



12 April 2026

The First Sunday after Easter

Welcome to our services today

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

Music: Organist St. John's: Sam Stringer **Hymns: 216, 209, 197.**

Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cufaude **Hymns: 117, 112, 297, 103.**

Anthem: *This joyful Eastertide*

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 13 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Tues 14 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's
7.30pm St Mary's PCC in the Bede House
Wed 15 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 16 10am Holy Eucharist at St John's
10am Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel
Fri 17 7pm Choir Practice in St Mary's
7.30pm Quiz Night in the Bede House

Sun 19 April The Third Sunday of Easter

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's *followed by their APCM*
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
1pm Bell peal at St Mary's
4pm TB&C, also known as Tea, Biscuits & Church in the Bede House.

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, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Val Robinson, Elizabeth Swindley, 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: Sarah Knight

Year's mind anniversaries: Henry Chichele (Archbishop), Jack Thomas, Richard Cherry, Lilian Espin, Arthur Birtchnell, George Britchford, Benjamin Ford, Percy Tobin, John Owen, Jim Jackson, Anthony Morris, William March, Edith Coker, Norah Essex, Luke Rowe, Herbert Baxter, Arthur Denton, Reginald Dunmore, Alber 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

NOTICES

Thank you for everyone who helped with or came to or participated with our varied services and events through Lent, and especially in Holy Week. At the risk of repeating myself too much, it was an absolute joy to walk alongside you in our shared endeavours. We had many visitors throughout the period, some friends and family, but others just wanting to know more or to experience St John's and St Mary's. It was a particular joy to have so many children and families exploring the whole story of Easter through our children's event on Good Friday.

Our Lent Course "The things he carried" provoked much interesting discussion. Would you be interested in more joint study? Ideas of the types of things that might appeal, or indeed be useful, would be appreciated. Please chat to Mthr Louise or Brenda.

Confirmations – Mthr Louise is building a list of potential candidates for a confirmation later in the year. If this is you, or you would like to know more, please come and have a chat. If we have enough candidates we can hopefully host a confirmation service here in our benefice. Anyone remember Bishop John here that Advent confirmation, when our smaller children appeared in their own decorated mitres at the end much to his amusement?

ST MARY'S

NEW! Tea, Biscuits & Church starts on 19 April, 4pm in the Bede House. A new type of church, for all generations together, come and be part of it and help us find out what it will be. Want to know more, speak to Mthr Louise or Brenda.

Our **Weekly Celtic Service**, lasting around 30 minutes and including 15 minutes of silent meditation returns after its winter break on Thursday 16 April at 7pm. A quiet and reflective service that is missed when it is on its break.

Quiz Night, Friday 17 in the Bede House – a few spaces are still available, please see Karen or Jane for tickets and details.

Music At Mary's

We love music and have a whole series of concerts on top of the regular Sunday services and Farmers Market recitals. So, some dates for your diaries:

Saturday 25 April 7pm, Friends of St Mary's have their annual Arts weekend and are hosting a concert with the local Rock Choir.

Saturday 16 May 7.30pm, The Greatest Love Songs with Susannah Ruth, tickets from Karen or Jane

Friday 12 June, Lumos Experiences are back with another set of candlelit concerts. Tickets will be live on their website within the next week.

Ideas of other types of concerts, recitals or musical events would be appreciated. It would be amazing to get at least one thing in the diary for every month. So over to you...even better if you can suggest a person or a group as well as musical type or genre. Maybe you know a group that might be looking for a venue for their concert, we are happy to host "outside" concerts as well as ones we arrange ourselves or are through Friends of St Mary's, the Rushden Rotary Club etc.

ST JOHN'S

Monday Evening prayer starts again next week, 6pm, at St John's.

Tea & Cakes 21 April, 19 May, 16 June
Knit & Natter 28 April, 26 May, 23 June

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

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Mthr Louise is off duty Monday 13 April

