

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



26th January 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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: Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 Luke 4:14-21

Hymns:

MP 496 O for a thousand tongues to sing

MP 691 This is the day

MP 723 We come as guests invited

MP 699 God, whose almighty word

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

We hope to be able to livestream our service today. A recording will be available on our Facebook page after service.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Weds 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

Fri 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

SUNDAY WORSHIP 2nd FEBRUARY 2025

Candlemas

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church at St Mary's

YOUR PRAYERS:

- Following the presidential inauguration in the United States, we pray for President Trump and other national and local leaders in public life, that they may rise to meet the responsibilities entrusted to them as they serve the nation 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 people of courage and integrity to be willing to stand up for those whose voices are not heard or silenced, and to be willing to speak truth to power.

- 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 success of the ceasefire negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. May there be an end to the suffering of the past and a new beginning to a future of justice and of peace. We pray for the thousands of displaced people in Gaza, clutching clothes and other belongings as they begin heading back to their homes.

We pray peace will prevail as communities begin to rebuild their lives. We also continue to pray for peace in Ukraine as the war with Russia continues.

- Look with compassion on the world where anger so often prevails over love, where false speech and evil words destroy human fellowship. 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.

May the leaders of violence and bloodshed know a change of heart and work towards peace.

- 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 the people of Los Angeles and all those who, in any way, have been affected by the wildfires. As they look towards rebuilding their lives, homes, businesses and communities may they find hope amid their difficulties.

- 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 Connect Café. For those involved on the teams, and for others to come forward.

- 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, Daphne.

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

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

PASTORAL CARE

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

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