



24 May 2026

Pentecost

Welcome to our services today

- 9am Parish Eucharist at St John's *with commemoration of USAF 305th*
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's, *followed by St Mary's APCM*
4pm Lego Church

Music: Organist St. John's: Hilary Goodman **Hymns: 645, 246, 264.**

Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar **Hymns: 139, 137, 140, 476.**

Anthem: Veni Creator

Flowers: at Our Lady donated by Margaret Britchford in memory of her dear son Andrew remembering him on his 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/sunserv1>

- Mon 25 *Bank Holiday*
Tues 26 1 – 3pm Knit & Natter at St John's
2 – 4pm Lego & Craft Freeplay in the Bede House
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 27 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 28 10am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's with Coffee and Chat to 12noon
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel
Fri 29 7pm Choir Practice at St Mary's
Sat 30 Farmers Market with Bell Peal, Coffees in the Bede House & recital in church

Sun 31 May Trinity Sunday

- 9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary'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

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:—“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he

showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

Post Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Jane Carpenter, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, 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:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith, David Webber.

In memoriam:

Year's mind anniversaries: George Danby, Edwin Sanders, George Hogston, Ethel Annis, Derrick Cole, Albert Martin, George Elson, Bill Martin, Annie Stimpson, Gertrude Pack, Charlotte Wood, Robert Reynolds, Mary Parker, Alice Powell, Fred Parker, Frank Chettle, Wallace Eady, Vera Silsby, Tom Ainge, Judith Walker, Rose Ward, Susan Smith, Graham Earnshaw, William Pettit, Frank Odell, Marjorie Dunn, John Sayer, Janet Lloyd, Jamie O'Shea, Graham Earnshaw.

NOTICES

ST MARY'S

Next week is Half Term so we expect more people around in church and on the site. There are some organised events but also many just come for a walk through or to watch the peregrines. Please, if you see excess litter or anything untoward, get in touch with Sandy or Mthr Louise

Farmers Market Coffees on 30 May is being run by St Mary's. Donation of cakes are appreciated. It is the end of Half Term, and some simple crafts will be available for children.

Secret Gardens throughout Higham Ferrers is on the afternoon of Sunday 14 June. Refreshments in the Bede House have been requested, are you able to help? I can be there 1 to 3pm, but it would be good to offer 1 to 4pm, but it is dependent on help. If we could have a few people offering an hour each it would not be too onerous to do and is usually not as busy as a Farmers Market Day. Offers to Mthr Louise please.

Music At Mary's Some dates for your diaries:

Saturday 6 June 7pm, Rushden Rotary Club with Northampton Male Voice Choir

Friday 12 June, Lumos Experiences, 3 Candlelight concerts of Fleetwood Mac music, bar available. Tickets from the Lumos website online.

ST JOHN'S

Tea & Cakes 16 June, 21 July

Knit & Natter 26 May, 23 June, 28 July

Patronal Festival 21 June, all welcome to join us as we celebrate our special day.

A fun concert of Brass Band music, with Raunds Temperance Brass. Tickets £12.50, please see poster for details.

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Mthr Louise is off duty Fri 29 May