



2 August 2026

Nineth Sunday after Trinity Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am All Age Eucharist at St Mary's

Music: Organist St. John's: Keith Green Hymns: 766, 422, 652

Organist St. Mary's: Sam Stringer Hymns: see order of service.

Anthem: Ave Verum

Flowers: at Our Lady donated by Linda and Margaret remembering their husbands Brian and Colin on their birthdays

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>

Mon 3 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Tues 4 2-4pm Lego & Craft Freeplay in the Bede House
7.30pm Bell ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 5 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 6 10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
2pm Funeral of Patricia Bazeley at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel
Sat 8 1pm Wedding of James & Gosia at St Mary's

Sun 9 August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Eucharist, at St Mary's, celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Mothers Union - all welcome

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.

Collect

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong, and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.'

Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Derek Harber, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Val Robinson, Elizabeth Swindley, Niven Whatley, Stewart Wiles, Clare

Yorke. **St John's:** Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Pat Kirk, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith, David Webber.

In memoriam: Patricia Bazeley, Carol Chambers.

Year's mind anniversaries: Daisy Hartwell, John Toppin, Elsie See, Percy Britchford, Derrick Freeman, Hazel Millard, Catherine Tite, Peggy Jewell, Stephen Tobin, Rosemary Jenkins, Ruth Harrison, Iris Gilbert, Ellen Laurence, Paul Ritchie, Susan Slough.

NOTICES

News sheet & weekly church email

Thank you for the comments received about how helpful many of you find the weekly email to keep you connected when you are unable to attend church. Comments regarding the news sheet itself were more mixed depending on whether the email was also received. Some of you like to have the readings in full, others thought the readings did not need to be shown in full when they will be read to you or could be looked up in your bibles at home. Diary dates and prayer lists were appreciated by all.

The layout may change a little over the next few weeks, but from this weekend less will be printed. They can be shared and if you have seen it at home on the email you might not want to have a physical printed copy in church. Bear with us whilst we try and get the numbers correct.

ST MARY'S

Lego & Craft Freeplay sessions – Tues 4, Thurs 13, Tues 18, Thurs 27 August & Tues 1 September. All 2-4pm in the Bede House, see poster for details.

9 August Celebrating 150 years of the Mothers Union in our Sunday service.

16 August, our Patronal Festival followed by a picnic in the Vicarage garden or in the Bede House.

29 August the Vicarage will be taking part in the Higham Ferrers Garage Sale, donations can be delivered to the Vicarage in advance. Thank you.

Aim High Festival, 19 September

A free festival throughout the town, and St Mary's will be providing a quieter space for refreshments, a space for children, and exhibiting competition entries – more details to follow.

Higham Sparkle, 21 November

Stalls, refreshments, music and more alongside displays in church by youth groups and young people on the theme of "A recycled Christmas Story". We will also be showcasing the many groups active within our church who are often hidden from view by the general public.

ST JOHN'S

Tea & Cakes 18 August, 15 September, 20 October

Knit & Natter 25 August, 22 September, 27 October

REVISED DATE 11 October - Harvest Service and Supper, details to follow

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Mthr Louise is off duty Fri 7 August.