



1 Nov 2026

All Saints

Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am All Age Eucharist at St Mary's

6pm *Choral Evensong for All Souls at St Mary's Finedon*

Music: Organist St. John's: Keith Green Hymns: 296(omit verses 3, 5, 6), 462, 312.

Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar Hymns: see order of service

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 2 All Souls

10am Eucharist at St Mary's

6pm Evening Prayer with Commemoration at St John's

Tues 3 2pm Bible Babble in the Bede House

7.30m Bible Babble at Rev Brenda's house

7.30pm Bellringing practice night at St Mary's

Wed 4 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's

7pm *Scouts visit to St Mary's*

Thur 5 2pm Mothers Union meeting at Ruth Bond's home

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

7pm Celtic Service is CANCELLED this week

Fri 6 5.30pm First Friday Club in the Bede House/Vicarage Garden

Sun 8 November Remembrance Day

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's

9am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

10.45am Civic Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial on the Market Square followed by refreshments in the Bede House

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

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

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before 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

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: David Batchelor, Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Pat Catlin, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Val Robinson, Tracey Rogers, 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: Annie Groome, Francis Foster, Brian Cox, Roy Price, Christine Cunningham, Lilian Smith, Brian Cox, Millicent Hackett, Charles Cunningham, Henry Webb, Selina Boxall, Horace Dunkley, Hannah Wilby, Ada Lambert, Frank Betts, Lilian Banham, Jean Daker, Ethel Mephram, John Carmichael, Cyril Allen, Muriel Palmer, Millicent Cherry, Harold Ball, Emily Cox, Gordon Smith, Betty Knight, Terence Horsfield, Winifred Aries, Alfred Sudborough.

NOTICES

All Souls

A list for names for commemoration is available in each church, please add any names that you wish to be remembered at All Souls. If you are unable to get into church to fill in the lists please contact Ria in the office, Sandy or Mthr Louise to add them on your behalf.

Mothers Union, 5 November at 2pm, meeting at Ruth's home - Diane Buckby will talk about her trip to Orkney and the Italian Chapel there. Visitors are very welcome to attend, please let Ruth or Jane know in advance for catering purposes.

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 55 days away!

Remembrance Day – as last year both services will be at 9am, and in Higham Mthr Louise will lead the formal Act of Remembrance on the Market Square from 10.45am, following which refreshments will be in the Bede House.

ST MARY'S

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". It would be great to showcase the many groups and teams active within our church who are often hidden from view of the general public. Do you want to show off what your team does and advertise for new members?

There are signup forms to help steward etc at Sparkle on the back table, and a request list for raffle items. The tombola donations box is near the servery.

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

Tickets available from Nicky, details on noticeboard posters

ST JOHN'S

Tea & Cakes 17 November

Knit & Natter 24 November

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! Tombola and raffle donations requested. Thank you!

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Mthr Louise is off duty Sat 7 Nov & Rev Brenda is away until Mon 2 Nov