rehearsal at St. John's
- Sat. 12th May
9-10:00 am Coalville Churches Praying Together at St. Christopher's
5:30 pm Wedding Blessing at St. John's
7:30 pm Prize Bingo at St. Christopher's
- Sunday 13th May 7th of Easter**
8:30 am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
9:30 am Parish Communion at St. John's
11:15 am Parish Communion at St. Christopher's
3:00 pm Hugglescote Churches Together
Afternoon Tea and open church at St. John's
In aid of Christian Aid. All Welcome
- Mon. 14th May
11:30 am Visiting bell ringers at St. John's
- Tues. 15th May
7:30 pm P.C.C. Meeting
- Thurs. 17th May
9:30 am Holy Communion & Coffee Morning at St. Christopher's
3:00 pm After School Club at St. Christopher's
7:30 pm Archdeacon's Visitation at St. Laurence, Measham
- Sat. 19th May
3:00 pm Ellistown Community Cinema at St. Christopher's (This month's film: [Ferdinand](#))

Sunday 20th May Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Communion at St. John's

9:30 am Family Communion at St. John's

11:15 am Parish Communion at St. Christopher's

3:00 pm Holy Baptism at St. John's

6:30 pm Jacob's Ladder at Hugglescote Social

Club

Tues. 22nd May

7:30 pm St. Christopher's Project Meeting at St. Christopher's

Weds. 23rd May

10:30 am Holy Communion at St. John's

Thurs. 24th May

3:00 pm After School Club at St. Christopher's

Fri. 25th May

6:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal at St. John's

Sat. 26th May

12 Noon Wedding at St. John's

Sunday 27th May Trinity Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion at St. John's

9:30 am Parish Communion at St. John's

11:15 am Parish Communion at St. Christopher's

Weds. 30th May

2:00 pm Ellistown Afternoon Social Group at St. Christopher's

FUTURE EVENTS

Fri. 1st June

7:30 pm Darts Evening at Hugglescote Social Club

Sat. 9th June

2:00 pm Open Garden at 2 St. Faith's Drive, C/ville

11:00 am – 4:00 pm Diocesan Family Day Out at

Brooksby Hall

Every month we note down the weddings, baptisms and funerals that have taken place in this parish. Please pray for the wedding couples, the baptism families and those who are grieving.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS at St. John's

22nd April Max William Granger age 4 months

BLESSING OF CIVIL MARRIAGE

28th April at St John's Fred and Vera Kuchlin

FUNERALS

Funeral at St. John's & Loughborough Crematorium

10th Apr. Rowena Margaret Campbell aged 87 years

At St. John's and Hugglescote Cemetery

11th Apr. Edna May Birt aged 80 years

12th Apr. Shirley Follows age 82 years

INTERMENT OF ASHES

29th April Shirley Margaret Walker at St John's