

Welcome to our Services today, The Feast of Christ the King

9 am	Family Eucharist at St John's
9 am	No Morning Worship in the Bede House today
10.30 am	Family Eucharist at St Mary's

The Feast of Christ the King is an opportunity for joyful worship before the more solemn season of Advent. The theme is the kingdom of God and Our Lord as its king.

Readings for today:	Jeremiah 23.1–6
	Colossians 1.11–20
	Luke 23.33–43

The anthem during communion at St Mary's today is King of Glory.

The Online Benefice Service 'Meeting Point' is available on the website for you to join in as well as the services in church, or when you have 15 minutes to pause and reflect.

It is available all this week www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk

Organists

The organists today are Paul Harris at St Mary's and Sam Stringer at St John's.

Weekday Services and Events

Tuesday 22nd	1 – 3 pm	Knit and Natter at St John's
Wednesday 23rd	7 pm	Online Service & Meditation: see www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk
Thursday 24th	10 am	Holy Eucharist at St Mary's
	10 am-12 noon	Coffee & Chat in the Bede House
	7 pm	Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel
Saturday 26th	9 am – 12 noon	Farmers' Market Coffee Morning in the Bede House , supporting Cransley Hospice
	11.30 am	Recital by Chelveston Village Choir at St Mary's

Services next Sunday 27th November, The First Sunday of Advent

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

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NOTICES

BENEFACTICE

Volunteers for Warm Spaces Project

Rushden and Higham Council of Churches, with Higham Ferrers Town Council are looking to provide warm spaces for people who are struggling to heat their homes. We will offer a continuation of the existing Coffee and Chat on a Thursday, for a limited time. The Bede House will stay open until 1.30 pm with soup, roll and cheese provided. If you could help with heating and serving the soup please contact Brenda on 07816 771702.

(updated 20/11/22)

Food Bank

A new food bank opened in Higham on 1st November operating from the Working Men's Club in Westfield Terrace. It is being run by Nigel and Jackie Brown, supported by Encompass (formerly ENCS) who run the food banks in Rushden, Raunds and Thrapston, and will be open every Tuesday, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Anyone who is struggling or in food poverty is welcome to come along, bringing ID. No referral necessary and you will receive a warm and sympathetic welcome.

We still value your donations in the boxes at the back of both churches. These are taken to the warehouse in Rushden for use in Higham and Rushden foodbanks.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support us week by week. *(updated 20/11/22)*

Youth Deanery Christmas Disco

This will be held in the Bede House on Sunday 27th November, 5.30 – 7 pm. See poster for more information, or speak to one of the youth team. *(added 13/11/22)*

ST MARY'S

Congratulations

To Sylvia Eady who celebrated her 80th birthday on Friday 18th November 😊

Readings and Intercessions

While Raymond Wildsmith recovers from his hip operation, Richard Oberman is preparing and circulating the rotas for readers and intercessions topics on Sundays. The January-March list is currently in preparation. This is an ideal time for you to join the rota for reading or leading the intercessions. Please contact Richard by email, in the next few days reoberman@gmail.com if you would like to share in public worship.

(updated 20/11/22)

Mothers' Union

This year our branch of the Mothers' Union has been invited to host the Deanery Advent Carol Service so we will be joined in St Mary's by members from other local churches. Everyone is welcome to attend this service on Thursday 1st December at 2 pm to share the seasonal hymns and readings and discover more about the work of Mother's Union.

(updated 20/11/22)

School Carol Concerts

We're delighted that local schools will be holding their carol concerts in St Mary's once again this year and these will mainly be supported by our ministry team who would appreciate help to open up / meet & greet / possibly close where needed. The dates and times (all December) are Friday 2nd (9.30 am), Tuesday 6th (6 - 8 pm), Friday 9th (3.30 - 6 pm), Wednesday 14th (9.15 am), Thursday 15th (9.15 am and 6 – 8 pm), and Friday 16th (9 – 10.30 am). Some of these times are for run throughs. Volunteers are asked to speak to Father Paul in the first instance.

(updated 20/11/22)

Fundraising - 12 Days of Giving

Once again we have the opportunity to nominate St Mary's (charity number 1132678) and the Bede House (charity number 1067757) in the Ecclesiastical Insurance/Movement for Good 2022 '12 Days of Giving'. Simply visit <https://movementforgood.com/> to enter, using the charity numbers above (if you have more than one mail address you can nominate both 😊). Share with family and friends and let's see how many nominations we can put in!

(added 13/11/22)

Christmas Shopping

Shopping online this Christmas? If you go through Easyfundraising it enables St Mary's to receive donations from the retailers you're using. Sue Dennis is happy to help anyone who would like help with downloading the app.

(added 20/11/22)

Christmas Party for Higham Children

Jackie Brown is organising a free Kids Christmas Party on Saturday 3rd December at Higham Ferrers Working Men's Club. This is a great initiative within our local community. The organisers are crowdfunding for donations to buy gifts for Santa's sack. The GoFundMe page is [Buy toys for the kids of Higham Ferrers for Xmas, organized by Jackie Brown](#)

(added 20/11/22)

Prayers

Our prayers have been asked for:

Karen Addis, Daniel Boxall, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Simon Brown, Marian Cox, Elisabeth Crafer, Pat Ellis, Christine Franklin, Cynthia Hobson, Ria Jefferies & family, Sarah Knight, Jess Lawson, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Chris Mitchell, Brenda Mould, Freda Pack, Paul Paynton (Revd), Peter Paynton, Val Robinson, Jean Shield, Elizabeth Swindley, Raymond Wildsmith, Clare Yorke.

St John's: Jo Barrie, Bruce Bass, Shirley Baxter, Pauline Brown, Tina Gill, Hilary Goodman, Noreen Hogan, Stephen Kirk, Martin Littlejohn, Brenda May, Pieter Mommersteeg, Muriel Palmer, Margaret Sheppard, Michael Wilson, Diana Wright.

In memoriam: Peter Howard Phelps RIP; Dawn Woods RIP
David Rockley (*funeral 2 pm, Monday 21st November, St Mary's*)
Madge Boxall (*funeral 2 pm, Wed 23rd November, St Mary's*)

Year's mind anniversaries:

Frances Wagstaff, Dennis White, Daniel Neville, Gertrude Gorley, Mary Stuttle, Edward Evans, George Hunt, Hazel Adams, Annie Masters, Maria Mommersteeg, May Marriott, Bernard Simmons, Richard Hackett, Eric Sibley, Lilian Denton, Doris Toppin, Maurice Newman, Rose Watts, Audrey Chesters, William Campion, Ethel Colton, Robertina Alton, Sidney Knighton, Gwen Hughes, Noreen Holmes.

Please continue to pray for:

Moheb, Therese & Lilly – the Coptic Christian family from Egypt who worship with us and have been granted asylum by a judge after a long and stressful time of uncertainty.

A Prayer for Ukraine:

As tensions and hostilities continue we pray for the people of Ukraine living under difficulties of the restrictions they are under. A Candle of Peace has been set up in both churches as a focus for our prayers.

God of peace and justice, as we pray for the people of Ukraine we ask for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.