



14 April 2024

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our services today

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

Readings: Acts 4: 32 – 35, John 20: 19 - end

Music: Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cufaude, Anthem, Ave Verum. **Hymns 352, 84, 107, 486.** Organist St. John's: Sam Stringer, **Hymns 486, 221 (omit * verses), 489.**

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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Next Week

Mon 15 12noon Pamela Osborne Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's
Tues 16 10am Morning Prayer at St John's
Tues 16 2pm – 4pm Tea & cakes at St John's
Tues 16 7.30pm Bellingring Practice at St. Mary's
Wed 17 10am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
Thurs 18 10am Said Eucharist at St. John's
Thurs 18 Coffee & Chat at St. Mary's 10am to 12noon
Thurs 19 7pm Celtic Liturgy in the Chantry Chapel

The Arts Weekend at St Mary's, 19-21 April. A joint project from the Friends of St Mary's and Higham Ferrers Tourism, taking place in all of our glorious buildings at different times over the weekend. Please see that attached poster for details, or visit its website, artsweekendhigham.com

Sunday 21 April 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

9am Parish Eucharist at St. John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's with *KickStart* in the Bede House

Collect.

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

Luke 24:36b - 48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **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.

In Memoriam. Patricia Brunige, Pamela Osborne (Thanksgiving Service at St Mary's, Monday 15 April at 12noon).

Year's mind anniversaries: William March, Edith Coker, Norah Essex, Luke Rowe, Herbert Baxter, Arthur Denton, Reginald Dunmore, Albert Flawn, Sylvia Gray, Percy Blackwell, Arthur King, Audrey Kirk, Margaret Airey, Annie White, Walter Palmer, James Robinson, Margaret Oswald, Lily Newman, Frances Wheatley, Vernon Silsby, George Fuller, Clayton Thomas, Ellen Taylor, Shirley Appleton, Winifred Whiteman, Alma Hall, Francis Hall, Annie Linton, Eric Addison, Masie Clarke, Elsie, Price, Dick Lawrence, Heather Jackson.

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.

The King's Men, of Cambridge, Concert at St. Marys on Sunday 28 April at 7.30pm. Tickets only £15 (includes a glass of wine). Please see Karen Holmes or visit Sidey Designs to purchase tickets. *(added 10/03/24 2w)*

Sponsored Cycle Ride – Women v Cancer Ride the Night 2024

Lesley McCormack and Sue Wager, are taking on the Ride the Night Cycling Challenge in London overnight on 4 to 5 May raising funds for Women v Cancer to help fight breast, cervical and ovarian cancers. Sponsorship forms available in both churches, & online <https://womenscancer.enthuse.com/pf/lesley-mccormack>

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 the first lots of Lego arriving!

ST. MARY'S

Church Spring Cleaning Day – Saturday 13 April. Could you spare an hour or two to help with a bit of cleaning and tidying of the site? Inside and out, lets get ourselves looking our best before we have lots of visitors over the spring and summer period. Enquiries to Mthr Louise.

Sidespeople. We are still a few people short for the Sunday team to meet and greet the congregation, hand out orders of service and news sheets, welcome visitors, and tidy away after the service. For details see Sandy.

The Bookshelf. Due to the growth of other book swap locations around town, it has been decided to discontinue our bookshelf from the end of April. After this date remaining books will be donated, and a new church library will start to be set up – watch this space!

ST JOHN'S, APCM – 14 April following the 9am Service

27 April, 12noon, a celebration Eucharist in thanks of Rev Lesley's 30 years of priestly ministry.

Tea and Cakes 2–4pm, Tues, 16 Apr, 21 May, 18 Jun, 16 Jul, 20 Aug, 17 Sep.
Knit and Natter 1–3pm Tues, 23 Apr, 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. Due to travel constraints, this service will be at 10am rather than the usual 9am.

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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!

Mthr Louise will be off duty Thursday 18 pm & Friday 19 April am.