



11 October 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Welcome to our services today

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
3.30pm Harvest Praise at St John's

Music: Organist St. John's: Hilary Goodman **Hymns: 769, 448, 365.**

Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar **Hymns: 436, 333, 391, 476.**

Anthem: Love is his word

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 12 6pm Evening Prayer at St John's
Tues 13 7.30pm Bellringing practice night at St Mary's
Wed 14 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
6.30pm *Wedding Rehearsal at St John's*
Thur 15 10am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's
10am Coffee and Chat to 12noon at St Mary's
7pm Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel
Fri 16 7pm Choir Practice
Sat 17 1pm *Wedding of Jordan & Eve at St John's*

Sun 11 October Luke the Evangelist

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

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

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again, he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so, the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Post Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For your Prayers.

Our prayers have been asked for: David Batchelor, Linda Bond, Robert Britchford, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Gill Headland, Sandra Hill, Kathy Jackson, Marion Knott, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Val Robinson, Jean Smith, Elizabeth Swindley, Niven Whatley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke, Victoria. **St John's:** Pauline Brown, Hilary Goodman, Pat Kirk, Lesley Littlejohn, Brenda May, Lynn Redgate, Alison Smith, David Webber.

In memoriam:

Year's mind anniversaries: Annie March, Albert Weaver, Keith Smith, Dorothy Reynolds, Robert Johnson, Cheslyn Jones (Priest), Alfred Smith, Sarah Horn, Neta Butler, John Heath, Joe Buckman, Charles Herring, Ruth Wills, Winifred Seckington, Robert Hobson, Harold Bowyer, Angela Amos, Freda Pockson, Frederick Brown, Florence Hale, Alice Dunkley, Sarah Towers, Elizabeth Turnock, Ethel Riches, Hilda Lawson, Carole Williams.

NOTICES

Posters & Publicity

Now is the time of year when we start to have a lot of posters to design and publicity to attend to (mainly online). If you have the skills with Canva or are keen to learn how to use it - would you be able to help with this? Mthr Louise

Donations for the Tombola & Raffle are needed for both churches please

Now is the time to start thinking of these items, please put them to one side and we'll give you the details of where to put them from next weekend. The big day itself is now only 75 days away!

ST MARY'S

A Harvest thank you.

A massive thank you for your generous donations to Encompass, but also to the whole church team for floral decorations, moving lots of things, the Harvest lunch and welcoming all our visitors. It was a brilliant day. Mthr Louise

24 October 7pm – Rushden Town Band at St Mary's

Tickets available from Karen & Jane, details on posters on the noticeboards

Higham Sparkle, Sat 21 November

Stalls, refreshments, music and more alongside displays in church by youth groups and young people on the theme of "A recycled Christmas Story". We will also be showcasing the many groups active within our church who are often hidden from view by the general public.

ST JOHN'S

11 October - Harvest Service at 3.30pm with Supper at 4.45pm. Supper tickets are now sold out, sorry!

Tea & Cakes 20 October Knit & Natter 27 October

Christmas Fair, 14 November 10am to 4pm

Our famous Recycled Christmas stall amongst many others, festive refreshments, raffle, tombola & more. Come start your Christmas shopping!

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Mthr Louise is off duty on Mon 12 October and out of parish Wed 14 October.