

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



12th January 2025 – 1st Sunday of Epiphany

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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: Isaiah 43:1-7 Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Hymns: Jesus calls us here to meet him

MP 67 Breathe on me breath of God

MP 529 O worship the Lord

MP 204 Hail to the Lord's anointed

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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 12.00pm Funeral of Marian Messenger
7.30pm Bellingring Practice

Weds 10.30am Holy Communion at Reach
10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court
3.30pm Connect Café at St. Mary's

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer

Fri 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

SUNDAY WORSHIP 19th JANUARY 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.00am Churches Together Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at St. Mary's

YOUR PRAYERS:

- As we start this new year, we come before you, hoping that we will find you in unexpected places and people. Help us to walk with you through the year and to be the loving people you call us to be.

- We thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, revealed to us in his baptism. As we reflect on his identity and calling, help us to hear your voice speaking over us, calling us beloved, and empowering us to reflect your glory in the world.

- 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.

- We pray for countries affected by climate change, especially the people of Los Angeles, California as wildfires have meant thousands of people have had to flee their homes. Also, for the people of Tibet after the earthquake earlier in the week, for all those losing loved ones and homes.

- 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

* **My thanks** to Steve, Ken, Dawn, Clive, Scott, and Christina for helping to remove the Christmas trees and accompanying various decorations and the subsequent cleaning of the church. Wendy.

* **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