



27 October 2024

Celebration of St Crispin & Crispinian Welcome to our services today

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

Music: Organist St. John's: Sam Stringer, **Hymns 421, 587, 762.**

Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar, **Hymns: 466, 436, 357, 486.**

Anthem: Ave Verum, Mozart.

The Benefice Online Services; 'Meeting Point' and 'Celtic Midweek Liturgy' are for you if you missed our services in church, or for further reflection during the week. <https://www.stmaryhighamferrers.org/online-worship>

Next Week

Tues 29 7.30pm Bellringing Practice St Mary's
Wed 30 10am Morning Prayer
Thurs 31 10am Morning Prayer at St Mary's with Coffee & Chat to 12noon
Thurs 31 10am All Souls Service at St John's
7pm All Souls Service at St Mary's
Fri 1 Nov 5.30pm First Friday club in the Bede House

Sunday 3 November 2024 All Saints Day

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

Collect Prayer.

Almighty God,

By whose grace and power your holy martyrs Crispin & Crispinian triumphed over suffering and were faithful unto death:

Strengthen us with your grace, that we may endure reproach and persecution
And faithfully bear witness to your name of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

Amen.

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Matthew 10:28-39

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Post Communion Prayer.

God our Redeemer, Whose church was strengthened
By the blood of your martyrs Crispin and Crispinian:
So bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice
That our lives, broken and offered with his,
May carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world:
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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: Karen Addis, Brian Bond, Liz Boughton, Nola Brockhouse, Simon Brown, Ian Challen, Marian Cox, Lynda & Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Andrew Fulcher, Colin Gilkes, Margaret Janowski, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sally Mayes, Lorcan McLaren (age 11), Emily Ogden, Freda Pack, Ken & Val Robinson, Fr. Nichols Spencer, Elizabeth Swindley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke. **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Lesley Littlejohn, Dr Northover, Brenda May, Lynn Redgagte, Arthur & Anita Wright.

In memorium: Alan Land

Year's mind anniversaries: Richard Hendry, Janet Newell, Miriam Gomm, Delia Burton, Lilian Banham, Catherine Stewart, Robert Hamilton, Denise Sargent, Daisy Johnson, Albert Riley, Edith Evans, Ivy Tobin, John Crittenden, Dorothy Wood, Mary Birtchnell, Doreen Whitney, William Sanders, Vera Parker, Fanny Pentelow, Annie Twelvetree, Sarah Church, Selina Spencer, Winifred Dickenson, Alfred Watts, Edward Jewell, Michael Walker, Derek Gunn (Priest), Arthur Randall, Reginald Randall, Arthur Baxter, Mary Simpson, Annie Groome, Francis Foster, Brian Cox, Roy Price, Christine Cunningham, Lilian Smith, Brian Cox, Millicent Hackett.

NOTICES

BENEFICE

A big thank you to all who came to meet Bishop Debbie at St John's on Thursday, and to the team for an extra session of tea & cake! Bishop Debbie had a long varied day visiting around the deanery and was very glad of a cuppa when she reached her last stop with us.



ST. MARY'S



VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT; to help give the Bede House, kitchen and stage storage a good autumn clean out and tidy, and to inventory the contents. First sessions to be next week, and in the next couple of weeks.

**** Higham Sparkle 23 November **** With stalls in the church, chantry chapel and grounds, and the Bede House hosting refreshments only. May we please have offers of help and homemade cakes. Good raffle items are sought to make up three prize hampers; Christmas, Chocolate and Bottle. We are also seeking lots of small prizes for our well loved tombola, both adult and child friendly. Thanks!

Confirmation Service. It is with huge pleasure that I can say this will take place at St Mary's on 15 December at 10.30am with Bishop John. Please put this date in your diary to come and support our candidates on a very important day.

ST JOHN'S

Soup, tea & cakes, 1-3pm 19 Nov Knit and Natter, 1-3pm 22 Oct, 26 Nov

**** Christmas Fair **** 16 November from 10am to 4pm. Our traditional Christmas Fair with recycled Christmas decorations, lots of gift items, crafts, refreshments and more. Currently seeking tombola prizes, and a reminder for homemade cakes and offers of help. Thank you!

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The Benefice administration office is usually open Tuesday and Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm. Please use email if possible and await a reply.

Mthr Louise is off duty Saturday 2 November