

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach



Loving God, Loving People

Sunday 7th January 2024 – Epiphany

THIS WEEK

Collect: *O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.*

Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Hymns:

Carol Book 76: We three Kings

Carol Book 73: As with gladness

Carol Book 78: Songs of thankfulness and praise

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Epiphany Café Church at St. Mary's
Sorry, no livestream this week.

RADIO

8.30am Cross Talk on Burwell Community Radio
(repeated at 4.30pm & 7.00pm on Monday)

<http://burwell.radio/>

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing practice this week

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

Fri 10.00am Refresh Café and lunch

Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP 14th JANUARY 2024

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- as we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, we remember the humility of the Magi, who recognised in the infant Jesus the king of the Universe and knelt before him. As we start this new year, we come before you, hoping that we will also find you in unexpected places and people. Help us to walk with you through the coming year and help us to be the loving people you call us to be.

- as we look back over 2023, we pray especially for the Middle East, and the dreadful events that have unfolded since 7th October; for the death and suffering on both sides which has affected so many children and other innocent people. The war in the Ukraine has been overshadowed by these events, but death and suffering are still taking place there, and in other places across our world. May 2024 bring a resolution to some of these conflicts and hope to the nations involved for a better future. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for just and peaceful solutions to be reached.

- We pray for all those who are helping others, especially at risk to themselves. May emergency workers and first responders find the courage and strength that they need in very difficult circumstances.

- We pray that governments and organisations be guided by wisdom, vision & courage to work together to take action to combat the effects of climate change, that justice and peace might flow like a mighty river.

- For the work of organisations, including Christian Aid, helping families around the world to overcome poverty and injustice, wherever the need is greatest, and there is high risk of famine including: Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria, DRC, South Sudan.

- We pray for all those who are struggling in today's difficult economic situation. May adequate immediate provision be made available, and support to find longer term solutions, so that everyone has their basic needs met for food, shelter, employment and security. For the Pop-up Pantry, at Burwell Day Centre Fridays at 2pm.

- As junior doctors continue to strike and NHS waiting lists continue to cause alarm and distress, we pray for the thousands of patients waiting for treatment, operations, and care plans. May there be a fair resolution that maintains care for patients.

- We pray for our leaders as the Diocese continues the process of choosing a new Bishop of Ely, we pray that the right person will emerge to carry forward the work of Ely 2025 and beyond. Bless Bishop Dagmar as she supervises the diocese until a new Bishop is installed, and all those who serve the church under her leadership; priests, deacons, lay ministers and churchwardens. We pray for this church, for Eleanor, Paula, Virginia, Jo and all in leadership positions and the PCC.

- For those living in:- Buntings Crescent, Buntings Path, Carter Road, Garden Court, Hawthorn Way, Martin Road, Orchard Way, Westhorpe (Burwell), The Hythe (Reach).

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie, Neil, Don, Sonya (Anna Hopper's sister), Carol, Janice, Jennifer and John, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Sharon, Kate, Jenny, John, Andrew (Sue Reynolds' nephew), Joan, Joanne, Ian, Janet (Ken's cousin).

- For the bereaved, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

* **To all the super knitters!** Thanks and best wishes from staff at the Visitor Centre at HMP Whitemoor for all the lovely knitted stockings and gifts with them. It is so kind of you! Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year 2024.

* **Alpha Course Online** – a new course will start on Thursday 11th January at 8pm. Please contact Jo llm@stmarysburwell.org.uk if you would like to join in with this opportunity to explore the Christian faith.

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact Eleanor or Paula with messages about pastoral news, needs & concerns, requests for prayer.
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