



6 April 2025

Passion Sunday

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: Sam Stringer, **Hymns: 707(omit * verses), 451, 806.**

Organist St. Mary's: Alan Cafaude, **Hymns: 393, 294, 83, 461.**

Anthem: O Saviour of the World, *Goss*

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 7 *11am Funeral service for Mary Llewellyn*
Mon 7 6pm Evening Prayer in St John's
Tues 8 *2-4pm Lego Freeplay in the Bede House*
Tues 8 7.30pm Bellingring practice at St Mary's
Wed 9 10am Morning Prayer in the Lady Chapel, St Mary's
Thurs 10 10am Said Eucharist with Coffee & chat to 12noon at St Mary's
Thurs 10 7pm Celtic Evening Service in the Chantry Chapel
Fri 11 *2-4pm Lego Freeplay in the Bede House*
Sat 12 *10am Spring Cleaning at St John's*

Sunday 13 April 2025 Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week

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

Collect Prayer.

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post Communion Prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **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, 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, 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: Mary Llewellyn (funeral at St Mary's on Monday 7 April at 11am)

Year's mind anniversaries: Angela Murphy, Jack Allison, Edward Stanley, Alice Parker, Alice York, Lilian Scott, Cyril Hircock, Walter Lawrence, Mervyn Hawkins, Frank Whiteman, Arthur Dockerill, Thomas Curtis, Lena Crosthwaite, Edith Oberman, Herbert Reynolds, Gordon Ling, Florence Lines, Mabel Maycock, Reinhold Beer, Mabel Minor, Henry Chichele (Archbishop), Jack Thomas, Richard Cherry, Lilian Espin, Arthur Birtchnell.

NOTICES

BENEFICE

LEGO Freeplay is back on **Tues 8, Fri 11 & 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

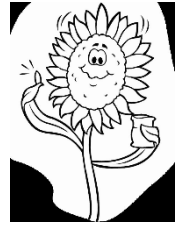
Cards – Lots of lovely photo cards in many designs for sale in church in collaboration with Pam. Now added, a further selection of unique handmade cards which has just been refilled.

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 renewal pack and return as soon as possible. Thank you.

ST JOHN'S

Saturday 12th April from 10am there will be a Spring Clean of the church in readiness for Easter. We need many hands, please let Brenda know if you can spare an hour or two to help. Coffee and tea will be provided. Thank you.



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

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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 Wednesday 9 April,
and at Bouverie Court on Thursday 10 April.***