



19 April 2026

The First Sunday after Easter

Welcome to our services today

- 9am Parish Eucharist at St John's *followed by their APCM.*
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
1pm *Bell peal at St Mary's*
4pm TB&C, also known as Tea, Biscuits & Church in the Bede House.

Music: Organist St. John's: Keith Green Hymns: 199, 217, 507.

Organist St. Mary's: Keith Green Hymns: 107, 272, 276, 120.

Flowers: Welcome flowers donated by Pam Whiting remembering George on what would have been his 80th birthday on April 16 & and his anniversary on May 8.

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 20 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Tues 21 2 – 4pm Tea & cakes at St John's
7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 22 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 23 10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel
Sat 25 Farmers Market morning with Bell Peal, Refreshments in the Bede House, and Concert in church.
7pm Rock Choir in concert, brought by Friends of St Mary's

Sun 26 April The Third Sunday of Easter

- 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

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God, the Father. **Amen**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Therefore, let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should

suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So, he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work, 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, 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: Sarah Knight, Stuart Wilby

Year’s mind anniversaries: Ellen Taylor, Shirley Appleton, Winifred Whiteman, Alma Hall, Francis Hall, Annie Linton, Eric Addison, Masie Clarke, Elsie Price, Dick Lawrence, Heather Jackson, Elsie Freeman, Leslie Stuttle, Jane Recht, James Knight, Dulcie Knight, Doris, Shirley & William, Fanny James, Frances Dunmore, Diana Warden, Alice Odell, Rosa Lawman, Beatrice Dowsett, Agnes Dickerson, Peter Cripps, Henrietta Burdett, Albert Lloyd, Thomas Shaw, Howard McCattine, Roger Davison (Priest), Reginald Britten, Edith Lewis, Raymond Burton.

NOTICES

ST MARY’S

The flower team thanks all who made donations to the flower costs over Easter.

NEW! Tea, Biscuits & Church starts on 19 April, 4pm in the Bede House. A new type of church, for all generations together, come and be part of it and help us find out what it will be. Want to know more, speak to Mthr Louise or Brenda.

St Mary's APCM will be on Sun 24 May following the morning service. Revision of the Electoral Roll is now underway, please speak to Jane our Electoral Roll officer if you wish to be added to the Roll.

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

Friday 12 June, Lumos Experiences, Candlelight concert of Fleetwood Mac music.

ST JOHN'S

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

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

USAF 305th commemoration 24 May at 9am

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

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***Mthr Louise is away at Ridley College Tues 21 – Thurs 23 April,
and off duty Sat 25 April.***