

Welcome to our Services today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 am Family Eucharist at St John's

9am Breakfast Church at Bede House

10.30 am Family Eucharist at St Mary's

The Online Benefice Service 'Meeting Point' continues – join in alongside either the services in church, or when you have 15 minutes to pause and reflect. The service is available on the website [HYPERLINK "http://www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk/](http://www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk/)

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www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk/_all this week.

Organists - The organists today are Alan Cafaude at St Mary's and Hilary Goodman at St John's.

Weekday Services and Events

Wednesday 18th 1.30-3 pm Tiny Tots at **St Mary's**, then on to the Bede House
7 pm Online Service & Meditation: see

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Thursday 19th 10 am Holy Eucharist at **St Mary's**

10 am-12 pm Coffee & Chat in the **Bede House**

Saturday 28th 9am - 12pm Bede House Coffee Morning, hosted by the Sharnbrook Players

Saturday 28th 2pm Village Pick at **St John's**, see details below

Sunday 29th 9am USAF present at **St John's** for their Memorial Day Commemorations

Sunday 29th 12pm APCM in **St Mary's**, see details below

Services next Sunday 29th May (the Seventh Sunday of Easter)

9 am Family Eucharist at St John's

10.30am Family Eucharist at St Mary's

12 pm St Mary's APCM in the church

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NOTICES

St John's

St. John's recycling

At St. John's Sue Wager is collecting any of the following items for charity. This helps the charities and saves the environment. Just bring your clean recycling anytime to St. John's and leave it at the back of the church on the bench. In time we hope to have specific areas for collection. Thank you for your help.

Milk bottle tops (only milk bottle tops other tops can be recycled in your green bin). Go to the air ambulance charity. Old pens biro's and felt tips go to Brain Trauma Research. Squashed drink cans go to Helipads for Hospitals. Pill blister packs go to be recycled properly stripping aluminium from the plastic, we take sackfuls to Superdrug Wellingborough. Clean jam jars and the metal top 1lb size go to the Brownies to be reused after sterilising for their jam sales

St. John's - Village Litter picking Chelveston 28th May 2pm (with tea and cake and a short talk on Bin Twinning)

This is a joint community effort and we welcome as many as possible to come along and help and also meet the community. In the village Emily, who is 8 years of age, is heading a campaign for Bin Twinning and there will be more details about this on the day. We meet at 39 Water Lane at 2pm. If you can join us please let Brenda (07816771702) know so we can make sure we have the equipment for everyone.

Thy Kingdom Come - Ascension to Pentecost [https://
www.thykingdomcome.global](https://www.thykingdomcome.global)

Thy Kingdom Come is a Global movement of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost supported by Christians in many countries. This follows the habit of many Christians, who for centuries, have made the focus of their prayer the same as the first believers. Christ's last instruction to His disciples on the day of His Ascension is to 'wait for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) .

To assist with this wave of prayer Archbishop Justin Welby has written 2 small books, a Novena which is based on 1 Peter and a Daily Prayer Journal for the 11 days. In both churches these booklets will be available from 22.5.22 for you to take, for free, and we hope that you will find them useful in the lead up to Pentecost.

We will also be posting some useful short videos on WhatsApp, our website and our Facebook pages as ways to support your reflections and you can find out more from the link above.

There is also a small booklet for children called 'Cheeky Pandas', please take and give to any children you know.

Annual Church Meetings

The Annual Parochial Church Meetings will be after morning service on 29th May at St Mary's. These are most important in this year as we look forward to a new Vicar's appointment. We need members of the Parochial Church Council who are willing to support the ministry and worship and encourage growth in our congregations. Nomination forms are available in church. *(added 8/5/22)*

Flowers

The flowers at the Nave pillar have been donated by Margaret Britchford in memory of her son Andrew for his birthday

Vacancy – Church Treasurer

Do you have experience of financial accounts? Do you like book-keeping? Or maybe you just like counting money? Have experience of budgeting spreadsheets?

If you are retired, or work part-time, and can volunteer your expertise, we are looking for someone to help us manage the financial affairs of the church. To find out more please contact our Church Wardens:

Darren @ dkrobinson@btinternet.com / 07901718252

Dave @ dchs50@virginmedia.com / 07941306391 *(added 8/5/22)*

Food Bank

Our current shortages are tinned fish, meat, soup, rice pudding, fruit and custard, jam, shampoo and conditioner. There are boxes at the back of both churches where you can leave your donations. Our grateful thanks to everyone who donates to us, whether in cash directly or through local organisations, or by putting items in our boxes in church or in local supermarkets. It is very much appreciated. *(updated 8/5/22)*

Prayers

Our prayers have been asked for:

Karen Addis, Tony Barnett, Madge Boxall, Daniel Boxall, Tony Brown, James Christie, Ken Clarke, Allison Cox, Marian Cox, Hazel Cragg, Alan Cufaude, Gillian Dixon, Pat Ellis, Henry Flynn, Christine Franklin, Iris Gilbert, David Hamblin, Cynthia Hobson, Glyn Ingram, Sarah Knight, Jess Lawson, Olly Martin, Sarah Martin, Catherine (nee Matthias) & Tom Mayer, Sally Mayes, Freda Pack, Dora Paynton, Paul Paynton (Revd), Peter Paynton, Lynne Pocock, Val Robinson, Jean Shield, Elizabeth Swindley, Martin Sykala, John Tobin, Margaret Tuffnail, Chris Ward, Sara Whatley, Clare Yorke, Mobi/Therese/& Lilly Khalil

St John's: Shirley Baxter, Pauline Brown, Brittany Fowler, Tina Gill, Hilary Goodman, Eric Kilsby, Brenda May, Pieter Mommersteeg, Tony Norman, Muriel Palmer, Margaret Sheppard, Diana Wright.

Please continue to prayer for Moheb, Therese, & Lilly - our family from Egypt and their family who are Coptic Christians still in Egypt

The Farming Community Network have ask for the 22nd May to be a day of prayer for the farming community. Please pray for both the farming community, and for the work of FCN's volunteers, trustees, and staff.

Year's mind anniversaries:

Richard Felce, Barry Sauntson, George Whiting, Frederick Church, Laura Alton, William (Bill) Donald, George Mantle, Henry Munn, Susan Margetts, Alice Morris, Mary Humphrey, Marjorie Martin, Doreen Matson, Edith Hood, Betty McGeorge, James Brown, Eric Fletton, Georgina Weston, Herbert Rawlings, Samuel Jackson, Henry Marple

A Prayer for Ukraine

A Candle of Peace has been set up in both churches as a focus for our prayers. God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those 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.

Praying for Afghanistan

We continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan in all the difficulties of the restrictions they are living under.

Upcoming Events

On the 5th June there is a Jubilee event in **SAFFRON ROAD PARK** (not Castlefields as previously printed) between 12-5pm. The church has a table there to promote ourselves to the wider community. If you would like to help man the table to

hand out freebies and sell 600 appeal tickets please let Ria Jefferies know. A rota will also be available to fill in at back of church.

18th June - An Evening of music with Belcanto in aid of the 600 Appeal. The evening starts at 7.30pm in St Mary's church. Tickets are £12.50 each inclusive of one drink, tickets available from Sidey Design, Bede House office on Wednesdays/Thursdays, or call Jane on 07792 612330.