

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



5th January 2025 – Epiphany

THIS WEEK

Collect: *O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.*

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12

Hymns: Carol Book 78 We three Kings

Carol Book 52 Joy to the World

Carol Book 73 As with gladness

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Epiphany Café Church at St. Mary's

Sorry, we are unable to livestream the service this week.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Weds 10.30am Holy Communion

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer

Fri 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

SUNDAY WORSHIP 12TH JANUARY 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

6.00pm Launchpad service in Warboys

YOUR PRAYERS:

- as we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, we remember the humility of the Magi, who recognised in the infant Jesus the King of the Universe and knelt before him. As we start this new year, we come before you, hoping that we will also find you in unexpected places and people. Help us to walk with you through the coming year and help us to be the loving people you call us to be.

- We pray for all returning to work, school, college & university. We pray for all those volunteering and serving, in our community and the church and for groups restarting.

- For those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. For just and peaceful solutions to be reached, especially for an end to the terrible situation in the Middle East and for peace in Ukraine. We pray for the volatile situation in Syria. 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. For all leaders in public life, that they may rise to meet the responsibilities entrusted to them as they serve their 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 that they may 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.

- As winter is upon us, we pray for those affected by extreme weather conditions, especially recent flooding.

- 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 & compassion, and pray that political leaders be guided by wisdom, vision, courage to work together and take urgent action.

- 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.

- 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 the new initiative, Connect Café, beginning on 15th January.

- For those living in:- Buntings Crescent, Buntings Path, Carter Road, Garden Court, Hawthorn Way, Martin Road, Orchard Way, Westhorpe (Burwell), Ditchfield (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), Jackie L, Sue A.

- For the bereaved including the family and friends of Marian Messenger, Margaret Jugg and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **A Happy New Year to all. With our love, Eleanor, Roger and family. Open House** at the Vicarage **Sat 4th January 11.00am-1.00pm**. All welcome for a drink and a snack.

* **Launchpad Celebration** 12th January 2025 6pm at St Mary Magdalene Church, Warboys. 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.

* **NEW! Connect Café**, especially for families. Wednesday 15th January 3.30 - 5.00pm at St Mary's. Refreshments, games & activities for all ages. Connect with each other, and with God.

PASTORAL CARE

Please contact Eleanor or Paula with messages about pastoral news, needs & concerns, requests for prayer. Revd Canon Dr Eleanor Williams 01638 741262 vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk Revd Paula Spalding (Associate Priest): 07849 936085 associatepriest@stmarysburwell.org.uk Revd Virginia Moggridge (Curate) 07566 773020 curate@stmarysburwell.org.uk