



7 July 2024

Sixth Sunday after Trinity Welcome to our services today

- 9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Family Eucharist with Baptism of Mia at St Mary's
2pm onwards – Benefice party at the Vicarage (or Bede House if wet)

Readings: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

Music: Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cafaude, Hymns within the order of service. Anthem, God be in my head. Organist St John's: Hilary Goodman, Hymns 761, 365, 494.

Flowers at St Marys: Flowers at our Lady are in memory of Ena Jeffries dear Mum of Karin & Barry. Those at the welcome have been donated by Marion Knott in memory of her dear husband Bill whose anniversary occurs at this time and to celebrate his birthday.

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>

Next Week

- Tues 9 7.30pm Bellringing Practice St Mary's
Wed 10 10am Morning Prayer at St Mary's, 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Thurs 11 10am Said Eucharist with Coffee & Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
1pm organ tuning at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Liturgy in the Chantry Chapel
7.30pm MU & friends' meal, Star & Garter, Chelveston
Sat 13 *1pm Strawberry Fair at The Shrubbery Nursing Home, Higham*

Sunday 14 July 2024 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

- 9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
12noon *Holy Baptism at St Mary's*

Collect.

Creator God, you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Mark 6:1-13

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’ So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Post Communion.

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of 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, Denise Bedells, Brian Bond, Nola Brockhouse, Albert Clarke, Marian Cox, Lynda & Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Colin Gilkes, Reg Harlow, Sandra Hill, Margaret Janowski, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sally Mayes, Lorcan McLaren (age 11), Freda Pack, Ken & Val Robinson, Fr. Nichols Spencer, Elizabeth Swindley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke, Jack (aged 10). **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Arthur & Anita Wright.

In memorium: Daniel Boxall.

Year's mind anniversaries: Elsie Pridmore, Ruth Harrison, Edith Betts, Ena Jeffries, Stanley Sawinski, John Godman, Harold James, Hilary Thomas, Mark Powell, Sandra Allen, Miriam Panter, Edith Deighton, Walter York, Christina Simpson, Rose Sanders, Norman Matthews, Marjorie White, Ray Northover, Conrad Turner, Beatrice Tebbutt, George Wagstaff, Kenneth Fulcher, Diana Joy, Ivy Morris, Walter Loak, Elsie Jones, William Haynes, Dorothy Foulger, Ralph Thompson.

NOTICES

BENEFICE

Sunday 7 July, marks one whole year since I arrived, it has gone so fast!

The whole benefice family is invited to join Alan, Alex & I and drop in at the Vicarage Garden anytime from 2pm. If wet we'll retire to the Bede House, BBQ will be on, we'll have nibbles and some fizz, and games for small ones. If you'd like to contribute some food to share please do, but don't feel you have to. It will be lovely to celebrate my anniversary with you all, Mthr Louise

ST. MARY'S Mothers Union

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mothers Union Coffee Morning raising £262.14p which has been forwarded to Mary Sumner House for the Summer of Hope appeal.

If you would like to join the MU & Friends meal out on Thursday, please sign the sheet at the back of church and pre-order your menu choices before Saturday.

Cards for sale

You may have noticed a new spinner display of cards in church for sale at £1 each. We are collaborating with Pam who produced the cards, and sharing the monies raised between us. Please do have a look at them.

Higham Hot Hundred – spaces now available to join in with this fun regular fundraiser with the chance a monthly cash prize. Details from Sue Dennis.

ST JOHN'S

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

Knit and Natter 1–3pm 25 Jun, 23 Jul, 27 Aug, 24 Sep.

Harvest Festival with Supper and Auction – 29 September 4pm

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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 off duty on Monday 8 July.