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

The Journey of Epiphany

For many people, Christmas is well and truly over by Boxing Day, the tree is taken down and the decorations put away. Yet we still have the 12 days of Christmas, and the arrival of the Magi at Epiphany. We can rest and linger a little longer, as we reflect on the encounter these strangers from the East had with the infant Jesus. Light like that of the star had shone deep inside them, and showed them that God had revealed himself in so unlikely, but so completely a way that there was only one response they felt able to make – to kneel before him, worship and offer him all they that they had and all that they were.

And so they went home. A different journey, because things were different now, and they had been changed, and could no longer go back the same way.

And what about us? As we begin a New Year, it's important that we look back and remember, but we also need to continue on, because we're pilgrims, on a journey with the Lord our God, looking forward to what is yet to be. Where might God be leading us this year?

The Work of Christmas - Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the Kings and Princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

Eleanor Williams

Open House at the Vicarage 22 Isaacson Road
Saturday 4th January 2025 11.00am – 1.00pm
Pop in for a drink and a snack - all very welcome!

Refresh Café at St Mary's
Every Friday 10.00 - 12.00
Snack lunch from 11.30am
A café & play space
for pre-school children
& their parents & carers
Refreshments, Toys,
Crafts, Songs,
Bible Story

Restarts Friday
3rd January



ADVANCE NOTICE
NEW! Connect Café,
especially for families
Wednesday 15th January
3.30 - 5.00pm
Refreshments, games
& activities for all ages
Connect with each other
and with God

From the Parish Registers



Baptism
We welcome
 Spencer Levett

Funerals
Rest in peace
 John Wilson

Thank You & Building Update

Thank you to those who helped clear up after the break-in at St Mary's, particularly to Ken for responding to the emergency call out. There are repair works needed, including to a window in the south aisle. We hope it won't take too long for the work to be completed.

Thank you also to Angela Bellis for all the hard work in putting together the much appreciated Christmas Tree Festival, and to all those who have helped in decorating, stewarding or taking part in any of our Christmas services and events.

Meanwhile, work has been going on in Reach to repair the boundary walls, which we hope will be completed soon.

Local Artist's Drawing of St Mary's

Greetings Cards and Fridge Magnets of St Mary's by local artist Sarah Gausden are available to purchase, with a share of the proceeds to come to the church.



**Cards £2.50,
 Magnets £3.50**

CentrePeace



38a The Causeway, Burwell

We are now open every morning except Sunday and Monday and Wednesday afternoon, but we are no longer open on Thursday afternoon.

New Opening Times

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



Diocese of Ely

Burwell Branch

This is a short report to highlight dates in January which are: Wednesday 8th MU Holy Communion followed by our Fellowship Lunch, open to all but book with me; Thursday 16th will be MU Thursday Prayer in the Cathedral; Wednesday 29th our Branch Meeting at Mill Bungalow with Communion (Virginia) and our brief AGM.

I hope you have all had a great Christmas and are well, and I pray that we may enter 2025 in full awareness of Job 12:5 – “Those who are at ease have contempt for misfortune as the fate of those whose feet are slipping” – which I interpret as “there are many people in the world who are less fortunate than us and we should not overlook their plight.”
 Happy New Year

Philip Baker



YOU'RE INVITED

to the

Launchpad Celebration

St Mary Magdalene Church

Warboys

12th January 2025 6pm

This is a follow-up to the diocesan-led Launchpad programme Eleanor took part in, receiving expert support to plan and develop our engagement with young people. All are welcome to come to this evening event, to hear more. Let Eleanor know by 6th January if you'd like to go. Our first Connect Café will be on Wednesday 15th January.

What's on in our churches this month

Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
Sunday 29 th December Christmas 1	10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 1 st January New Year's Day	No Service	
Sunday 5 th January Epiphany	10.00am Epiphany Café Church	8.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 8 th January	10.30am Holy Communion	
Thursday 9 th January	9.00am Morning Prayer	
Friday 10 th January	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
Sunday 12 th January Epiphany 1	10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 15 th January	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	10.30am Holy Communion
Thursday 16 th January	9.00am Morning Prayer	
Friday 17 th January	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
Sunday 19 th January Epiphany 2 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Churches Together service at St Mary's	
Wednesday 22 nd January	10.30am Holy Communion	
Thursday 23 rd January	9.00am Morning Prayer	
Friday 24 th January	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
Sunday 26 th January Epiphany 3	10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 29 th January	10.30am Holy Communion	
Thursday 30 th January	9.00am Morning Prayer	
Friday 31 st January	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
Sunday 2 nd February Candlemas	10.00am Café Church	8.30am Holy Communion

Please check the weekly news sheet for updates or our website. Refreshments are served after the 10.00am 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.

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

WORSHIP AT HOME ONLINE: *Join us to pray, to worship, to share together.* Most weeks, we aim to live stream the Sunday 10.00am service on Facebook, apart from Café Church and when there is a baptism.

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

NO PANTRY 27th DECEMBER
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 1st Friday of month.
 If you require help from the Foodbank
 please ring 01353 468626
 or email 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



**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
 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
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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](http://www.stmarysburwell.org.uk)" Magazine - [St Mary's
 Burwell with St Etheldreda's Reach](http://www.stmarysburwell.org.uk)
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