



9 June 2024

## Second Sunday after Trinity

### 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

**Readings:** 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1, Mark 3:20-end

**Music:** Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cafaude, Anthem; Look at the world, Rutter.

**Hymns; 362, 490, 342, 461.** Organist St. John's: Hilary Goodman **Hymns; 679, 581, 823.**

**The Online Benefice Service 'Meeting Point'** is for you if you missed our services in church, or for further reflection during the week.

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#### Next Week

Mon 10 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's

Wed 12 10am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Wed 12 6.30pm Youth visit to St Mary's

Thurs 13 10am Said Eucharist at St Mary's with Coffee & Chat to 12noon

Thurs 13 7pm Celtic Liturgy in the Chantry Chapel

Sat 15 1pm Wedding of Daryl & Tracey at St John's

#### Sunday 16 June 2024 Third Sunday after Trinity (also Father's Day)

9am Parish Eucharist at St. John's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's with KICKSTART for children

1-5 pm Tea and cakes in St Mary's, part of the Secret Gardens event, Higham

#### Collect.

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture— 'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know

that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

### **Mark 3:20-end**

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. ‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

### **Post Communion.**

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with 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:** Karen Addis, Peace Armstrong, Brian Bond, Daniel Boxall, Nola Brockhouse, Albert Clarke, Marian Cox, Christine Franklin, Colin Gilkes, Reg Harlow, Sandra Hill, Margaret Janowski, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Robert Matthews, Sally Mayes, Lorcan McLaren (age 11), Freda Pack, Ken & Val Robinson, Stephen Slater, Fr. Nichols Spencer, Elizabeth Swindley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke, Jack (aged 10). **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Noreen Hogan, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Sara Owst, Gyles Smart, David Webber.

### **In memoriam:**

**Year's mind anniversaries:** John Browning, Arthur Wright, Frank Felce, Helen Driver, Linda Smith, Dorothy Blackwell, Michael Warde, Irene Britchford, Ellen Bonfield, Daphne Robinson, Betty Chamberlain, Elizabeth Wright, Alfred York, Olive Lawrence, Richard Wright, Heather Price, Alfred Bradshaw, Fred Skinner, George Clifton, Joyce Connolly, James Pruden, Edith Lovell, Herbert Coker, Evelyn Gresham.

## **NOTICES**

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### **BENEFACTICE**

**News sheet:** Thank you for your patience as we deal with some Mailchimp teething problems, some are taking a little time to resolve. We intend to use more of its functionality but will take our time and try to resolve current issues before proceeding. Any items for inclusion; please send jointly to the office and myself.

An apology for dates etc issues in the last newssheet – trying to get ready to go away and typing a newssheet was not maybe the best combination to have tried! Please do continue to let me know if there are typos or if I'm unclear, and I'll try to do better. Mthr Louise

**Food Bank current needs, please place in our donation boxes.** Tins: meat, fish, vegetables, custard, fruit, rice pudding, soup. Tea, sugar, coffee, jam, washing tabs, washing up liquid, anti-bac spray, toilet rolls, shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

**LEGO** – Mthr Louise is wanting to start a monthly LEGO church for children and parents later this year and continuing to collect LEGO. Thank you for all the donations of LEGO received to date, still room for some more! Current planning is towards starting this in September in the new school year.

**Trip to Lourdes:** An amazing and overwhelming time which I am still processing. I will put together my thoughts and photos and aim to talk about my experiences at a future date. It was a privilege to pray for people and situations in such a place, and I thank you for entrusting those requests to me. Mthr Louise

## **ST. MARY'S**

**June 16** Secret Gardens afternoon in Higham Ferrers and we are joining in with St Mary's grounds and our gorgeous roses. We will be serving tea and cake in the church and have the Chantry Chapel open for visitors.

**June 30** Brass on the Grass with fingers crossed for a better day's weather this year! (In church if necessary) Pimms and Strawberries either way.

## **ST JOHN'S**

**Tea and Cakes** 2–4pm, Tues, 18 Jun, 16 Jul, 20 Aug, 17 Sep.

**Knit and Natter** 1–3pm 25 Jun, 23 Jul, 27 Aug, 24 Sep.

**Special Services at St. John's (please see the attached flier for details)**

22 June Arts & Music Festival      23 June St. John's Patronal Service

29 Sept Harvest Festival with Supper and Auction

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The Benefice administration office is usually open Tuesdays and Fridays;  
9.30 to 2.30, email enquiries are preferred but please be patient awaiting a reply!

***Mthr Louise off duty on Friday 14 June.***