



**for St Mary's, Burwell with St Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity, Reach**

## Next Steps, whatever your age!

I've had the exciting privilege in the last few weeks of joining in with Launchpad, a five week programme by the national organisation, Youthscape. This is a great opportunity for me and for us as a parish – only 10 clergy from 10 parishes in the whole of the diocese were invited to take part, because we were thought to have the openness and capacity to receive this intensive support to develop work with young people. We've been looking at different approaches, to discern what might be right for our church, with three broad approaches to consider:

**Build Up** - developing youth work from our work with children

**Build Out** - developing youth work from young people already within the church

**Build In** - developing youth work from new connections with young people outside the church.

We have been encouraged to share this with our congregations and ministry teams and to pray for the next steps for us.

Please speak to me, if God lays this on your heart, and you'd like to get involved.

**Eleanor Williams**

### Launchpad Prayer

Loving Lord,

We hold in our hearts  
the young people in our communities,  
Made in your image, known to you  
and loved by you.

*Pause to reflect*

We hold in our hearts  
the young people in our churches,  
Made in your image, known to you  
And loved by you.

*Pause to reflect*

We hold in our hearts  
the young people overwhelmed by life,  
Made in your image, known to you  
and loved by you.

*Pause to reflect*

Whether our resources are plentiful  
or scarce, we commit to serving these  
young people more deeply.

May our church become to them  
a safe space, to experience your life,  
your purpose and your love.

May they encounter you in us.

May we encounter you in them,  
and may it transform us both.

Amen.



### Congratulations!

To Deacon, now Father John Morrill, ordained priest at the age of 78 in Norwich RC Cathedral on 21<sup>st</sup> September. Eleanor was invited to attend and to robe as an ecumenical guest.

And to Kevin Powell, who was admitted and licensed as a Reader/Licensed Lay Minister in St Edmundsbury and Ipswich diocese on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, and will be licensed in Ely diocese on 5<sup>th</sup> October in the cathedral.



**From the  
Parish Registers  
Funerals**  
*Rest in peace*  
Lesley Webb



**10.00am Harvest Café Church  
at St Mary's**

*Starting with refreshments  
and activities for young and old  
Followed by short service*

**Please bring food donations for Ely  
Foodbank and/or cash donations**

**Tribute to Burwell Radio**



Sadly, after 4 years of operation, Burwell Radio will be signing off at the end of October. It's been a great privilege for Churches Together in

Burwell to host a weekly programme, Cross Talk. Each of the churches has taken part, with joint programmes every few weeks. Thank you to all who have taken part, and we are very grateful to those who worked hard behind the scenes, especially Rob Proctor and Gavin Richards. The last Cross Talk will be a joint show on 6<sup>th</sup> October on dealing with change. Tune in <https://burwell.radio> Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 8.30am & 4.30pm, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm

**Baby Loss  
Awareness Week**  
**9-15 October**

St Mary's, Burwell, will be lit in pink and blue for the week, to raise awareness of the issues affecting those who have experienced the loss of a pregnancy or baby. Join in the **Global Wave of Light at 7pm on 15<sup>th</sup> October** by lighting a candle at home and posting a photo on social media.



**Re-imagined**  
Vaughan Williams  
and the Tudor revival

Vaughan Williams *Mass in G minor*  
*Bax Mater ora filium*  
and music by Byrd, Holst,  
Howells, and Roderick Williams

New Cambridge Singers  
James Potter conductor  
Will Mason organ

**Saturday 16 November, 7.30 PM**  
St John the Evangelist Church  
Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 8RN

**Saturday 9 November, 7.30 PM**  
St Mary's Church  
High St, Burwell CB25 0HB

Tickets Cambridge £18 - students £9 - U18s free  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/new-cambridge-singers](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/new-cambridge-singers)  
Burwell £15 - from Burwell Post Office or at the door  
Retiring collections in aid of the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

[www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk](http://www.newcambridgesingers.org.uk)



**Unfortunately, the International  
Older Peoples Day Cream Tea  
scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> October,  
has had to be cancelled.  
Sorry for any inconvenience  
or disappointment.**



**Come & Sing!**

Anybody interested in joining St Mary's choir for the Christmas carol

service would be very welcome!

**Practices will be starting soon  
on Fridays from 7:30-8.30pm.**

**Please contact Kathy for updates**

**[kathy.ogilvie@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.ogilvie@gmail.com)**

**or in person at church**

**Carols by Candlelight  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm**



### St Mary's Tower Open Event 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024

The tower was cleaned. The cakes and biscuits were baked. The notices and handouts were composed, printed, and distributed.

The flag was raised. Signs were put up in and outside the church.

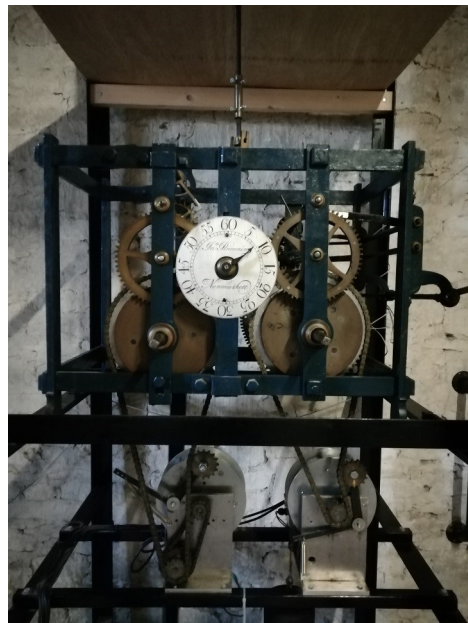
Refreshments were made ready in the kitchen. The Ringers, Virginia, Jo and helpers stood at their positions.

We had glorious weather.....  
and 80+ people came up the tower – Hurrah!

On the way up the 113 steps,  
they saw the bells .....



.....and the clock mechanism



.....before reaching the view from the top.



Jo, Virginia, and Peter had a go at back stroke ringing at the end and did very well!

A few visitors have said that they will be coming along to our bell-ringing practice on Monday, so we may have gained more ringers for our band.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the afternoon, which raised over £200.00!

Dee Smith

### Reflection by Philip Baker

I am going to start this month with what may surprise some, something that might be seen variously as a claim or a confession, but almost certainly unexpected. As I entered my twenties in the mid-sixties, I had a grounding in both classical and rock music, and I have recently found the joy of contemporary worship music. Whilst I have reservations about some of the communities giving rise to this style of praise, there is much to find in the music itself.

One of the songs I find uplifting is called simply "Praise", written and performed by Elevation Worship (who also wrote "The Blessing", adapted by the Church of England so effectively). It contains the line: "As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to praise the Lord". Could there be a simpler summary of our belief? I am not suggesting that everyone should seek to enjoy this style of worship song, but I do suggest that we should think about how we express our faith and love for God, and be prepared to try whatever is available.

Psalms 96 and 100 are one of many to exhort us to greater expression of praise of the Lord. It is too long to quote here, but read it yourselves. It starts "Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord, praise His name;". Emphasising this, Psalm 100 starts "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs." It seems to me that we are intended to celebrate our Lord God with simple joy and happiness, glad to be one of His own regardless of our circumstances in this life.

From the standpoint of someone looking at Christianity for the first time, much of what we do can appear impenetrable! Being direct and expressing our faith simply is surely good. When I was young, I could follow the whole service in Latin – but did not understand any of it! The earliest Christians had to make huge changes to what they did and how they perceived their faith. In a living faith, we too have to continue that change as society around us changes. We can do it!



### Burwell Branch Update

We postponed our visit to the museum and instead enjoyed a Garden Party for our August Branch meeting, which was everything a summer garden party should be: sun, food to share (thanks to generosity of members) and fellowship. We even held an enrolment, with Pat C and Anne P joining our movement.

In September we enjoyed a fascinating talk from a diocesan member about her amazing life in Africa and we are looking forward to a talk in October by MU Trustee and ex-Burwellian Jean Webb about Away From It All (AFIA) holidays for seriously disadvantaged families.

Our Wednesday Holy Communion together, followed by lunch at the Day Centre is proving very popular, and an organisational nightmare! To make it easier, we are moving it to the second Wednesday of the month so that it follows the publication of the reminder in Contact. And the reminder is this: on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October we shall be enjoying a fellowship lunch at the Day Centre after the Holy Communion service at 10.30am. It is open to all our friends in St Mary's and, if you would like to join us, it is **essential** that you let me know by **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October** so that I can let the staff at the Day Centre know how many to cater for. Last month there were 18 of us and this number is growing month on month.

I also remind you that membership is open to all who support the aims and objectives of the Mothers' Union. As a campaigning body, the more members we have, the more influence we can exert on Governments and others around the world. Why not join the over 4 million people who already support our work and initiatives? Please speak to me (or Hazel) to find out more.

**Philip Baker, Burwell Branch Leader**

### LED there be light!

Towards the end of 2023, the lighting in St Mary's was definitely showing its age and successive bulb replacements of differing tone gave a distinctly patchy appearance. Dealing with this was far from easy as the luminaires are high up over the pews and the bulbs of an unusual design.

The PCC decided to replace all the bulbs at once with warm white LED bulb units to give a uniform and sympathetic quality of light. Also the bottom panels could be removed from the lamp housings to prevent the entrapment of baby bats.

The first attempt failed: the fittings were of an unusually deep design so the screw-in bulbs would not go in far enough to make electrical contact. After another wait for the relevant parts, the ever-cheerful Archie from Anroe Electrical came with bulbs which fitted a treat .... so we can all enjoy 20 years of maintenance-free , environmentally friendly and aesthetically pleasing light!

Meanwhile, over at the Guildhall, fluorescent fittings all over the main room were failing and sporadic replacements, again involving access at height, seemed bitty and, in the long run, uneconomic. During the summer vacation, all twelve ceiling fittings were replaced with LED flush panels. Along with the re-decoration of the hall, this has markedly improved the appearance of the room and now produces an excellent quality of light, which has been noted by all users. Thanks again Archie!

**Steve Martin**

### Tree in memory of Don Kyte

As mentioned in Contact last month, St Mary's Preservation Trust plan to plant a tree in memory of Don Kyte. Permission from the Diocese has now been received and we hope to plant this in next few weeks. More information to follow in due course.



### Environment Matters

This month's Eco Living tips from Kathy were first published in September 2021.

*When cutting back plants in the garden, remember to leave somewhere for wildlife to overwinter eg make a woodpile, leave some flower heads to be decorative and a home for insects, let some flowers go to seed (the goldfinches will enjoy them).*

*When you are looking to buy clothes, consider who made them (were they paid enough?), what they are made of (oil or wool or cotton?) Are the clothes well made so that you can wear them many times or will they wear out sooner than that?*

*Continue to enjoy walking locally and noticing the beauty of the changing seasons. If you're on Facebook, you may like to join the Burwell Environmental Group, and Wild Burwell, and see what else is happening in the village, and how to get involved.*

If you have any Eco tips or ideas you'd like to share, please send them to [pat@patchtcs.co.uk](mailto:pat@patchtcs.co.uk)

### Thank you to ASDA Express



We were delighted to receive the donation of several boxes of toys and games from ASDA Express, and look forward to developing a new partnership of working together in the

community. Over the next few months, we'll be looking for opportunities to share the toys and games with local children and young people.



Lots of bubble wands!



**Burwell Food Support Group**  
**Pop-up Pantry & Ely Foodbank**  
*working together*  
*to support our local community*  
**at Burwell Day Centre**  
**Fridays 2.00 - 3.00pm**

**Pop-up Pantry** is working towards reducing waste and offers short life food and more as is available.

Donations towards the Pantry are gratefully received and can be dropped off at the Day Centre.

A voluntary contribution of £2 is helpful towards running costs.

**Ely Foodbank** provides food for 3 days and can help with issues such as benefit changes, low incomes and more.

**Citizen Advice** join the team on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month.

If you require help from the Foodbank please ring 01353 468626

or email [info@ely.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@ely.foodbank.org.uk)

Burwell Food Support Group links individuals and groups working to support those in need in our community, and includes Burwell Help Group, Open Arms, St Mary's Church, Burwell Baptist Church, Burwell & District Day Centre, Burwell Co-op



# CentrePeace



38a The Causeway, Burwell

### Opening Times

Tuesday	10.00am—12.30pm
Wednesday	2.00pm—4.00pm
Thursday	10.00am—12.30pm 1.00pm—3.00pm
Friday	10.00am—12.30pm
Saturday	10.00am—12.30pm

## Update on building security & emergency procedures

At the recent PCC meeting the church's emergency procedures were reviewed and some minor changes made, and arrangements made for additional contact information to be available in the buildings, in case of emergency.

It was also decided to allow the tower corridor to remain unlocked during church opening hours. We will keep this under review, but hope that access to the church loos during this summer will be helpful to visitors.

## OPENING OF OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS

Both of our churches are open to the public every day, except when there is another event, such as a wedding or a funeral.

## WEEKLY GATHERINGS

We have a number of small groups meeting during the week. Ask Eleanor for details.

**Thursday 9.00am** Morning Prayer in St Mary's

**Fridays 10.00am** Refresh Café in St Mary's *For pre-school children with their parents & carers*

**Saturday 9.00am** The Green Prayer Group (at Village Green Coffee Shop)

*More information in our regular emails to families and on our Messy Church and Refresh*

*Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/messychurchburwell](http://www.facebook.com/messychurchburwell). Join the mailing list via with*

*our Keeping in Touch online form. [St Mary's Burwell with St Etheldreda's Reach |](http://St Mary's Burwell with St Etheldreda's Reach |)*

*[Keeping in Touch \(stmarysburwell.org.uk\)](http://Keeping in Touch (stmarysburwell.org.uk))*

## WORSHIP AT HOME ONLINE *Join us to pray, to worship, to share together*

Most weeks, we aim to live stream the 10am service on Facebook, apart from Café Church and when there is a baptism.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This year at St Marys church we are planning a Christmas Tree Festival and are trying to ask everyone who belongs to a community group or has a local business if they would like to take part. The trees or decorations will be displayed in the church in the lead up to Christmas for anyone to come in to have a look and admire the creations; the church will be open everyday in daylight hours. Contact Angela Bellis for information about taking part. [Angelajd.bellis@ntlworld.com](mailto:Angelajd.bellis@ntlworld.com) 07812 318240.

## What's on in our churches this month

Please check the weekly news sheet for updates or our website. Refreshments are served after the 10am Sunday service and our Wednesday midweek service. Café Church is usually on first Sunday of month, beginning with refreshments, themed activities for all ages, then a short service.

<b>Date</b>	<b>St Mary's Burwell</b>	<b>St Etheldreda's Reach</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	10.30am Holy Communion	
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer	
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October Trinity 19</b>	10.00am Harvest Café Church	8.30am Holy Communion
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.30am Holy Communion	
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer	
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October Trinity 20</b>	10.00am Holy Communion	
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<i>10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court</i>	10.30am Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October Trinity 21</b>	8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion	
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	10.30am Holy Communion	
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer	
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October Trinity 22</b>	10.00am Holy Communion	
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.30am Holy Communion	
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	9.00am Morning Prayer	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November Trinity 23</b>	10.00am Café Church 3.00pm Service for those who have been bereaved	8.30am Holy Communion

**Activities for Children and Young People and their Families**

**Sunday Mornings @ St Mary's**

Families, children and young people are welcome at all our services. Café Church is once a month.

**Refresh Café**

**Every Friday 10.00-11.45am**

For toddlers & babies & their parents and carers. Free play, crafts, refreshments, with nursery rhymes, songs and a short bible story, followed by a simple lunch.

**Messy Church and Café**

Events for families and children of all ages, often on Sunday afternoons, and sometimes meeting outdoors in the churchyard. Also cafés in school holidays with games and activities, drinks and snacks, for children and families..

Eleanor sends out a regular update email to families. If you'd like to join the mailing list, fill in the Keeping in Touch form on our website.

**Supporting St Mary's and St Etheldreda's**

Could you support the work of our church by making a donation? There are various ways to do this.

At one of our services or events, you can give cash or a cheque, made payable to 'Burwell PCC' or use the card reader.

Alternatively, go to our website

[www.stmarysburwell.org.uk/donate](http://www.stmarysburwell.org.uk/donate)

for information about how to make a single or regular donation by credit or debit card.

You can also download forms to set up a Standing Order or a Gift Aid declaration.

For more details, please see our website or speak to our Gift Aid Officer, Ian Richards or Email:

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Rev'd Dr Roger Williams

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Jo Proctor

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Caroline Smith

**We're also on Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysburwell>

<https://www.facebook.com/messychurchburwell>

<https://www.facebook.com/centrepeaceburwell>

**Keeping in Touch**

During the coronavirus outbreak we started sending the pew sheet by email and phoning and posting information to those without Internet access. Both the pew sheet and Contact are also available to download from our website: ["Contact" Magazine - St Mary's Burwell with St Etheldreda's Reach \(stmarysburwell.org.uk\)](http://www.stmarysburwell.org.uk)

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