



19 January 2025

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Welcome to our services today

9am: Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am: Parish Eucharist at St Mary's with *KickStart*

Music: Organist St. John's: Keith Green, **Hymns: 104(omit starred verses), 324, 650. Organist St. Mary's:** Rosemary Nayyar, **Hymns: 443, 376, 57, 377.**
Anthem: O come ye servants of the Lord, *Tye*.

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>

Tues 21 1 – 3pm Soup, tea and cakes at St John's
7.30pm Bellringing practice at St Mary's

Wed 22 10am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Thurs 22 10am Said Eucharist at St Mary's with Coffee & chat to 12noon

Sat 25 Higham Ferrers Farmers Market with bell peal, Coffees in the Bede House (10am to 1pm) and a recital in Church at 11.30am.

Sunday 26 January 2025 The third Sunday of Epiphany

9am Parish Eucharist at St John's

10.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's

4pm Lego Church in the Bede House

Collect Prayer.

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led

astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says ‘Let Jesus be cursed!’ and no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:11-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer.

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name 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, Brian Bond, Liz Boughton, Nola Brockhouse, Simon Brown, Ian Challen, Mary Coleman, 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, Nick Kirk, Lesley Littlejohn, Dr Northover, Brenda May, Lynn Redgagte, Arthur & Anita Wright.

In memoriam: Tony Lewis

Year's mind anniversaries: Edward Fane, Annie Abbott, Alfred Revell, Alice Upton, Ettie Green, Thomas Ingram, Norah Hagger, Ethel Stokes, Kitty Rodis, Dinah Wilmott, Beatrice Weed, Robert Frisby, Horace Scott, Thomas Evans, William Webb, Ralph Dunmore, Cecil Holyoak, Beatrice Weed, Dorothy Burton, Albert Morris, Ivan Driver, Gerald Hunt, Edward Tompkins, Albert Wilson, Arthur Tombling (Priest), Nellie Thompson, Carla Radok, Kate Pitts, Elsie Eady, Albert Knight, Francis Wagstaff, Natalie Woods, Peter Newman.

NOTICES

BENEFICE

Bishop Debbie has asked us all in the Diocese, as we begin a new year, to sharpen our focus on prayer with the theme of '**Lord, Teach us to Pray**'. *The first step to a healthy and thriving church is prayer, so we will make prayer integral to all our events and activities in the Diocese.*

Across the benefice we will be looking as a ministry team with our PCC's how we can encourage and deepen our prayer lives together. We have a variety of types of prayer in our benefice already but perhaps we need to share them more with each other and outside in our parishes. If you have any suggestions, please do share them with us.

ST. MARY'S

Building Work

This month Steve Todd will start on the missing and broken render above the children's corner in church. It will be a bit messy whilst work is underway, please bear with us.

LEGO Church – 4pm on 4th Sunday each month – the next one is **26 January** and we will be looking at a blinding flash of light on a road to Damascus which changed a man's life. Please let us know if you are coming!

ST JOHN'S

Recycle Christmas decorations If you have decorations you no longer wish to keep, at St. John's we would be happy to collect them from you ready for our next year's Christmas fair. Please contact Brenda on 07816 771702.

Snowdrop Weekend - 15 Feb 10am - 4pm & 16 Feb 11am- 4pm.

If you have any good quality bric-a-brac we will be collecting it up until Friday 7 February. We will be in need of donation of cakes. With many thanks from the 'Snowdrop team' - any questions please call Richard Kirk on 07773 309834

Soup, tea & cakes, 1-3pm 21 Jan Knit and Natter, 1-3pm 28 Jan

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The office is open Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30am to 2.30pm. 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 on Mon 20 and unavailable on 21 and 22 January