



10 May 2026

## The Sixth Sunday after Easter

### Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's & Breakfast Church in the Bede House  
10.30am Parish Eucharist

**Music: Organist St. John's:** Keith Green Hymns: 584, 203, 818.

**Organist St. Mary's:** Alan Cufaude Hymns: 436, 310, 366, 408.

**Anthem:** Love is his word

**Flowers:** at the Nave altar are in loving memory of Richard and Kate Felce whose anniversaries of death occur around this time, from Jane, Tim and Sara.

**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 11 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's  
Tues 12 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's  
Wed 13 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's  
7.30pm *St Mary's PCC meeting in the Bede House*  
Thur 14 Ascension Day  
10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's  
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel  
Fri 15 7pm Choir Practice at St Mary's  
Sat 16 7.30pm *Susannah Ruth "The greatest love songs tour" at St Mary's*

### Sun 17 May The Seventh Sunday of Easter

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's  
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's  
3.30pm *Choral Evensong at Peterborough Cathedral with Archbishop Sarah*  
4pm Tea, Biscuits & 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

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God, the Father. **Amen**

## Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

## John 14:15-21

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

## Post Communion

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

## 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, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Val Robinson, Elizabeth Swindley, Niven Whatley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke. **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith, David Webber.

**In memoriam:** Stuart Wilby, Ray Grace

**Year's mind anniversaries:** George Mantle, Henry Munn, Susan Margetts, Alice Morris, Mary Humphrey, Marjorie Martin, Doreen Marson, Edith Hood, Betty McGeorge, Elsie Aldous, James Brown, Eric Fletton, Georgina Weston, Herbert Rawlings, Samuel Jackson, Henry Marple, Robert Seaton, John Hale, Ann Knight, Elsie Aldous, Kitson Pfeiffer, Nigel White, William Knight, Coral Lewers, Kitson Pfeiffer.

## NOTICES

We will have a new curate in the benefice from 28 June 2026, our fabulous Licenced Lay Reader Brenda Elldred. Brenda will be made a deacon at Peterborough Cathedral at 11am on the 28 June.

I have therefore decided that we will have no morning services in the Benefice on this day so people can attend the cathedral should they wish (it would be useful to the Cathedral to have an idea of numbers who may go there).

We will then have a welcome Eucharist in the evening at St Mary's, 6pm, and I hope a lot of our church family will be able to attend along with Brenda's family and friends. Afterwards we will retire to the Bede House to continue the celebrations.

## ST MARY'S

**NEW! Tea, Biscuits & Church** is next on Sunday 17 May, 4pm in the Bede House. All ages, all welcome! Questions to Mthr Louise or Brenda.

St Mary's APCM is on Sun 24 May following the morning service. Revision of the Electoral Roll closes at the end of the service on 10 May. APCM packs will be emailed shortly and physical copies available in church.

***Music At Mary's*** Some dates for your diaries:

**Saturday 16 May 7.30pm**, The Greatest Love Songs with Susannah Ruth, tickets from Karen or Jane

**Saturday 6 June 7pm**, Rushden Rotary Club with Northampton Male Voice Choir

**Friday 12 June**, Lumos Experiences, Candlelight concert of Fleetwood Mac music, bar available. Tickets from the Lumos website online.

## **ST JOHN'S**

**Tea & Cakes** 19 May, 16 June, 21 July

**Knit & Natter** 26 May, 23 June, 28 July

**USAF 305<sup>th</sup> commemoration** 24 May at 9am

**Patronal Festival** 21 June, all welcome to join us as we celebrate our special day.

**26 July** we will have a brass band concert in church, details to follow.

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***Mthr Louise is off duty Wed 13 May***