



13 April 2025

## Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week

### Welcome to our services today

This newsheet covers two weeks, the next one will be on Friday 25 April.



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

**Music: Organist St. John's:** Hilary Goodman, **Hymns: 159(omit \* verses), 145, 161.**

**Organist St. Mary's:** Rosemary Nayyar, **Hymns: In Order of Service.**  
**Anthem:** O Sacred Head, *Paul Gerhardt.*

**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>

Mon 14 6pm Evening Prayer in St John's  
Tues 15 2-4pm Tea & cakes at St John's  
Tues 15 2.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary's  
Tues 15 7.30pm St John's PCC meeting  
Wed 16 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's  
Wed 16 2-4pm Lego Freeplay in the Bede House  
Wed 16 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at St John's  
Thurs 17 10am Coffee & chat to 12noon at St Mary's **no morning service**  
(Clergy at the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass & renewal of Ordination Vows)  
Thurs 17 7.30pm **Maundy Thursday** Service at St Mary's, followed by Vigil until Midnight before the Altar of Repose in the Chantry Chapel

Fri 18 **Good Friday**, event & services all at St Mary's  
9.30 – 11.30am Experience Easter for children & families  
12noon – Tenebrae service, Facing the Shadows  
1.30pm – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross

Sat 19 **The start of Easter** once the light fades  
*8pm The Paschal Vigil and The First Eucharist of Easter at St John's*

### **Sunday 20 April 2025 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  
1pm *Holy Baptism at St John's*

Tues 22 1-3pm Knit & Natter at St John's

Tues 22 7.30pm Bellringing practice at St Mary's

Wed 23 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's

Thurs 24 10am Said Eucharist with Coffee & chat to 12noon at St Mary's

Sat 26 Higham Ferrers Farmers Market morning: Bell Peal, 11.30am Concert in church, Coffee Morning in church.

### **Sunday 27 April 2025 Second Sunday of Easter**

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

4pm Lego Church (this one is **inside St Marys'** because of an event in the Bede House – but will otherwise be the same!)

**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:** Karen Addis, Brian Bond, Linda Bond, Liz Boughton, Nola Brockhouse, Simon Brown, Ian Challen, Mary Coleman, Marian Cox, Lynda & Peter Etheridge, Freda Fernyhough, Christine Franklin, Andrew Fulcher, Colin Gilkes, Sandra Hill, Margaret Janowski, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sally Mayes, Emily Ogden, Freda Pack, Daphne Pullen,

Val Robinson, Fr. Nichols Spencer, Elizabeth Swindley, Sue Thompson, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke.

**St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, Nick Kirk, Lesley Littlejohn, Dr Northover, Brenda May, Lynn Redgagte, Arthur & Anita Wright.

**In memoriam:**

**Year's mind anniversaries, for next two weeks:** George Britchford, Benjamin Ford, Percy Tobin, John Owen, Jim Jackson, Anthony Morris, William March, Edith Coker, Norah Essex, Luke Rowe, Herbert Baxter, Arthur Denton, Reginald Dunmore, Alber Flawn, Sylvia Gray, Percy Blackwell, Arthur King, Audrey Kirk, Margaret Airey, Annie White, Walter Palmer, James Robinson, Margaret Oswald, Lily Newman, Frances Wheatley, Vernon Silsby, George Fuller, Clayton Thomas, Ellen Taylor, Shirley Appleton, Winifred Whiteman, Alma Hall, Francis Hall, Annie Linton, Eric Addison, Masie Clarke, Elsie Price, Dick Lawrence, Heather Jackson, Elsie Freeman, Leslie Stuttle, Jane Recht (USA), James Knight, Dulcie Knight, Doris, Shirley & William, Fanny James, Frances Dunmore, Diana Warden, Alice Odell, Rosa Lawman, Beatrice Dowsett, Agnes Dickerson, Peter Cripps, Henrietta Burdett, Albert Lloyd, Thomas Shaw, Howard McCattine, Roger Davison (Priest), Reginald Britten, Edith Lewis, Raymond Burton, Elsie Walker, Angela Fulcher.

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## NOTICES

### BENEFACTORS

**LEGO Freeplay Wed 16 April from 2 to 4pm in the Bede House.** Help needed with setting up and putting away, and refreshments. Please see Mthr Louise for details.

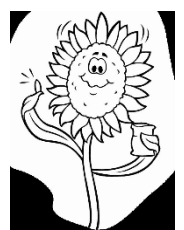
### ST. MARY'S

**Easter Fowers** – if you would like to contribute towards the costs of our Easter flowers please speak to Karin or Ruth.

**Cards** – Lots of lovely photo cards in many designs for sale in church in collaboration with Pam. Now added, a further selection of unique handmade cards which has just been refilled.

See the dresser on the right side of the church, all the cards cost just £1 each.

**31 May Farmers Market, the Vicar's Version** – advance warning of coffee & cakes with a twist!



It's the time of year for plants – **can you grow a few extra bedding or veg plants, could you split some of your border perennials?** If house plants are your thing, I have lots of cache pots that we could put them in. I'm also looking for child friendly ideas for this coffee morning and if you have any ideas of other new things to try, come chat to Mthr Louise.

**The electoral roll revision** is currently underway, please pick up a pack if you would like to join our list and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

Our **Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM)** will be on **May 11** following the morning service. 2024 reports for the APCM pack are requested – please send to [mark@greenbottoms.co.uk](mailto:mark@greenbottoms.co.uk) by 21 April – thank you!

## ST JOHN'S

**Knit and Natter, 1-3pm** 27 May, 24 June, 22 July, 26 August  
**Tea and Cakes, 2-4pm** 20 May, 17 June, 15 July, 19 August

### **For all enquiries and requests for pastoral help:**

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### Churchwardens:

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The benefice office is open Tuesdays and Fridays.  
Please send enquiries by email if possible, and a reply will be sent as soon as our administrator Ria is next in the office.

***Mthr Louise is off duty 21 to 28 April.***

