



9 August 2026

## Tenth Sunday after Trinity Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's  
10.30am Parish Eucharist celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mothers Union, at St Mary's

**Music: Organist St. John's:** Sam Stringer **Hymns: 623, 779, 593 (omit \* verses)**

**Organist St. Mary's:** Alan Cufaude **Hymns: see order of service.**

**Flowers:** celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mothers Union

**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 11 7.30pm Bell ringing practice at St Mary's  
Wed 12 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's  
Thur 13 10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's  
2-4pm *Lego & Craft Freeplay in the Bede House*  
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel  
Sat 15 1pm *Baptism of Charlotte*

### Sun 16 August Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's  
10.30am Patronal Festival Eucharist, followed by a picnic in the Vicarage garden from 12noon.

**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

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

## Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid. ‘Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

The Mothers Union celebration Eucharist uses different readings, see the order of service.

## Post Communion

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through 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, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Val Robinson, Elizabeth Swindley, Niven Whatley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke, Victoria. **St John's:** Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Pat Kirk, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith, David Webber.

**In memoriam:** Carol Chambers, Derek Harber (funeral Fri 4 Sep, 12noon at St Mary's).

**Year's mind anniversaries:** Barbara Trusler, Florence Wilkinson, Janet Jarvis Ada Groom, Evelyn Fuller, Raymond Gilbert, Mavis Bird, Mary Cockerill, Martin Copestake, Nora Bennett, Nora Plant, Grace Hardwick, Emma Barker, Margaret Webb, Eric Ginns, Albert Walker, Gladys Chettle, Violet Lawson, Dorothy Mayes, Emily Pashler, Henrietta Owen, Brian Curtis, Colin Stephenson (Priest OLW), James Driver, Mabel Waterfield, Richard Bradshaw.

## NOTICES

### ST MARY'S

**Higham Hot Hundred** - Thank you for your support of the 600 Appeal through the HHH over the last five years. I would invite you to continue to support HHH, to help raise funds to support the capital costs of looking after our three beautiful buildings. Like our own homes our buildings always have things that will need doing to them to keep them in good order. A monthly donation of just £5 (equivalent to a coffee and cake in a local coffee shop), and every month three names are pulled out winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes of £150, £75 and £25. To find out more or to join in, please see Karen or Jane.

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

**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 14 August.***