



19 October 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am Annual Civic Service at St Mary's with Junior Church

Music: Organist St. John's: Sam Stringer, **Hymns: 765, 129, 715.**

Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar, **Hymns: See Order of Service**

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, *Attwood*.

Flowers in St Mary's: Nave altar flowers donated by Pat Rockley & Family in loving memory of David on 3rd anniversary of his death

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/online-worship>

Mon 20 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's

Tues 21 2-4pm Tea & cakes at St John's

7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's

Wed 22 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's

Thurs 23 10am Said Eucharist with Coffee & Chat to 12noon at St Mary's

7pm Celtic Service of prayer & meditation in the Chantry Chapel

Fri 24 7pm *Choir practice at St Mary's*

Sat 25 10am – 1pm Farmers Market Day with Coffees in the Bede House,
Bell Peal & Recital in church.

3.30 - 5pm *Light Party for children in the Bede House*

Sunday 26 October 2025 Last Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

4pm Lego Church in the Bede House

Collect

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the
salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “Grant me justice against my opponent.” For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.”’ And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you; he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: _for here we receive you, _here the memory of your passion is renewed, _here our minds are filled with grace, _and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints 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.

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Brian Bond, Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Ian Challen, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Freda Fernyhough, Christine Franklin, Michael Harvey, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sally Mayes, Freda Pack, Daphne Pullen, Val Robinson, Elizabeth Swindley, Sue Thompson, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke. **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith, Anita Wright.

In memoriam: Margaret Billington

Year's mind anniversaries: Albert James, James Whiting, Constance Hill, Ada Kilsby, Mary Gomm, Josef Csandy, Alfred Wills, David Rockley, William Pack, Eveline Morris, Margaret Jones, Frederick Howes, Edith Wardiell, John Neville, Catherine Holmes, Darren Neville, Annie Childs, Harvey Scull, Alec Stokes, Doris Groome, Charles Hubbard, Ethel Mountford, Herbert Colton, Horace Childs, Richard Hendry.

NOTICES

Rev'd Yvonne Desroches: it was announced last Sunday that Rev'd Yvonne has been appointed as Associate Minister at St Mary's Finedon, her licensing service is 22 January 2026 at 7pm to which we are all invited. Please do pray for her during these last months in our benefice before moving to her new role. Mthr L

All Souls Day services will take place on Monday 3 November: a 10am said service at St Mary's and a 6.30pm service with hymns at St John's. Lists to add names to be remembered will be available at both churches from this Sunday.

Christmas Tombola & Raffle – it is that time of year again when we start to think of these! Tombola items are required in both churches and raffle items (in St Mary's large hampers will be assembled, and a list of items needed will be available). More information will be available in each church.

ST. MARY'S

Replacement of the gas piping in the Bede House will take place next Thursday 23 and Friday 24 October, and possibly part of Wednesday (tbc). **Access will be limited to the toilets and office only** during this work in the main hall and crypt.

On Thursday 23 October, please park offsite if possible, space for contractors' vans will be required by the Bede House.

22 November – Higham Sparkle

ST JOHN'S

Tea and Cakes, 2-4pm, 18 November, 20 January, 17 March

Knit and Natter, 1-3pm, 28 October, 25 November, 27 January, 24 February

Diary date **St John's Christmas Craft & Gift Fair** – Sat 15 November.

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The benefice office is usually open Tuesdays and Fridays, 9.30am to 2.30pm. 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 Fri 24 & Sat 25 October