



2 November 2025

All Saints' Day

Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am All Age Eucharist at St Mary's

Music: Organist St. John's: Keith Green, **Hymns:** 296, 642, 310

Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cafaude, **Hymns:** see Order of Service

Flowers: at the nave altar donated by David Pocock in memory of his dear wife Lynne 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/online-worship>

Mon 3 10am All Souls Day said Eucharist at St Mary's
6.30pm All Souls Day sung Eucharist at St John's
Tues 4 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 5 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thurs 6 10am Said Eucharist with Coffee & Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
2pm MU meeting in church, guest speaker Rev Yvonne, all welcome
7pm Celtic Service of prayer & meditation in the Chantry Chapel
Fri 7 3pm *Funeral service for Anita Wright at St John's*
5.30pm First Friday Club in the Bede House & Vicarage Garden
7pm Choir Practice at St Mary's

Sunday 9 November 2025 Remembrance Day

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
9am All Age Eucharist at St Mary's (**note change of time for the service**)
10.45am *Civic Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on the Market Square, Higham Ferrers, followed by refreshments in the Bede House*

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Ephesians 1:11-end

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this¹ is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God¹ put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Luke 6:20-31

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry, Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Post Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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.

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Brian Bond, Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Ian Challen, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Freda Fernyhough, Christine Franklin, Michael Harvey, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sally Mayes, Daphne Pullen, Val Robinson, Elizabeth Swindley, Sue Thompson, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke. **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith.

In memoriam: Freda Pack (*Thanksgiving Service Wed 12 Nov, 12noon, St Mary's*) and Anita Wright (*Funeral Service Fri 7 Nov, 3pm, St John's*).

Year's mind anniversaries: Richard Blackwell, Alan Matthias, Caleb Stokes, Grace Cunnington, Melbourne Bass, Harry Pashler, Gerry Darnell, John Roddis, Frederick Wilson, Edith Slater, Amos Martin, John Swann, Douglas Smith, Richard Llewellyn, Hilda Ford, William Spriggs, Thomas Lovell, Sarah Parker, Hazel Scull, Alice King, Charles Stimpson, Isaac Bird, William Watts, Benjamin Catlin, Margaret Whiteman, Doris Tilley, Elsie Smith, Karen Wharton, Evelyn Carpenter, George Evans, Gerald Sanders, Doris Newell, Violet Ingram, Lister Allison, Cyril Cox.

NOTICES

All Souls services will take place on Monday 3 November: a 10am said service at St Mary's and a 6.30pm service with hymns at St John's.

Christmas Tombolas & Raffles & Cakes. Tombola items are required in both churches and raffle items and lots of cakes! More information will be available in each church.

ST. MARY'S

9 November – Remembrance Sunday; please note our service will be 9am, this year, allowing more time to assemble in the Market Square ready for the start of the Civic Service of Remembrance there from 10.47am.

Bede House update, the gas piping has been replaced in the Bede House. It currently is new and bright but will be painted to match the wall in the near future. Having a warm hall I hope outweighs the short time of visual awkwardness.

22 November – Higham Sparkle, can you help man a stall or with refreshments etc for an hour or two? Rotas at the back of church, it's a great way to meet visitors to our church site.

ST JOHN'S

15 November - St John's Christmas Craft & Gift Fair featuring the Everything Christmas stall; pre-loved, recycled and new items at bargain prices! Come and do some Christmas shopping and enjoy some festive refreshments.

Tea and Cakes, 2-4pm, 18 Nov, 20 Jan, 17 Mar.

Knit and Natter, 1-3pm, 25 Nov, 27 Jan, 24 Feb

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Please send enquiries by email if possible, and a reply will be sent as soon as our administrator Ria is next in the office.

Mthr Louise is off duty Sat 8 November