

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach



Loving God, Loving People

18th February 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-9, Mark 1:9-15

Hymns: A&M 56 Forty days and forty nights

MP 400 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

MP 975 Before the throne of God above

MP 1334 My hope is built (Cornerstone)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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We hope to be able to live stream the 10am service on Facebook. If so, a recording will be available to watch after end of service.

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 Ness Court

No service in Reach this week

11.00am Memorial Service for Don Kyte at Baptist

2.00pm Funeral of John Rose 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 25th February 2024

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- God of wilderness and water, your Son was baptised and tempted as we are. Guide us through this season of Lent, not so that we may avoid struggle, but so that we may open ourselves to blessing. When we go through wildernesses, may we know your presence with us, and when we face temptations may your power protect us. Fill our hearts with joy of the good news you bring us.

- 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. For urgent actions to be taken.

- 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 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 who are unable to meet with us, who are now in residential care, including Jennie, Janey, Grace, Vi, Don, Marian.

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie, Neil, Don, Sonya (Anna Hopper's sister), Carol, Janice, John H, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Sharon, Kate, Jenny, John D, Andrew (Sue Reynolds' nephew), Joan, Joanne, Ian, Jim, Sue, Pauline, Jessica (praying all goes well with her hip surgery tomorrow, 19th Feb.), Pam C.

- For His Majesty, King Charles, as he undergoes treatment for cancer, for comfort, peace and confidence in God's faithfulness.

- For the bereaved including the families and friends of Jennifer Harrison, John Rose, Janet Conti and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION:

* There will be a service of A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Don Kyte at Burwell Baptist Church on Wednesday 21st February at 11am, followed by refreshments at Quy Mill Hotel afterwards, to which all are welcome.

* 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.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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