



29 March 2026

Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week

Welcome to our services today

This newssheet covers two weeks, the next one will be on Friday 10 April.



Be warned – the clocks go forward today!

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Music: Organist St. John's: Sam Stringer, **Hymns: 159, 489, 161.**

Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar, **Hymns: see order of service.**

Anthem: *You are the King of Glory*

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 30 6pm *Stations of the Cross at St John's*

Tues 31 2pm *Stations of the Cross at St Mary's*

Wed 1 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
2pm *Lent Course in the Bede House*
7.30pm *Lent Course at the Vicarage*

Thur 2 Coffee and chat to 12noon at St Mary's
please note no morning service at St Mary's

(Clergy at the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass & renewal of Ordination Vows)

Thurs 2 7.30pm **Maundy Thursday**

Service at St Mary's, with foot washing, followed by Vigil until Midnight before the Altar of Repose in the Chantry Chapel

Fri 3 **Good Friday**, event & services all at St Mary's

9.30-11.30am Explore Easter activities for children & families

12noon Tenebrae Service, facing the shadows

1.30pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross
(the Chantry Chapel will be available until 3pm for private devotions)

Sat 4 **The start of Easter** once the light fades

7.30pm The Paschal Vigil & the First Eucharist of Easter at St John's

Sunday 5 April 2026 Easter Sunday

9am Parish Celebration Eucharist at St John's

10.30am All Age Celebration Eucharist at St Mary's, with egg hunt for children

Tues 7 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's

Wed 8 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's

Thur 9 10am Holy Eucharist with Coffee and Chat to 12noon

2pm Mothers Union Meeting in St Marys', when we'll be joined by our own Sue Clarke to hear about the work of Rushden Street Pastors. Visitors welcome, no charge, donation for tea and biscuits.

Fri 10 5.30pm First Friday Club

Sun 12 April The Second Sunday of Easter

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

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

Readings and collects are within individual service sheets but can be supplied on request via the office.

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, David Webber.

In memoriam:

Year's mind anniversaries for the next two weeks: Frederick Hunt, Sarah Lines, Marie Brown, Walter Powell, John Gibbs, Adelaide Warren, Carole Richardson, Pieter Mommersteeg, Rosemary Capps, Solomon Upton, Ida Tapp, Mary Wildsmith, Rosa Hill, Edith Blackwell, Jean Turnock, Doris Pretty, Gwendoline Murdin, Florence Haynes, May Thomas, Kenneth Smith, Louisa Savage, Grace Hill, Evelyn Tideswell, Anne Vorley, Alfred Gilbert, Ernest Collins, Florence Rollins, Diana Wright, Brenda Lines, Harry Pearson, Angela Murphy, Jack Allison, Edward Stanley, Alice Parker, Alice York, Lilian Scott, Cyril Hircock, Walter Lawrence, Mervyn Hawkins, Frank Whiteman, Arthur Dockerill, Thomas Curtis, Lena Crosthwaite, Edith Oberman, Herbert Reynolds, Gordon Ling, Florence Lines, Mabel Maycock, Reinhold Beer, Mabel Minor.

NOTICES

ST MARY'S

Easter Flowers - if you would like to contribute towards the costs of our Easter flowers please speak to Ruth or Karin.

NEW! Tea & Biscuits Church starts on 19 April, 4pm in the Bede House. A new type of church, 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 JOHN'S

Tea & Cakes 21 April, 19 May, 16 June

Knit & Natter 28 April, 26 May, 23 June

APCM 19 April 2026 follows the 9am Parish Eucharist

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Mthr Louise is off duty 6 – 11 April



*Mthr Louise & Brenda, Rev Lesley, Fr Paul & Rev Linda
wish everyone a very Happy Easter.*