

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



17th November 2024 – 2nd Sunday before Advent
Safeguarding Sunday

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Readings: Hebrews 10:11-14,19-25 Mark 13:1-8

Hymns: MP 237 Holy, holy, holy
Safeguarding hymn Ally Barrett
MP 1157 The Communion Hymn
All are welcome

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
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.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing Practice
Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at Reach
10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court
Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer
Fri 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch
Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

SUNDAY WORSHIP 24th NOVEMBER 2024

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
4.00pm Messy Church

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- A prayer about Safeguarding from Revd Dr Sam Wells: Tender God, look with mercy on all who have experienced profound harm and any for whom faith is associated with hurt and damage. Bless those for whom this week's events have stirred up memories and emotions that evoke grief and woundedness. Send your Spirit on your church, that it may be wiser and more rigorous even as it is sadder and humbler. Surround Archbishop Justin as he faces the glare of public scrutiny and blame. Guide your church to cherish all your children, exalted leaders and vulnerable members, that in your Son's broken body we may see not only sorrow but also your everlasting faithfulness to us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

- 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 innocent victims of war. We pray especially for an end to the terrible situation in the Middle East and we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, may the leaders of violence and bloodshed know a change of heart and work towards peace.

- Look with compassion on the world where anger so often prevails over love, where false speech and evil words destroy human fellowship. We pray for a peaceful transition in the United States, following the election. For President-elect Trump, as well as all leaders in public life, that they may rise to meet the responsibilities

entrusted to them as they serve the nations and those whom they represent. For them to uphold the common good and promote the dignity of all, especially the most vulnerable, including the poor, stranger, the elderly and infirm, and migrants. For our own government; for wisdom and insight and may they aspire to create changes that benefit those that are most in need, in our society and the wider world.

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

- Make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet. Raise up campaigners who will speak out for wisdom, restraint and compassion, and pray that political leaders be guided by wisdom, vision and courage to work together. For urgent actions to be taken.

- For all those 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. Help us to see and serve the needs around us, whether through food banks, charity work, or simple acts of kindness. May we be attentive to the lonely, the marginalized, and those struggling in our midst. Give us the strength to put others before ourselves.

- For our leaders as the Diocese continues the process of choosing a new Bishop of Ely. For this parish, for Eleanor, Paula, Jo, Virginia, Kevin & all in leadership.
- For our work with children, young people and families, including Refresh Café, Messy Church and the ideas for engaging with young people. For those involved on the teams, and for others to come forward.

- For those unable to meet with us, now in residential care, including Jennie, Janey, Vi, Don, Marian.

- For those living in:- Anchor Lane, Chandlers Court, Hatley Drive, Kingfisher Drive, Myrtle Drive, Silver Street (Burwell), Blackberry Drove (Reach)

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Don, Sonya (Anna Hopper's sister), Carol, Janice, John H, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Kate, Jennie D, John D, Joanne, Pam C, Jessica, Pauline, Michael (Ysanne's brother), John W (friend of Ken & Dawn), Jackie L, Sue E, Sue A, Val.

- For His Majesty, King Charles, and Catherine, Princess of Wales in their ongoing recovery from cancer, for comfort, peace and confidence in God's faithfulness.

- For the bereaved, including the families and friends of Clive Collins, Jean Estall, Kathleen Day and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* If you've not had chance to respond yet to the Giving Review letter sent out with Contact, please consider doing so by the end of the month, to help us with budgets for 2025. Thank you.

* Christmas Tree Festival – speak to Angela if you'd like to take part.

* Free Advent books – take one and one to give away!

PASTORAL CARE

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