



5 May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our services today

- 9am Parish Eucharist at St. John's
10.30am All Age Parish Eucharist with Baptism at St Mary's

Readings: Acts 10: 44 – end, John 15: 9 - 17

Music: Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cufaude, Anthem, If ye love me. **Hymns In the Order of Service.** Organist St. John's: Hilary Goodman, **Hymns 537, 580, 494.**

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 6 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Tues 7 7.30pm Bellingring Practice at St. Mary's
Wed 8 10am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
Thurs 9 10am Said Eucharist, with Coffee & Chat at St. Mary's to 12noon
Thurs 9 7pm Celtic Liturgy in the Chantry Chapel
Thurs 9 7.30pm Deanery Ascension Day service at St Peters, Rushden
Sat 11 7pm *Northampton Male Voice Choir concert in St Mary's (sold out)*

Sunday 12 May 2024 The Sunday after Ascension Day

- 9am Said Parish Eucharist at St. John's
9am Breakfast Church in the Bede House
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's, with The Bishop of Peterborough,
The Right Reverend Debbie Sellin.

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your
love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Acts 10:44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the
word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that
the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they
heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone
withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit

just as we have?’ So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

‘This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him 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, Brian Bond, 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.

Year’s mind anniversaries: Florrie Felce, Ada Briggs, Thomas Williamson, Florence Wilson, Alexander Annetts, John Brown, Jessie Clifton, Malvina Martin, Richard Chamberlain, Shirley Lovell, May Farrington, Nellie Osborne, Ian Cundy (Bishop), Kathleen Felce, Shirley Lovell, Michael Groom, Barry

Sauntson, George Whiting, Frederick Church, Laura Alton, William Donald, George Mantle, Henry Munn, Susan Margetts, Alice Morris, Mary Humphrey, Marjorie Martin.

NOTICES

I am delighted to share that we will be joined at St Mary's on the 12th May by the Rt Rev'd Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough who will preside and preach at our 10.30am Eucharist.

I have extended an invitation to our St John's church family to join us on that day, it is also possible that we may have visitors from elsewhere. Come and meet Debbie over refreshments in church at the end of the service. Mthr L

Thank You to everyone who made the celebratory service last Saturday so special. It is something I will long remember and an occasion where I truly felt the power and joy of God flowing through our worship. It continues to be an enormous privilege to serve God and His people in this Benefice. Thank you! Lesley

May I say a big thank you to all who helped make the day, the service and the party, at St John's to be such a special time. It was so wonderful to be able to celebrate this with you Lesley. Mthr L

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 all the LEGO received to date.

Sponsored Cycle Ride – 4th May 2024 Sadly I have been medically advised to withdraw from my sponsored Ride The Night for the three Cancer Charities on Saturday night. However, my riding partner and fellow Chelveston Chick Sue Wager will be riding and I know you will join with me in wishing for her a calm, rain and wind free night, strong legs and God's speed. Go for it Sue – we are all behind you!!! Lesley

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.

ST. MARY'S

Raunds Temperance Brass Band concert – 18 May at 7.30pm in St Mary's

APCM – 19 May, following the 10.30am Eucharist, Details for the APCM will be published as soon as possible.

May Farmers Market Coffee – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

No-one is currently down to host this one, so on the hunt for some volunteers. Come show Mother Louise how it runs, it should be busy in town with a Garden Show event at Chichele College. Please get in touch if you can help.

Mothers' Union

Members will be meeting on Thursday 9th May at 2.30 pm when our speaker is Helen Lynett, Diocesan President. Visitors welcome. Venue St. Mary's Church.

The Kings Men concert raised a stunning £1,832 and was a brilliant evening. Thank you, Karen and the 600 Appeal team, for arranging it.

ST JOHN'S

Tea and Cakes 2–4pm, Tues, 21 May, 18 Jun, 16 Jul, 20 Aug, 17 Sep.

Knit and Natter 1–3pm 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 for their annual visit. Due to travel constraints, this service will be at 10am rather than the usual 9am and all are welcome to join us.

Special Services at St. John's

22 June Arts & Music Festival 23 June St. John's Patronal Service

29 Sept Harvest Festival with Supper and Auction

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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 Friday 10 May.