



12 October 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity 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: Keith Green, **Hymns: 784, 755, 739.**

Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cafaude, **Hymns: 440 (omit * verses), 324, 294, 413.**

Anthem: Be still, for the presence of the Lord.

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/online-worship>

Mon 13 *1pm Funeral of Jacqueline Martin at St Mary's*
Tues 14 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 15 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thurs 16 10am Midweek Eucharist at St John's (note – no coffee following)
12noon – Funeral of Gill Jeffcoat at St Mary's
10am Coffee & Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Service of prayer & meditation in the Chantry Chapel
Fri 17 *7pm Choir practice at St Mary's*
Sat 18 *7.30 to 11pm, 70s & 80s Disco in the Bede House*

Sunday 19 October 2025 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist & Civic Service at St Mary's, with Junior Church

Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a

criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean?’

But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works, 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, Ian Challen, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Freda Fernyhough, Christine Franklin, Michael Harvey, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sally Mayes, Freda Pack, Daphne Pullen, 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, Anita Wright.

In memoriam: Jacqueline Martin (*funeral at St Mary's Mon. 13 Oct 1pm*), Karen Addis, Gill Jeffcoat (*funeral at St John's Thurs. 16 Oct 12noon*).

Year's mind anniversaries: Robert Johnson, Cheslyn Jones (Priest), Alfred Smith, Sarah Horn, Neta Butler, John Heath, Joe Buckman, Charles Herring, Ruth Wills, Winifred Seckington, Robert Hobson, Harold Bowyer, Angela Amos, Freda Pockson, Frederick Brown, Florence Hale, Alice Dunkley, Sarah Towers, Elizabeth Turnock, Ethel Riches, Hilda Lawson, Carole Williams, Ethel Usher, Helen Smith.

NOTICES

All Souls Day services will take place on Monday 3 November: a 10am said service at St Mary's and a 6.30pm service with hymns at St John's. Lists to add names to be remembered will be available at both churches from this Sunday.

Christmas Tombola & Raffle – it is that time of year again when we start to think of these! Tombola items are required in both churches and raffle items (in St Mary's large hampers will be assembled, and a list of items needed will be available). More information will be available in each church.

ST. MARY'S

Faculty notice periods have been completed and the final faculties now applied for and hopefully will be granted in the next few weeks. The Bede House replacement gas pipe works will be booked in just as soon as we can once the faculty is received. We apologise that it will be less warm than we would like in the Bede House pending this work taking place.

18 October –70s and 80s music fan? Come and enjoy our own 70s and 80s Disco in the Bede House, 7.30pm. See the poster for details.

19 October – Mayor Gary Salmon has invited neighbouring Mayors to join us for the annual Civic Service, to be followed by a reception at the back of the church.

25 October – An afternoon Light Party for children in the Bede House, prior sign up required.

22 November – Higham Sparkle

ST JOHN'S

Tea and Cakes, 2-4pm, 21 October, 18 November

Knit and Natter, 1-3pm, 28 October, 25 November

Diary date **St John's Christmas Craft & Gift Fair** – Sat 15 November.

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The benefice office is usually open Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.30am to 2.30pm. 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 Sun 12 to Sat 18 October