



7 June 2026

The First Sunday after Trinity Welcome to our services today

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

Music: Organist St. John's: Keith Green Hymns: 39, 489, 593 (omit * verses).
Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar Hymns: see order of service.

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 8 7.30pm *St Mary's PCC meeting – Chantry Chapel*
Tues 9 7.30pm Bell Ringing practice at St Mary's
Wed 10 10am Morning prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thur 11 10am Holy Eucharist at St Mary's with Coffee and Chat to 12noon
Fri 12 Lumos Experience concerts at St Mary's, church in use from 3-11pm

Sun 14 June Second Sunday after Trinity

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's & Breakfast Church in the Bede house
10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's
1pm *Secret Garden teas in St Mary's until 4pm*
6pm *Choral Evensong at All Hallows, Wellingborough for RSCM Sunday*

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

God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. **Amen**

Romans 4:13-end

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, ‘I have made you the father of many nations’)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be. ‘He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he promised. Therefore, his faith was reckoned to him as righteousness. Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’ were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, ‘Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?’ But when he heard this, he said, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.’

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, ‘My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.’

And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, ‘If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.’ Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, ‘Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.’ And instantly the woman was made

well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Post Communion

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: Kenneth (John) Billington, Christine Kirk

Year's mind anniversaries: Frederick Banham, Herbert Stewart, Dorothy Goodes, David Hughes, Percy Smith, Allen Goulsbra OBE, John Browning, Arthur Wright, Frank Felce, Helen Driver, Linda Smith, Dorothy Blackwell, Michael Warde, Irene Britchford, Ellen Bonfield, Daphne Robinson, Betty Chamberlain, Elizabeth Wright, Alfred York, Olive Lawrence, Richard Wright, Heather Price.

NOTICES

28 June 2026 is a special day for our Benefice when Brenda will become our Curate, after her Ordination at the Cathedral at 11am (the service will be livestreamed). We gather at St Mary's at 6pm for a Welcome Eucharist alongside Brenda's family and friends. All of our church family are welcome to a family friendly service, and afterwards in the Bede house for fizz and cake!

To help us plan and have enough orders of service, fizz and cake it would be helpful if you could put your name on the list in each church. If you know someone who might like to come along do tell them. Thank you.

ST MARY'S

Sunday 14 June is Secret Gardens in Higham Ferrers, with teas inside the church, from 1 to 4pm. Cakes and helpers are appreciated, details are on the back table.

5 July our last LEGO church before the summer break. And a bit of a party!

9 August Celebrating 150 years of the Mothers Union in our Sunday service.

16 August, our Patronal Festival followed by a picnic in the Vicarage garden.

Music At Mary's Some dates for your diaries:

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

ST JOHN'S

Tea & Cakes 16 June, 21 July, 18 August, 15 September, 20 October

Knit & Natter 23 June, 28 July, 25 August, 22 September, 27 October

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

A fun concert of Brass Band music, with Raunds Temperance Brass. Tickets £12.50, please see posters for details.

20 September - Harvest Service and Supper, details to follow

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Mthr Louise is off duty Sat 13 June