



6 September 2026

The Festival of Christ in Creation Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am All Age Eucharist at St Mary's

Music: Organist St. John's: Keith Green Hymns: 826, 575, 784.
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 7 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Tues 8 7.30pm Bell ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 9 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 10 10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel
Sat 12 *Ride, Strive & Drive – both churches*

Sun 13 September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Civic Service at St Mary's
4pm Tea, Biscuits & Church (TB&C) 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.

Collect

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Colossians 1:15-20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Matthew 8:23-27

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, 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, Pat Kirk, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith, David Webber.

In memoriam: Fr John Tearnan

Year's mind anniversaries: Sarah Knight, Paul Saxby, Florence Bates, Thomas Parker, Rose Marlow, Elsie Palmer, Tecla Bakx, Dennis Pearson, Joe Horsfield, Julia Ainge, Maureen Kay, Sue Bass, Ivy Perkins, John Britten, Mabel Middleton, Audrey Carmichael, Malcolm Tobin, John Lovell, Gladys Newman,

Edith Plumber, Mary Sudborough, Percy Groom, Cecil Ford (Priest), Mildred Eaton, Harry Bishop, Mabel Barker, Ellen Britchford.

Those not shown for the week commencing 23 August: James Grant, Renee Riley, Violet Burt, Raymond Kilsby, Horace Hubbard, John Nichols, Caroline Kartinsky, Samuel Turnock, Christine Barbar, Mabel Todd, Gordon Pack, John Tobin, Joseph Lawrence, Gladys Ellis, Joan Fletcher, Reginald Harlow Eveline Felce, Alice Chester, Simon Eady, Solomon Upton, Evan Jones.

NOTICES

Apology: I apologise that I inadvertently entered the incorrect weeks entries for Sunday 23 August, these are now shown above. Mthr Louise

Now we are through the summer holiday period, those of our services and events that paused over the summer now return. **Dates for your diaries:**

Sun 13 September - Tea & Biscuits Church (TB&C) at 4pm in the Bede House

Sun 20 September - Breakfast Church at 9am in the Bede House

Sun 27 September – Lego Church at 4pm in the Bede House

Posters & fliers will be available, please do share them with anyone who may be interested.

St Mary's Finedon have a flower festival over the weekend of 11 – 13 September, *Myths & Legends*, concluding with Choral Evensong on the Sunday at 6pm, in their newly reordered church. Rev Yvonne would love to see you.

ST MARY'S

Ride, Stride & Drive – 12 September. Mthr Louise & Alan will be attempting to visit all participating churches in the Deanery, a sponsorship form will be at the back of church, in aid of the Historic Churches Trust fundraising on that day (and we receive 50% of the sponsorship monies).

Sun 13 September - The Mayor's Civic Service: with lots of visiting Mayors and other guests. Do come and support Chris in his Mayoral service.

Aim High Festival, 19 September a free festival throughout the town, and St Mary's will be providing a quieter space for refreshments, a space for children, and exhibiting competition entries – more details to follow.

Harvest Service and lunch, 4 October, details to follow

Higham Sparkle, 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". We will also be showcasing the many groups active within our church who are often hidden from view by the general public.

ST JOHN'S

Tea & Cakes 15 September, 20 October

Knit & Natter 22 September, 27 October

11 October - Harvest Service at 3.30pm with Supper at 5pm. Supper tickets will be available shortly.

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***Mthr Louise is away training 7 - 11 September
and on leave from 21 September - 3 October.***