



19 July 2026

Seventh Sunday after Trinity Welcome to our services today

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

Music: Organist St. John's: Sam Stringer Hymns: 282, 536, 806.

Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar Hymns: 377, 369, 74, 477.

Anthem: Bread is blessed & broken

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 20 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Tues 21 10am U3A tour of St Mary's site
2 – 4pm Tea & Cake at St John's
7.30pm Bell ringing practice at St Mary's
7.30pm Churchwardens' admission service at St Peter's, Oundle
Wed 22 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 23 10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel
Sat 25 Farmers Market morning with Bell Peal, Coffee & Cake in the Bede House, and Organ recital in church
3pm 10th Wedding Blessing for Carol & Tim at St Mary's

Sun 26 July Eighth Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
2pm Raunds Temperance Brass concert at St John's

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

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in¹ hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So, when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered,

‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Post Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, 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, Jane Carpenter (funeral 29 July at 12noon, Nene Valley Crematorium), Patricia Bazeley.

Year's mind anniversaries: Barbara Lumbers, Jean Lewis, Richard Farey, Keith Carr, Fred Groome, William Blake, William Ainge, George Hendry, William Knight, Freda Jolley, Christopher Francis, Gwendoline Burton, Clara Cox, May Jackson, Thomas Holmes, Sidney Wheatley, Nellie Poole, Thomas Lowther, Ernest Bradshaw, Clara Whiting, Alfred Lee, Cyril Pack, May Hadley, Margaret Tuffnail, Jean Powell, Bertie Allen, Reginald Chambers, Raoul Stewart.

NOTICES

ST MARY'S

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 Mon 20 July.