



9 February 2025

Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

Music: Organist St. John's: Sam Stringer, **Hymns: 494, 276, 510.**

Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cafaude, **Hymns: 345, 146, 342, 361.**

Anthem: Ave Verum, *Mozart*

The Benefice Online Services; 'Meeting Point' and 'Celtic Midweek Liturgy' are for you if you missed our services in church, or for further reflection during the week. <https://www.stmaryhighamferrers.org/online-worship>

Tues 11 *Mthr Louise at Bouverie Court*

7.30pm Bellringing practice at St Mary's

Wed 12 10am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Thurs 13 10am Said Eucharist at St Mary's with Coffee & chat to 12noon

Fri 14 *10am to 2pm, Peal Attempt at St Mary's*

Sat 15 & Sun 16 Snowdrop Festival at St John's

Sunday 16 February 2025 Third Sunday before Lent

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's with *KickStart*

Collect Prayer.

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:

guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Post Communion Prayer.

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: Karen Addis, Brian Bond, Liz Boughton, Nola Brockhouse, Simon Brown, Ian Challen, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Lynda & Peter Etheridge, Freda Fernyhough, Christine Franklin, Andrew Fulcher, Colin Gilkes, Sandra Hill, Margaret Janowski, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sally Mayes, Lorcan McLaren (age 11), Emily Ogden, Freda Pack, Ken & Val Robinson, Fr. Nichols Spencer, Elizabeth Swindley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke.
St John's: Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Nick Kirk, Lesley Littlejohn, Dr Northover, Brenda May, Lynn Redgagte, Arthur & Anita Wright.

In memoriam:

Year's mind anniversaries:

Rachel Lee, Harriett Hunt, Florence Walker, Rose Brown, Mary Thompson, James Sharpe, Alfred Martin, Glen Haynes, Maud Barton, John Pashler, David Smalley, Gladys Cole, Gordon Wilson, Bertha Simon, Olive Espin, John Martin, Emma Herbert, Andrew Pringle, Pauline Aldous, Alice Smith, Christina Kennedy, Robert Turner, Ronald Cox, John Twelvetree, Winifred Reynolds, Jane Richardson, Florence Upton, Phyllis Bryant, Peter Hignell.

NOTICES

BENEFICE

Old palm crosses are requested to make the new ash for Ash Wednesday – a basket is available in each church. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday, 5 March, will be celebrated at St John's at 10am and St Mary's at 7.30pm.

Benefice Office – please note it will be closed on Tuesday 18 February.

ST. MARY'S

Children's corner – the render repairs have been completed and now need to dry out before they can be painted.

Lego freeplay afternoons; Tuesday and Thursday of Half Term in the Bede House, 1 – 3pm. Family participation event, details to follow.

ST JOHN'S

Snowdrop Weekend - 15 Feb 10am - 4pm & 16 Feb 11am- 4pm.

We will need lots of cakes, can you bake some? With many thanks from the 'Snowdrop team' - any questions please call Richard Kirk on 07773 309834

If visiting the Snowdrop Festival please consider car sharing, and maybe park in the village centre and walk up to the church.

Knit and Natter, 1-3pm 25 Feb. Tea and Cakes returns in March

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The office is open Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm. Please send enquiries by email if possible, and a reply will be sent as soon as our administrator Ria is next in the office.

Mthr Louise is off duty Saturday 8 February.