



1 September 2024

## Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Welcome to our services today

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

**Music: Organist St. Mary's:** Alan Cafaude, **Hymns: in the service order.**

**Organist St John's:** Hilary Goodman, **Hymns: 790, 236, 584.**

**St Mary's Flowers,** Those at Our Lady donated by Sue Clarke in memory of her son Miles to commemorate what would have been his 35th birthday. Those at the Nave Altar donated by Ann Pumffrey in memory of her dear husband Robin, to commemorate their wedding anniversary and two years since Robin's passing.

**The Benefice Online Services; 'Meeting Point' and 'Celtic Midweek Liturgy'** are for you if you missed our services in church, or for further reflection during the week. <https://www.stmaryhighamferrers.org/online-worship>

### Next Week

Tues 3 7.30pm Bellringing Practice St Mary's  
Wed 4 10am Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
Thurs 5 10am Said Eucharist at St Mary's with Coffee & Chat to 12noon  
2pm Mothers Union meeting at St Mary's  
7pm Celtic Liturgy in the Chantry Chapel  
Fri 6 5.30pm First Friday Club in the Bede House

### Sunday 8 September 2024 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

### Collect Prayer.

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### James 1:17-end

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **Mark &:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines."

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

**Post Communion Prayer.** Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the

breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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:** Karen Addis, Brian Bond, Nola Brockhouse, Simon Brown, Ian Challen, Marian Cox, Lynda & Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Colin Gilkes, Sandra Hill, Margaret Janowski, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sally Mayes, Lorcan McLaren (age 11), Freda Pack, Ken & Val Robinson, Fr. Nichols Spencer, Elizabeth Swindley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke. **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, John Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Dr Northover, Brenda May, Lynn Redgagte, Arthur & Anita Wright.

**In memorium:** Reg Harlow (funeral service 16 Sept, 1pm, St Mary's)

**Year's mind anniversaries:** Rose Hayles, Roland Bailey, John Smith, Dorothea Haynes, Annie Lovell, John Browning, Lilian Upton, Raymond York, Erica Parish, Robin Pumffrey, Thomas Oberman, Dorothy York, John Browning, Agnes Todd, Maurice Haynes, Miles Clarke, Dennis Martin, Arthur Skeeles, Phyllis Durrant, Albert Hoole, Sarah Knight, Paul Saxby, Florence Bates, Thomas Parker, Rose Marlow, Elsie Palmer, Tecla Bakx, Dennis Pearson.

## **NOTICES**

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### **BENEFICE**

**Confirmation.** Have you been thinking about this? Would you like to know more? Come and join a group exploring this together. Please email the office or Mthr Louise to register your interest or ask any questions, so we can gauge numbers and make some plans.

### **ST. MARY'S**

**Mothers Union.** Meeting in church at 2 pm on Thursday 5 September with speaker Alan Mayes talking about the historic houses of Northamptonshire. Everyone welcome to join us. On Saturday 14 September we are attending the

MU Diocesan Festival at the cathedral, when our new member Vanessa is to be enrolled, along with Bishop Debbie.

LEGO church – the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 4pm in the Bede House, starting on 22 September. Details to follow, please email the office to express interest in attending or helping.

All Age Harvest Festival, followed by a Harvest Lunch – 6 October, Harvest Lunch tickets now on sale, please see Karen Holmes.

## ST JOHN'S

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday 17 September, 1 to 4pm

Our annual fundraising event for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity, with Bring & Buy, Raffles, stalls. Free entry. £5 for cake and unlimited tea & coffee

Tea & cakes 15 Oct

Knit and Natter 1–3pm 27 Aug, 24 Sep.

Harvest Festival with Supper and Auction – 29 September 4pm

Tickets for the supper on sale now, £12.50, from Brenda Elldred or Richard Kirk.

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The Benefice administration office is usually open Tuesday and Thursdays 9.30am to 2.30pm. Please use email if possible, and a reply will be sent as soon as possible.

***Mthr Louise is off duty 2 to 14 September***