



5 July 2026

Fifth Sunday after Trinity Welcome to our services today

- 9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am All Age Eucharist with Baptism of Louie at St Mary's
4pm Lego Church in the Bede House

Music: Organist St. John's: Hilary Goodman **Hymns: 691, 451, 667.**

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

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 6 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Tues 7 *11.30am Revd Lesley's Requiem Mass at Sts Peter & Paul, Kettering*
7.30pm Bell ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 8 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 9 10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel

Sun 12 July Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me:

‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Post Communion

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Alexander Behagg, 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, Niven Whatley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke. **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Pat Kirk, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith, David Webber.

In memoriam: Lesley McCormack, Priest (Requiem Mass at Sts Peter & Paul, Kettering, Tues. 7 July at 11.30am)

Year's mind anniversaries: Horace Saddington, William Knott, Ena Jeffries, David Wilson, Lilian Parness, Mary Murchison, Elsie Pridmore, Ruth Harrison, Edith Betts, Stanley Sawinski, John Godman, Elizabeth Wood (Priest), Harold James, Hilary Thomas, Mark Powell, Sandra Allen, Miriam Panter, Edith Deighton, Walter York, Christina Simpson, Rose Sanders, Norman Matthews, Marjorie White.

NOTICES

A big thank you from Reverend Brenda

I would like to thank everyone across the Benefice for the encouragement and support for my ordination; also for the fabulous joyful celebration service on Sunday afternoon/evening. I feel very humbled by everything you all contributed towards the momentous day.

To the Bell Ringers very special thanks for the amazing Bell Peal on Sunday afternoon, to the catering side, music side and of course Mother Louise who put it all together

You are a wonderful community and I hope to serve you well in my new role as your Curate.

With love and Blessings.

Revd Brenda

ST MARY'S

5 July our last LEGO church before the summer break. And a bit of a party!

18 July, 2.30pm – Mothers Union Deanery event celebrating the 150th Anniversary; Afternoon Tea in the Bede House. Please come and join us - tickets available from Jane or Ruth £7.50

9 August Celebrating 150 years of the Mothers Union in our Sunday service.

16 August, our Patronal Festival followed by a picnic in the Vicarage garden.

29 August the Vicarage will be taking part in the Higham Ferrers Garage Sale, donations can be delivered to the Vicarage in advance. Thank you.

Aim High Festival, 19 September & Higham Sparkle, 21 November.

We are putting together teams for both these events here on the St Mary's site. Please come have a chat, lets share the load between a group of people rather than it falling on just a few. Mthr Louise

ST JOHN'S

Tea & Cakes 21 July, 18 August, 15 September, 20 October

Knit & Natter 28 July, 25 August, 22 September, 27 October

26 July, A fun concert of Brass Band music, with Raunds Temperance Brass. Tickets £12.50, please see posters for details.

20 September - Harvest Service and Supper, details to follow

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Mthr Louise is off duty Mon 6 July am & Wed 8 July pm