

Welcome to our Services today, The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9 am	Family Eucharist at St John's
9 am	No Morning Worship in the Bede House this week
10.30 am	Civic Service of Thanksgiving for the Queen at St Mary's

Readings for today: 1 Timothy 2:1 - 7;
John 14:1-6

The Online Benefice Service 'Meeting Point' continues – join in alongside either the services in church, or when you have 15 minutes to pause and reflect. The service is available on the website www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk all this week.

Organists

The organists today are Paul Harris at St Mary's and Sam Stringer at St John's.

Weekday Services and Events

Monday 19th	The bells at St Mary's will be rung for the hour prior to the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Abbey.	
Tuesday 20th	2 – 4 pm	Tea and cake at St John's
Wednesday 21st	1.30-3 pm	Tiny Tots at St Mary's , then to the Bede House
	7 pm	Online Service & Meditation: see www.stmarystjohnunited.co.uk
Thursday 22nd	10 am	Holy Eucharist at St Mary's
	10 am-12 noon	Coffee & Chat in the Bede House
	7 pm	Celtic Service in the Chantry Chapel

Services next Sunday 25th September, The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9 am	Family Eucharist at St John's
	Breakfast Church in the Bede House
10.30 am	Civic Service and Eucharist at St Mary's
4.30 pm	Harvest Songs of Praise at St John's, followed by Harvest Supper and auction of fresh produce

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NOTICES

BENEFICE

A Time of Mourning, Thanksgiving and Reflection

It has been comforting and encouraging to welcome so many people to our churches to sign the book of condolences for our late beloved Queen. Members of the Town Council will attend the Sunday service in St Mary's for a service of Thanksgiving.

We are encouraged to mark the minute's silence at 8 pm on Sunday. *(updated 18/9/22)*

The Search for a New Vicar

Applications for the post of Vicar of our Benefice closed last week and there has been one positive response which will be considered by the diocesan authorities and may result in a formal interview next month. Please continue to pray for God's guidance and blessing on our search for a new Parish Priest. *(updated 18/9/22)*

Bread and Wine at Communion

The return of the chalice at our Eucharist services is a welcome move after the Covid 19 outbreak. You are invited to receive the communion wafer and to take wine from the chalice IF YOU WISH. If you do not feel ready to resume the traditional practice your feelings are fully respected. Just take the wafer then pass by the chalice and return to your seat as normal.

The clergy and servers will also be very conscious of hygiene and prevention and full care will be taken to wipe the chalice after each person uses it. If anyone has any concerns about the change please speak to a churchwarden or member of the Ministry Team.

(updated 18/9/22)

Harvest Festival

Flyers have been produced inviting the wider community to join our Harvest services and help is needed to hand them out as widely as possible, PLEASE. Please let Darren or Paul know if you are willing to help – thank you!

(added 18/9/22)

Food Bank

Our shortages this week are pasta sauces, UHT semi-skimmed milk, tinned fish, tinned sweetcorn and carrots, rice pudding, jam, and custard. There are boxes at the back of both churches where you can leave donations of goods. Each box has a poster giving contact and donation information for Encompass.

Our thanks as always to all who donate so generously, whether in cash or goods.

(updated 18/9/22)

ST MARY'S

Flowers

The flowers at St Francis have been kindly donated by Doreen Holyoak in memory of her parents Edna and Charles Matthews of Desborough on 21st September.

Celtic Service on Thursdays at 7 pm, Chantry Chapel

We have now resumed the face to face Celtic Service with meditation in the Chantry Chapel. The service is the same as the online service which will also continue for those who cannot get to the church. The service is approximately 30 minutes long to include a 15 minute time of silence for reflection and meditation and there will be tea and coffee afterwards. All are welcome. Any questions please speak to Brenda Eldred, Karen Holmes or Lyn Ellson.

(updated 11/9/22)

Farmers Market Coffee Morning - Saturday 24th September

This will be a Church Fund Raising event, and cakes and helpers are needed! Please add your name to the list(s) at the back of the church.

(added 11/9/22)

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 30th September

Ashgrove Clinic on the Market Square are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September from 10 am to 2 pm. For further information contact their reception on 01933 469043.

(added 18/9/22)

Harvest Lunch

This will be held on Sunday 2nd October at 12.30 pm in the Bede House. Tickets available from Karen from Sunday 18th September, price Adults £10, Children under 12 £5, and Family Ticket £25. Bring your own cutlery, drinks and glasses.

(added 11/9/22)

New Gate

The re-laid path leading to the new gate into the churchyard from Midland Road is now in use, thanks to the Friends. The restored archway and gate were blessed and formally opened last week.

(updated 18/9/22)

600 APPEAL

Harvest Stall – Saturday 24th September

We are going to hold a Harvest Stall on the September Farmers Market. We did this very successfully last year, selling homemade sweet and savoury items - cakes, pies, crumbles, scones etc and also any jars of jam, chutney, lemon curd etc. If you have excess garden produce at the time that would be really welcome too.

Please let Sue Dennis know if you plan on donating items for this stall. Avril Harlow will be leading on the day itself - extra helpers are welcome! Money raised will be for the 600 Appeal. Thank you everyone for your support

(added 28/8/22)

Auction of Promises—UPDATE

It is with regret that the Appeal Committee has decided to cancel the Auction of Promises, scheduled for 30th September. At this time of national mourning, and with winter austerity looming on the horizon, it has been very difficult to get people in the mood to buy tickets for a social occasion. So, rather than having a half-hearted evening, we have decided to cancel.

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Our grateful thanks to all of you who showed interest in the evening, and those who bought tickets. We shall reimburse you as soon as possible. Thanks also to those of you who came up with 35 imaginative promises which, on another occasion, would have raised lots of money.

However, all is not lost. Early cancellation means that no significant costs have been incurred, and we are now exploring whether it will be possible to open some of the promises to online bidding, so that our fundraising will be able to continue.

Our next event will be an H E Bates tea at the end of October. Should be a sell out!

(updated 18/9/22)

ST JOHN'S

Harvest Festival - 25th September

In addition to our regular Sunday service at 9 am we have a "Harvest Songs of Praise" service with hymns old and new and discoveries about the importance and history of the Harvest traditions. The service will be followed by our Harvest Supper and Auction of fresh produce. Everyone is welcome at what will be a joyful celebration of God's goodness in creation. Tickets for the Supper are available from Shirley Kirk 01933 354810. Adults £15 and children under 12 £10. Tickets are limited and will be available until 20th September. It promises to be an evening full of fellowship and fun.

(updated 18/9/22)

Prayers

Our prayers have been asked for:

Karen Addis, Madge Boxall, Daniel Boxall, Nola Brockhouse, Simon Brown, Marian Cox, Pat Ellis, Cynthia Hobson, Margaret Howes, Ria Jefferies & family, Sarah Knight, Jess Lawson, Sarah Martin, Sally Mayes, Chris Mitchell, Brenda Mould, Freda Pack, Paul Paynton (Revd), Peter Paynton, Peter Phelps, Val Robinson, Jean Shield, Elizabeth Swindley, Clare Yorke.

St John's: Jo Barrie, Bruce Bass, Shirley Baxter, Beryl Berry, Pauline Brown, Tina Gill, Hilary Goodman, Noreen Hogan, Eric Kilsby, Stephen Kirk, Martin Littlejohn, Brenda May, Pieter Mommersteeg, Muriel Palmer, Margaret Sheppard, Diana Wright.

In memoriam: Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Year's mind anniversaries:

Gertrude Letch, Rose Thorpe, Herbert Pentlow, Clara Turner, William Percival, Leonard Goodman, Gerard Kendall, Emma Eagle, Marjorie Felce, John Millgate, Gerald Barker, Audrey Smith, George Trafford, Charles Gomm, Louisa Parker, Donald York, Leonard Batt, Louise Trafford, William Fitzwilliam, Major Powell, Ivy Hudson, Lily Hanson, Deborah Sargent, Philip Ward, Samuel Hubbard, Basil Coffey, Edna Youle, Frances Bryant, Olive Woods, Edith Stokes, Adrian Smith, Sarah Mealing, Edward Wainwright.

Please continue to pray for:

Moheb, Therese & Lilly – the Coptic Christian family from Egypt who worship with us and whose support we offer. Their revised court date for an asylum application has been set for 25th – 26th October. Please pray for them and for their family who are still in Egypt.

A Prayer for Ukraine:

A Candle of Peace has been set up in both churches as a focus for our prayers.

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at-risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Praying for Afghanistan

We continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan in all the difficulties of the restrictions they are living under.