



1 March 2026

The Second Sunday of Lent Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am All Age Eucharist at St Mary's

Music: Organist St. John's: Sam Stringer, **Hymns: 4, 131, 593.**

Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar, **Hymns: in order of service.**

Anthem: Come down O love divine

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>

Tues 3 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 4 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
2pm Lent Course in the Bede House
Thur 5 10am Said Eucharist with coffee and chat to 12noon at St Mary's
2pm Mothers Union AGM at Ruth's house
7.30pm Lent Course at Brenda's House
Fri 6 *10am World Day of Prayer Service in the Bede House*
2pm Online Lent Course by zoom
5pm First Friday Club in the Bede House
Sat 7 *7pm The Messiah concert at St Mary's*

Sunday 8 March 2026 The Third Sunday of Lent

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's & Breakfast Church in the Bede House
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and for evermore.

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, ‘Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So, it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?_ ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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.

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, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Peter Mitchell, Val Robinson, Elizabeth Swindley, Andrew Watson, 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: Helen Bird, Doreen Holyoak (funeral, St Mary's, 10 March at 1pm)

Year's mind anniversaries: Nicholas Murphy, Constance Baker, Collis Baxter, Peter Mayes, Aubrey Newell, Richard Hale, Leonard Eagles, Ravi Nayyar, Hugh Felce, Elsie Frisby, Grace Jones, Stanley Bosworth, Frederick Horner, May Thomas, Kenneth Smith, Eric Buchanan (Priest), Bruce Bass, Jesse Lawman, Arthur Batt, Jane Palmer, Lily Cox, Helen Ball, Kate Wilmott, Denis Taylor, Grace Millgate, Alice Parker, Alice York, Reginald Cooper, Kenneth Daly.

We continue to pray for Chelveston village: for the families, friends and neighbours of Helen Bird, and the whole community.

NOTICES

ST. MARY'S We are heading into a strong music season at St Mary's, alongside our usual Sundays and Farmers Market Concerts. We are always looking for other concerts or musical experiences, please do let us know of anyone you might like to see here and we'll see what we can do! Please do share the concerts, it's wonderful to see a full church of people enjoying live music.

Saturday 7 March, The Messiah at 7pm. Organised by the Rotary Club and sung by the Northampton Bach Choir. Tickets £15, available online or from Sidey Design.

Sunday 22 March –The Kings Men, return for a concert at 7.30pm. Tickets are £20 and include a glass of wine. Tickets available through Sidey Design, or from Karen Holmes or Jane Jackson.

Mothers' Union.

Will be meeting on Thurs 5 March, 2 pm at Ruth's, for our AGM followed by a sharing of our Lenten memories and practices. This meeting is for members only.

ST JOHN'S

Tea and Cakes, 2-4pm, 17 Mar. Knit and Natter, 1-3pm, 24 Mar.

Snowdrop Weekend.

A huge thank you to all who helped ensure Snowdrop Weekend was as amazing as it was, raising significant funds for St John's but also and importantly allowing a time of fellowship and hospitality in our church and churchyard. We've already had an enquiry as to when it will be in 2027!

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Please send enquiries by email if possible, and a reply will be sent as soon as our administrator Ria is next in the office.

Mthr Louise is off duty Mon & Tues 2 & 3 March, and out of parish 5 March