



18 October 2026

Luke the Evangelist 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: 487, 358, 507.**

Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cufaude **Hymns: 440 (omit * verses), 324, 272, 413.**

Anthem: Ave Verum

Flowers: at the nave altar have been donated by David Pocock in memory of Lynne, a dear wife and mother, to commemorate her birthday.

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 19 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's

Tues 20 2 – 4pm Tea & Cakes at St John's

7.30pm Bellringing practice night at St Mary's

Wed 21 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's

Thur 22 10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's

7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel

Sat 24 7pm *Rushden Town Band concert at St Mary's, tickets available*

Sun 25 October Bible Sunday

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

4pm L.E.G.O. Church in the Bede House (please let us know if you are coming for catering purposes)

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

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and

through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

2 Timothy 4:5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

Post Communion

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**

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: David Batchelor, 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, Jean Smith, Elizabeth Swindley, Niven Whatley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke, Victoria. **St John's:** Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith, David Webber.

In memoriam: Louise Russell-Boyne

Year's mind anniversaries: Ethel Usher, Helen Smith, Albert James, James Whiting, Constance Hill, Ada Kilsby, Mary Gomm, Josef Csandy, Alfred Wills, David Rockley, William Pack, Eveline Morris, Margaret Jones, Frederick Howes, Edith Wardiell, John Neville, Catherine Holmes, Darren Neville, Annie Childs, Harvey Scull, Alec Stokes, Doris Groome, Charles Hubbard, Ethel Mountford, Herbert Colton, Horace Childs.

NOTICES

Posters & Publicity

Now is the time of year when we start to have a lot of posters to design and publicity to attend to (mainly online). If you have the skills with Canva or are keen to learn how to use it - would you be able to help with this? Mthr Louise

Donations for the Tombola & Raffle are needed for both churches please

Now is the time to start thinking of these items, please put them to one side and we'll give you the details of where to put them from next weekend. The big day itself is now only 75 days away!

ST MARY'S

24 October 7pm – Rushden Town Band at St Mary's

Tickets available from Karen & Jane, details on posters on the noticeboards

31 October, 3.30 – 5pm, A Light Party in The Bede House

The party is for children up to 11, please register by 26 October.

Higham Ferrers Christmas Sparkle, Sat 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.

5 December 2pm – Christmas Wreath Workshop in the Bede House

Tickets available from Nicky, details on posters on the noticeboards

ST JOHN’S

A Harvest thank you.

A massive thank you for your generous bidding at the Harvest Auction, and to the whole church team for floral decorations, the Harvest Supper, Mr Wager for his auctioneering and the welcome of all our visitors. Mthr Louise Bishop

Tea & Cakes 20 October Knit & Natter 27 October

Christmas Fair, 14 November 10am to 4pm

Our famous Recycled Christmas stall amongst many others, festive refreshments, raffle, tombola & more. Come start your Christmas shopping!

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Mthr Louise is off duty on Mon 19 October