

Feast of St Mary Magdalene

22 July 2018

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene
to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Song of Solomon 3.1-4

A reading from the Song of Solomon
Upon my bed at night
I sought him whom my soul loves;
I sought him, but found him not;
I called him, but he gave no answer.*
2 'I will rise now and go about the city,
in the streets and in the squares;
I will seek him whom my soul loves.'
I sought him, but found him not.
3 The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
4 Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
I held him, and would not let him go
until I brought him into my mother's house,
and into the chamber of her that conceived me.
This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

Responsorial Psalm 42.1-10

R: My soul is athirst for God.



As the deer longs for the water brooks, so longs my soul for you,
O God. My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God; when
shall I come before the presence of God? **R** My tears have been
my bread day and night, while all day long they say to me, 'Where
is now your God?' Now when I think on these things, I pour out
my soul: how I went with the multitude and led the procession to
the house of God, **R** With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,
among those who kept holy day. Why are you so full of heaviness,
O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me? **R** O put
your trust in God; for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of
my countenance, and my God. My soul is heavy within me; there-
fore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from Her-
mon and the hill of Mizar. **R** Deep calls to deep in the thunder of
your waterfalls; all your breakers and waves have gone over me.
The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; through the
night his song will be with me, a prayer to the God of my life. **R**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5.14-17

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians
14For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are con-
vinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15And
he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for
themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.
16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human
point of view;* even though we once knew Christ from a hu-
man point of view,* we know him no longer in that way. 17So
if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old
has passed away; see, everything has become new!
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Gospel John 20.1-2, 11-18

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
GLORY TO YOU O LORD
Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Mag-
dalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed
from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other
disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have
taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they
have laid him.' 11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As
she wept, she bent over to look* into the tomb; 12and she saw two
angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one
at the head and the other at the feet. 13They said to her, 'Woman,
why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my
Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' 14When she had
said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she
did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why
are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be
the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell
me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' 16Jesus said
to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew,* Rab-
bouni! (which means Teacher). 17Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold
on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to
my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and
your Father, to my God and your God."' 18Mary Magdalene went
and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told
them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST**

POST COMMUNION

God of life and love,
whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name
and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles:
in your mercy, help us,
who have been united with him in this eucharist,
to proclaim the good news that he is alive and reigns,
now and for ever. **Amen**



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Welcome today as we celebrate **St Mary Magdalene**

Worship in the Benefice today... **St Mary Magdalene** Christian Meditation Group

meets on Mondays 2000 in SPR—all welcome!



0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion

1100 Felmersham Choral Matins-LLW Rosemary

1800 Knotting Benefice Evensong – LLW JaneT

Monday-Commemoration- Bridget of Sweden, 1373

1145 Messy Church

Tuesday—feria

Wednesday-Red Letter Day– St James the Apostle

0930 Sharnbrook Holy Communion 4th Wed CW–

followed by drinks and nibbles to keep the feast

12noon Knotting Interment of Ashes of Late Alfred Murgatroyd

1930 Felmersham PCC at JaneR's

Thursday—Lesser Festival-Anne and Joachim, parents of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

0930 Felmersham Holy Communion CW

1230 Sharnbrook Summer Ploughman's Lunch in SPR

Friday—Commemoration-Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of

Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901

Saturday—feria

Next Sunday services—**9th after Trinity**

0830 Souldrop Holy Communion BCP

0930 Sharnbrook Parish Communion

1100 Felmersham Parish Communion & Baptism

1800 Sharnbrook Taize – LLW JaneT



All welcome to a **Summer Ploughman's Lunch**

on Thursday 26th July 12.30

St Peter's Room.

£5- tickets from Judy 781057

Intercessions

The sick and in need: Isabela, Pam, David, Doll, Keri, Maureen, Matthew, Barbara, Sally, Marjorie, Doreen, Conrad & Cynthia
The Departed: Jean Dunkley

Prayer requests for the week:

Pray for the CofE work of the CAR WASH App

Pray for our Prime Minister and government as they work on Brexit

Pray for the friends of St Peter's & our architect

Charley is having her hair cut off in aid of the **Little Princess Trust** who provides real hair wigs free of charge to children and young people up to the age of 24 that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses. *Please sponsor Charley if you can.* She is having 7-12inches cut off on Wed 8 August....



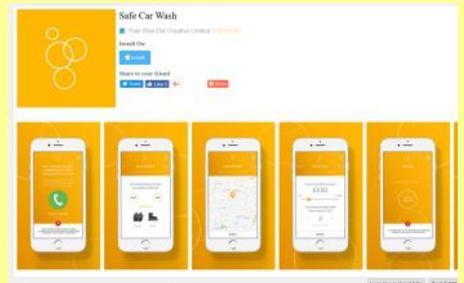
New App lets drivers report modern slavery at hand car washes

Drivers are being urged to report signs of modern slavery at cheap hand car washes using a new smartphone app.

Safe Car Wash asks motorists about a series of indicators of forced labour including the use of children, fearful behaviour, a lack of protective clothing and prices lower than £6.70.

It sends the anonymised data and a GPS position to the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) and directs users to the Modern Slavery Helpline.

The app, which is available for download from 4 June, has been launched by The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's campaign against modern slavery, and the Santa Marta Group, the Catholic Church's anti-slavery project.



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