

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



Sunday 4th February 2024
Candlemas—Presentation of Christ in the Temple

THIS WEEK

Collect: Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5 Luke 2:22-40

Hymns:

MP 1201 Longing for light
MP 420 Like a candle flame
MP 125 Faithful vigil ended

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach
10.00am Candlemas Café Church at St. Mary's
Sorry, we are unable to livestream the service 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 Bellingring 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 11th February 2024

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Loving God, in this vast and diverse world, we lift our prayers for all nations and peoples. We pray for peace where there is conflict, for healing where there is suffering, and for justice where there is inequality. Open our hearts to the voices of those on the margins, the poor, and the oppressed. May the light of Christ, proclaimed by Simeon and Anna, shine in every corner of the globe, bringing hope and salvation.

- We pray for the innocent victims of war. May there be an end to hostilities between Israel and the Palestinians, we pray for all those who have lost loved ones, for those abducted and still missing and their families, for those injured, for those affected by the bombings and loss of homes. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, for peace and the laying down of weapons.

- 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.

- 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 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.

- 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.

- We pray for all those affected by the Post Office scandal. We pray that victims will be exonerated, compensated, and move forward to rebuild their lives.

- As NHS waiting lists continue to cause alarm and distress, we pray for the thousands of patients waiting for treatment, operations, and care plans.

- 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, the churchwardens and the PCC. We give thanks for all that so many contribute, and pray for others to come forward, when some need to step back.

- For all preparing for General Synod at the end of the month, with the ongoing difficult discussions about the Living in love and faith process.

- For those living in:- Bayfield Drive, Bewicks Mead, Burghley Rise, Felsham Chase, Holkham Mead, Kentwell Place, Melford Close, Old School Close (Burwell), Great Lane (Reach).

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

- For the bereaved including the families and friends of Ted Carter, Don Kyte, Jennifer Harrison, John Rose and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

* In this month's Contact magazine, there is an article about changes to key roles, and praying for others to come forward. Please speak to Eleanor if you are interested and feel God may be calling you to one of these roles.

* **Burwell Farmers' Market 10th February** – it will be St Mary's turn to serve refreshments. Please speak to Virginia if you would be willing to help for some of the time.

* Monday 7.30pm Bible Study and Prayer Group (weekly). We are starting to study "Exodus" and would love others to join us. Please contact Myrna 610162 or Pauline 741202.

PASTORAL CARE

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