



15 February 2026

## The Sunday next before Lent Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's  
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's inc Junior Church

**Music: Organist St. John's: Hilary Goodman, Hymns: 2, 281, 422.  
Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar, Hymns: 234, 178, 295, 410.**

**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>

Tues 17 *2-4pm Lego & Craft Freeplay in the Bede House*  
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's

Wed 18 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's

**Ash Wednesday Services**

10am at St John's, a said service  
7.30pm at St Mary's, a service with hymns

Thur 19 10am Said Eucharist with coffee and chat to 12noon at St Mary's  
(This is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, but due to service at St John's the previous day, this service will this month only be at St Mary's)  
*2-4pm Lego & Craft Freeplay in the Bede House*

Sat 20 10am – 4pm Snowdrop weekend at St John's

### **Sunday 22 February 2026 The Sunday next before Lent**

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's  
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's  
11am Snowdrop weekend continues until 4pm at St John's

### **Collect**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## 2 Peter 1:16-end

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.’ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all, you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

## Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved;<sup>1</sup> with him I am well pleased; listen to him!’ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Get up and do not be afraid.’ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, ‘Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.’

## Post Communion

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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: Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Jane Carpenter, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Val Robinson, Elizabeth Swindley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke. **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith.

**In memoriam:** Simon Wiles (funeral 24 Feb at 1pm in Weobly), Ian Challen, Jacky Frost

**Year's mind anniversaries:** Florence Upton, Phyllis Bryant, Peter Hignell, Jean Underwood, Harry Foreman, George Freeman, John Knight, Ethel Eady, Ellen Smith, Rosina Evans, Emily Martin, Florence Dickenson, Gertrude Crick, Margaret Bedells, Reginald McGeorge, Katey Jephcote, Cora Jones, Violet Childs, Christopher Faulkner, Elizabeth Hubbard, Bernard Fernyhough (Priest), William Hing, Mary Greatorex, Gertrude Chambers, Charles Eaton, Isaac Stapleton, Elvina Batt, Leonard Barton, Lilian Pladdys, Peter Newman, Dennis Watts, Jane Purcell.

We also pray for Chelveston village, for the families, friends and neighbours directly affected by the recent tragic events, and for the whole community.

## NOTICES

**Lent Study Course** –Stephen Cottrell's “The Things He Carried”. *A journey to the Cross: Meditations for Lent and Holy Week.* Please let me know if you are interested, Wednesday afternoons at 2pm in the Bede House, Thursday evenings at 7.30pm (location in Higham to be decided once numbers are known) and online (day and time to be decided) starting the week commencing 23 February. Please let me know if you wish to come along. A sign-up list will be available in each church, or you can email to Mthr Louise.

## ST. MARY'S

We are heading into a strong music season at St Mary's, alongside our usual Sundays and Farmers Market Concerts. We are always looking for other concerts or musical experiences, please do let us know of anyone you might like to see here and we'll see what we can do! Please do share the concerts, its wonderful to see a full church enjoying live music.

**Friday 27 February – A Hans Zimmer Candlelight Experience** brought by Lumos Experiences. 5pm, 7pm, and 9pm concerts, a bar will be available. For tickets, with varied pricing, see the promoters website at [fatso.ma/ZYW9](http://fatso.ma/ZYW9)

**Saturday 7 March, The Messiah at 7pm.** Organised by the Rotary Club and sung by the Northampton Bach Choir. Tickets £15, available online or from Sidey Design.

**Sunday 22 March –The Kings Men, return for a concert at 7.30pm.**

Tickets are £20 and include a glass of wine. Tickets available through Sidey Design, or from Karen Holmes or Jane Jackson.

## ST JOHN'S

Tea and Cakes, 2-4pm, 17 Mar. Knit and Natter, 1-3pm, 24 Feb

### **Snowdrops at St John's**

If you visit to see the snowdrops and aconites, please keep to the mown and paved paths to help keep feet from squashing flowers. Flowers are available to purchase in the porch and donations to support the churchyard are welcomed.

### **Snowdrop Weekend, Sat 21 10am to 4pm, and Sun 22 11am to 4pm.**

Please try and car share if you can, the lane outside the church can become very congested. People with impaired mobility may be dropped off at the top of the drive but cars must then be parked outside on the road. Thank you.

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Please send enquiries by email if possible, and a reply will be sent as soon as our administrator Ria is next in the office. The office is closed on Tuesday 17 Feb.

***Mthr Louise is off duty Monday 16 February***