



12 May 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our services today

- 9am Said Eucharist at St. John's & Breakfast Church in the Bede House
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's; we warmly welcome The Bishop of Peterborough, the Right Reverend Debbie Sellin to lead the service.

Readings: Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21 - end, John 17: 6 - 19

Music: Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cufaude, Anthem, Teach me O Lord, Attwood.

Hymns within the Order of Service

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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The Flowers at the Nave Altar this week have been donated by Jane Jackson in memory of her parents, Kate and Richard Felce whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

Next Week

- Mon 13 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Tues 14 7.30pm Bellringing Practice at St. Mary's
Wed 15 6pm Evening Prayer at St Mary's
Thurs 16 10am Said Eucharist at St John's
Thurs 16 10am to 12noon Coffee & Chat at St. Mary's
Thurs 16 7pm Celtic Liturgy in the Chantry Chapel
Sat 18 *12.30pm Service of thanksgiving for the gift of a child at St Mary's*
Sat 18 *7.30pm Raunds Temperance Brass Band concert at St Mary's*

Sunday 19 May 2024 Pentecost

- 9am Parish Eucharist at St. John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's, *KICKStart* in the Bede House
11.45am **APCM at St Mary's (in church following Parish Eucharist)**
2.30pm *Baptism at St Mary's*

Collect. Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-end In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said

‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

John 17:6-19

‘I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Post Communion.

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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.

Prayers

Our prayers have been asked for: Karen Addis, Peace Armstrong, Daniel Boxall, Nola Brockhouse, Albert Clarke, Marian Cox, Christine Franklin, Colin Gilkes, Reg Harlow, 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: Doreen Matson, Edith Hood, Betty McGeorge, James Brown, Eric Fletton, Georgine Weston, Herbert Rawlins, Samuel Jackson, Henry Marple, Robert Seaton, John Hale, Ann Knight, Elsie Aldous, Kitson Pfeiffer, Nigel White, Willam Knight, Coral Lewers, George Davison, Donava Newell, Emily Lloyd, Ernest Bond, Richard Felce, Phyllis Britchford, Charles Underwood, Julia Spriggs, Lilian Woods, Harry Stephenson.

NOTICES

BENEFACTICE

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, but to start it needs lots of LEGO bricks, baseboards, minifigs, and the interesting bits like trees, flowers, animals. Do you have any gathering dust that you can donate? Thank you for all the LEGO received to date.

Sponsored Cycle Ride – 4th May 2024 Sadly I have been medically advised to withdraw from my sponsored Ride The Night for the three Cancer Charities on Saturday night. However, my riding partner and fellow Chelveston Chick Sue Wager will be riding and I know you will join with me in wishing for her a calm, rain and wind free night, strong legs and God's speed. Go for it Sue – we are all behind you!!! Lesley

ST. MARY'S

Raunds Temperance Band concert 18 May at 7.30pm in St. Mary's.

Tickets £10 available online <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-higham-ferrers/raunds-temperance-brass-band-concert/e-xldxrq> or Sidey Designs & on the door. Come and enjoy this award winning band!

May Farmers Market Coffee – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

No-one is currently down to host this one, so on the hunt for some volunteers. Come show Mthr Louise how it runs, it should be busy in town with a Garden Show event at Chichele College. Please get in touch if you can help.

ST JOHN'S

Tea and Cakes 2–4pm, Tues, 21 May, 18 Jun, 16 Jul, 20 Aug, 17 Sep.

Knit and Natter 1–3pm 28 May (visit to Milton Ernest), 25 Jun, 23 Jul, 27 Aug, 24 Sep.

Advance notice – our 305th USAF friends will be with us on Sunday 26 May for their annual visit. Due to travel constraints, this service will be at 10am rather than the usual 9am and all are welcome to join us.

Special Services at St. John's

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!

NB – This coming week the office will be open on Tuesday & Thursday.

Mthr Louise will be off duty Friday 18 May.