



28 July 2024

## Ninth Sunday after Trinity

### Welcome to our services today

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

**Readings:** Ephesians 3:14-end, John 6:1-21

**Music:** Organist St. Mary's: Rosemary Nayyar, Hymns 137, 302, 294, 368. Anthem, Lead me Lord. Organist St John's: Hilary Goodman, Hymns 623, 448, 652.

**Flowers at St Mary's** At Our Lady donated by Elizabeth in memory of her father Ernest Bradshaw on the anniversary of his death. By the Nave Altar donated by Chris Hales in memory of his dear wife Diane on the third anniversary of her passing.

**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

Mon 29 6pm Evening prayer at St John's  
Tues 30 7.30pm Bellringing Practice St Mary's  
Wed 31 10am Morning Prayer at St Mary's  
Thurs 1 10am Said Eucharist at St Mary's with Coffee & Chat to 12noon  
12 – 4pm Meet & Play. A space for families & children to meet, play boardgames & more. Children must be with an adult.  
7pm Celtic Liturgy in the Chantry Chapel

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#### Collect Prayer.

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through 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.**

**Ephesians 3:14-end** For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your

inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

**John 6:1-21** After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

### **Post Communion Prayer.**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the

fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of 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, Denise Bedells, Brian Bond, Nola Brockhouse, Simon Brown, Albert Clarke, Marian Cox, Lynda & Peter Etheridge, Christine Franklin, Colin Gilkes, Reg Harlow, Sandra Hill, Margaret Janowski, Sarah Knight, Marion Knott, Sally Mayes, Lorcan McLaren (age 11), Freda Pack, Ken & Val Robinson, Fr. Nichols Spencer, Elizabeth Swindley, Stewart Wiles, Clare Yorke, Jack (aged 10). **St John's:** Jo Barrie, Pauline Brown, John Goodman, Lesley Littlejohn, Dr Northover, Brenda May, Lynn Redgagte, Arthur & Anita Wright.

**In memorium:** Barbara Raynsford

**Year's mind anniversaries:** David Buglas, Veneta Perkins, Margaret Fry, Matty Allen, David Burgon, Roberta Hector, Ada Tearle, Owen Parker, Lilian Jones, Kate Jolley, Ellen Wise, James Osborne, Diane Hales, Lawrence Jephcote, Beatrice Spranklin, Eileen Taylor, Daisy Hartwell, John Toppin, Elsie See, Percy Britchford.

## **NOTICES**

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### **BENEFICE**

As the school summer holidays begin many activities and services that are predominately about and for children take a summer break. Our churches will remain open as usual and are lovely interesting places to visit if its too hot or too wet to be outside. Please do let friends and family know!

**Ride and Stride, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024.** Annual event raising money for the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, and 50% of monies raised come back to your own church. Please check for details in each church and consider getting involved. We also need a new organiser for St Mary's for next year, see Dave Stuttle for more details.

**ST. MARY'S** We would like to thank Mthr Louise for including our Renewal of Benedictine Oblation on Sunday 14 July. It means a great deal to us that you all joined us in this important declaration of our faith and commitment. Thank you, Dave Stuttle and Paul Odell.

**Introducing Meet & Play on Thursday summer afternoons during the school holidays**– Following on after coffee and chat we will leave the tables up, and turn ourselves into a time of boardgames, play and chat for children and families. Children must be accompanied by an adult please.

**Children's Society box collection** during August. Could you please bring them to church on a Sunday morning. If this isn't possible please contact me on 01933 412874 and I will arrange collection. Thank you. Alison Oberman.

**Cards for sale** We have cards in church for sale at £1 each in partnership with Pam who produced them, sharing the monies raised between us.

**Farmers Market Coffees** – cakes are always needed, can you bake one?

**31 August Farmers Market Coffee and townwide garage sale – Can you help run this Coffee morning**, when the town will be busy with bargain hunters. The vicarage will be having a **garage sale** on the trail raising funds for St Mary's – have you anything that we can add to the collection of fabulous treasures we already have been given to sell? Please get in touch with Mthr Louise

## ST JOHN'S

Tea and Cakes 2–4pm 20 Aug, 17 Sep.

Knit and Natter 1–3pm 27 Aug, 24 Sep.

Harvest Festival with Supper and Auction – 29 September 4pm

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The Benefice administration office is usually open Tuesdays and Fridays; 9.30 to 2.30, email enquiries are preferred but please be patient awaiting a reply!

***Mthr Louise off duty Friday 2 August***