



11 January 2026
The Baptism of Christ
Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's & Breakfast Church in the Bede House
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Music: Organist St. John's: Hillary Goodman, Hymns: 99(omit *verses), 109, 108.

Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cafaude, Hymns: 55, 12, 297, 477.

Flowers: at the Nave altar are in memory of Tom Cambio and Richard Jackson with love from Jane, Tim and Sara

The Benefice Online Service: 'Meeting Point' is for you if you missed our services in church, or for further reflection during the week.

<https://www.stmaryhighamferrers.org/sunserv1>

Tues 13 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 14 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 15 10am Said Eucharist with coffee and chat to 12noon at St Mary's
Fri 16 11am Funeral service in the Lady Chapel

Sunday 18 January 2026 The Second Sunday after Epiphany

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's inc Junior Church

Collect

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognize him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth

justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Matthew 3:13-end

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved with whom I am well pleased.’

Post Communion

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Children are welcome at all our Services in both churches, we have children's areas with colouring and toys and are looking at ways to better include them in all we do. We understand that some of our services can seem long to little ones, and it is absolutely fine if they need to wriggle or play or move around.

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Brian Bond, Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Jane Carpenter, Ian Challen, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Val Robinson, Elizabeth Swindley, Sue Thompson, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke. **St John's:** Jo Barrie,

Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith.

In memoriam: Mary Simpson, Duncan Reid.

Year's mind anniversaries: Daisy Denton, James Blowey, James Pentelow, Edward Coker, Arthur Parker, Mary Sheehan, Tom Cambio, Ernest Britten, Edith Whiting, Mabel Draper, Walter Walters, Florence Curtis, Elizabeth Wood, William Betts, Mary Lewis, Laura Randall, Herbert Sanders, Elizabeth Simpson, Edna Newell, Richard Jackson, John Oberman, Evelyn Holmes, Edith Shelton, Victor Shirley, Joyce Wood, Connie Reynolds, Dorothy Wright, Victor Riches, Freda Wilson, Kathleen Leach, Michael Beesley.

NOTICES

A 2026 date for your diaries - We are all invited to Rev Yvonne's licensing service at St Mary the Virgin, Finedon at 7pm on January 22. Parking there is limited, do say if you'd like to go but need a lift, car sharing is encouraged!

Lent Study Course – we will be running a Lent study course – Stephen Cottrell's “The Things He Carried”. *A journey to the Cross: Meditations for Lent and Holy Week.* Please let me know if you are interested, we are looking at an afternoon and an early evening, and if there is interest possibly also online.

It is a journey, using the chapters of the book, that can be taken individually or together in a group and enables a little more flexibility in approach. Each reflection is there to provoke further thought and discussion. More info to follow.

ST. MARY'S

Farmers Market Coffee mornings 2026: after reviewing 2025, we are changing the timing slightly to 9.30 to 12.30 but the price for coffee & cake is still £3.50!

Music at Mary's: looking ahead in the diary, we have several concerts of varying musical tastes. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and the weekly email. Here are the first few:

- Our regular Farmers Market Concerts
- Friday 27 February – Lumos events candlelit concert – the music of Hans Zimmerman

- Saturday 7 March – Rotary Club present The Messiah sung by Northampton Bach Choir

With more coming in the next few weeks and months. What other styles of music might you like to see at St Mary's? Do you know someone that might be interested in coming here? Do let us know.

Lego Church

This returns on Sunday 25 January at 4pm in the Bede House. What story shall we look at and build in Lego? Please let us know if you are coming, for catering purposes, thank you.

ST JOHN'S

Tea and Cakes, 2-4pm, 20 Jan, 17 Mar. Knit and Natter, 1-3pm, 27 Jan, 24 Feb

Snowdrop Weekend, Sat 21 10am to 4pm, and Sun 22 11am to 4pm.

As well as supporting the event by coming along, could you offer some help? More hands make for lighter work and a less tired Snowdrop Team. Thank you!

Old Christmas Decorations. Any decorations that you no longer need or want we will be happy to collect from you for our recycle Christmas fund raiser in December. Please call Brenda on 07816771702. Thank you.

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Please send enquiries by email if possible, and a reply will be sent as soon as our administrator Ria is next in the office.

Mthr Louise is off duty 8 - 15 January