

# Mary Magdalene

## 22nd July 2018

### The 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

2 Corinthians 5. 14-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And 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. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

This is the word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand to sing:*

Hymn 60

## Gospel

John 20. 1-2, 11-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So 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.’

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and 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. They 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.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus 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.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus 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.”’ Mary 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.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Post Communion Prayer

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.**

## Next Sunday's Readings

2 Kings 4. 42-44    Ephesians 3. 14-21    John 6. 1-21

## Holiday Zone

Whilst our MiniChurch, Junior Church and PALs groups take a summer break we still have provision for our young people during the 9.30 am service next Sunday and throughout August. It's called Holiday Zone and all children from age 2 upwards are welcome.

We will go out after the Gloria and Collect and before the Bible reading, just as we usually do, and return in time to come up to the communion rail for a blessing.

This year in Holiday Zone we're going to be exploring some of the themes and ideas we find in Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

29th July	How to pray for a greater understanding of God
5th August	How God's gifts are given to build up the Church
12th August	How our behaviour shows others what God is like
19th August	How to make time to live well and be thankful
26th August	How we can be strong in the Lord's strength

Each week we'll have a game or craft, a bible story and discussion, an activity based on the theme and then finish with a time of prayer.

Come and join us! It should be great fun.

# THE PARISH CHURCH of ST. MARY, REDBOURN



## *Children and Young People*

*Here are some of the groups and activities  
we offer for children and young people:*

### WEEKDAYS

- Teddy Tots**                      Fridays (in term time only)    10.30 am to 12 noon  
*Craft, songs, and refreshments for pre-school age children and their carers*
- Stay and Play**                Fridays (in school holidays)   10.30 am to 12 noon  
*Open play, and refreshments for pre-school age children and their carers*

### FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

- Family Breakfast**        8.45 am to 9.30 am                      *followed by*
- All Age Service**            9.30 am to 10.30 am
- A less formal service for all ages where families worship God together*

### OTHER SUNDAYS

- Mini Church**                Sundays                                      9.30 am  
*A bible story, craft and prayer with Jo our puppet for under 4s*
- Junior Church**              Sundays                                      9.30 am  
*Worship, craft and prayer for children in Reception to Year 4 inclusive*
- PALs**                            Sundays                                      9.30 am  
*Singing, discussion, prayer and activities for Year 5 upwards*
- Gospellers**                Every Sunday (in term time) 4 – 5.30 pm  
*Our church youth group (11+) enjoy activities, trips, games and bible study*
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