



20 September 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity **Welcome to our services today**

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's & Breakfast Church in the Bede House
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's, including RAF Association visitors
3.30pm *Bishop Alex's service of welcome at Peterborough Cathedral*

Music: Organist St. John's: Hilary Goodman **Hymns: 641, 284, 652.**
Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar **Hymns: see hymns insert.**

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 21 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Tues 22 1 – 3pm Knit & Natter at St John's
Wed 23 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 24 10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel
Fri 25 10am Chichele Society in the Bede House
Sat 26 Farmers Market morning with Bell Peal, Coffees in the Bede House &
Recital in church at 11.30am

Sun 27 September The Seventeenth 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

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

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Jonah 3:10 – 4:end

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, ‘O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ And the Lord said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, ‘It is better for me to die than to live.’

But God said to Jonah, ‘Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?’ And he said, ‘Yes, angry enough to die.’ Then the Lord said, ‘You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?’

Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So, they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?”

Post Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through 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:

Year's mind anniversaries: Jacqueline Martin, Marjorie Felce, John Millgate, Gerald Barker, Audrey Smith, George Trafford, Charles Gomm, Louisa Parker, Donald York, Leonard Batt, Louisa Trafford, William Fitzwilliam, Major Haig Powell, Ivy Hudson, Lily Hanson, Deborah Sargent, Philip Ward, Samuel Hubbard, Basil Coffey, Edna Youle, Frances Bryant, Olive Woods, Edith Stokes, Edward Wainwright, Adrian Smith, Sarah Mealing, Frank Neville, Charles Richardson, George Allen, George Chesters, Hugh Carson, Madeline Sturgen.

NOTICES

Now is the time of year when we start to have a lot of posters to design and publicity to attend to (mainly online). If you have the skills and some time available would you be able to help with this? Mthr Louise

ST MARY'S

Ride, Stride & Drive – 12 September. Mthr Louise & Alan visited all the churches in the Deanery, having a fascinating day. Outstanding sponsorship monies would be appreciated in the next fortnight.

Harvest Service and lunch, 4 October, tickets on sale now from Karen & Jane

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

On Saturday 26th September 2026 Jimmy James taking part in a 25km cross-country challenge at the Chiltern Ultra Challenge event to raise funds for Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome Support Group UK (RTSUK).

His daughter Imogen suffers from RTS, and RTSUK is the charity which not only supports her but also leads UK research into the causes of RTS and how it could be reversed and prevented in the future. £15,000 is needed so that RTSUK can continue its work in 2027-28.

Online sponsorship link is at https://www.justgiving.com/page/jimmy-james-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL or see Jimmy in church.

Tea & Cakes 20 October Knit & Natter 22 September, 27 October

11 October - Harvest Service at 3.30pm with Supper at 4.45pm. Supper tickets are now sold out, sorry!

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Mthr Louise is on leave from 21 September - 3 October.

***Pastoral Enquiries to Rev Brenda,
all other urgent enquiries to churchwardens please
or send an email to be looked at on my return. Thank you.***