



12 July 2026

Sixth 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: Hilary Goodman **Hymns: 721, 389, 812.**

Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cufaude **Hymns: 265, 456, 310, 476.**

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 13 7.30pm *St Mary's PCC in the Chantry Chapel*
Tues 14 7.30pm Bell ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 15 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 16 10am Holy Eucharist at St John's
10am Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel
Sat 18 1pm *Mothers Union 150th anniversary tea in the Bede House*

Sun 19 July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
4pm Tea, Biscuits & Church in the Bede House

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

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin

and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason, the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Alexander Behagg, Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Jane Carpenter, 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: Jo Barrie

Year's mind anniversaries: Ray Northover, Conrad Turner, Beatrice Tebbutt, George Wagstaff, Kenneth Fulcher, Diana Joy, Ivy Morris, Walter Loak, Elsie Jones, William Haynes, Dorothy Foulger, Ralph Thompson, Dulcie Eaton, Julian Wadsworth, Frank Thompson, Evelyn Percival, Bernard Britchford, Flt Sgt. Charles Auld RCAF, Vera Brawn, Maureen Kilsby, Fred Parker, Frances Groome, Ernest Wright, Clifford Paddys, Frank Morris, Joan Lacey, Leonard Wilson, Doreen Curtis, Kenneth Youle, Ella York, Philip Palmer.

NOTICES

A big thank you from Reverend Brenda

I would like to thank everyone across the Benefice for the encouragement and support for my ordination; also for the fabulous joyful celebration service on Sunday afternoon/evening. I feel very humbled by everything you all contributed towards the momentous day.

To the Bell Ringers very special thanks for the amazing Bell Peal on Sunday afternoon, to the catering side, music side and of course Mother Louise who put it all together. You are a wonderful community and I hope to serve you well in my new role as your Curate. With love and Blessings. Revd Brenda

ST MARY'S

18 July, 2.30pm – Mothers Union Deanery event celebrating the 150th Anniversary; Afternoon Tea in the Bede House. Please come and join us - tickets available from Jane or Ruth £7.50

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.

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 & Higham Sparkle, 21 November.

We are putting together teams for both these events here on the St Mary's site. Please come have a chat, let's share the load between a group of people rather than it falling on just a few. Mthr Louise

ST JOHN'S

Tea & Cakes 21 July, 18 August, 15 September, 20 October

Knit & Natter 28 July, 25 August, 22 September, 27 October

26 July, A fun concert of Brass Band music, with Raunds Temperance Brass. Tickets £12.50, please see posters for details.

20 September - Harvest Service and Supper, details to follow

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Mthr Louise is off duty Fri 17 & Sat 18 July.