



25 October 2026

Bible Sunday

Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

4pm L.E.G.O. Church in the Bede House (please let us know if you are coming for catering purposes)

Music: Organist St. John's: Sam Stringer Hymns: 676, 421, 690.

Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar Hymns: 466, 438, 407, 486

Anthem: Spirit of God

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 27 1 – 3 Knit & Natter at St John's

7.30pm Bellringing practice night at St Mary's

Wed 28 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's

Thur 29 10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's

7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel

Fri 30 10am Chichele Society talk in the Bede House

6pm Choir Practice in St Mary's

Sat 31 9.30am Farmers Market Coffee Morning in the Bede House

(any cake donations welcomed please)

11.30am Organ recital with Becci Pameley in St Mary's

3.30pm Light Party for children in the Bede House

Sun 1 November All Saints

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am All Age Eucharist at St Mary's

6pm *Choral Evensong for All Souls at St Mary's Finedon*

Mon 2 November All Souls

10am Eucharist at St Mary's

6pm Evening Prayer with Commemoration at St John's

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.

Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Matthew 24:30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. 'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Post Communion

God of all grace, your son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: David Batchelor, Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Pat Catlin, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Val Robinson, Jean Smith, Elizabeth Swindley, Niven Whatley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke, Victoria. **St John's:** Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith, David Webber.

In memoriam: Louise Russell-Boyne

Year's mind anniversaries: Richard Hendry, Janet Newell, Miriam Gomm, Delia Burton, Lilian Banham, Catherine Stewart, Robert Hamilton, Denise Sargent, Daisy Johnson, Albert Riley, Edith Evans, Ivy Tobin, John Crittenden, Dorothy Wood, Mary Birtchnell, Doreen Whitney, William Sanders, Vera Parker, Fanny Pentelow, Annie Twelvetree, Sarah Church, Selina Spencer, Winifred Dickenson, Alfred Watts, Edward Jewell, Michael Walker, Derek Gunn (Priest), Arthur Randall, Reginald Randall, Arthur Baxter, Mary Simpson.

NOTICES

All Souls

A list for names for commemoration is available in each church, please add any names that you wish to be remembered at All Souls. If you are unable to get into church to fill in the lists please contact Ria in the office, Sandy or Mthr Louise to add them on your behalf.

Donations for the Tombola & Raffle are needed for both churches please

Now is the time to start thinking of these items. The tombola donations box will be on the servery in St Mary's. The big day itself is now only 63 days away!

Remembrance Day – as last year both services will be at 9am, and in Higham Mthr Louise will lead the formal Act of Remembrance on the Market Square from 10.45am, following which refreshments will be provided in the Bede House.

ST MARY'S

Our church black rubbish wheelie bin has gone walkabout - please let us know if you spot it. No name on it but it has two stripes of silver gaffer tape on the sides. Thank you!

Higham Ferrers Christmas Sparkle, Sat 21 November

Stalls, refreshments, music and more alongside displays in church by youth groups and young people on the theme of “A recycled Christmas Story”.

It would be great to showcase the many groups and teams active within our church who are often hidden from view of the general public. Do you want to show off what your team does and advertise for new members?

There are signup forms to help steward etc at Sparkle on the back table, along with a request list for raffle items.

5 December 2pm – Christmas Wreath Workshop in the Bede House

Tickets available from Nicky, details on noticeboard posters

ST JOHN'S

Tea & Cakes 20 October Knit & Natter 27 October

Christmas Fair, 14 November 10am to 4pm

Our famous Recycled Christmas stall amongst many others, festive refreshments, raffle, tombola & more. Come start your Christmas shopping! Tombola and raffle donations requested. Thank you!

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Mthr Louise is off duty Fri 30 Oct & Rev Brenda is away until Mon 2 Nov