

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



2nd February 2025 – Candlemas

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: Malachi 3:1-5 Luke 2:22-40

Hymns:

MP 1201 Christ Be Our Light

A&M 453 Faithful Vigil Ended (tune Pastor Pastorum)

MP 449 Love Divine (tune Blaenwern)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church at St Mary's

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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellingring Practice

Weds 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's

2.30pm Funeral of John Mackender at St. Mary's

Fri 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch

Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

10.00-11.00am Visiting Bellringers at St. Mary's

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9th FEBRUARY 2025

10.00am Holy Communion 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.

- 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.

- 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 those affected by extreme weather conditions, especially recent flooding. 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.

- As the Prime Minister says the UK faces a "new threat" after the Southport murders, and that "terrorism has changed". We pray that new rules and legislation will be implemented to protect our children and the vulnerable from any form of extreme violence.

- 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:- Bayfield Drive, Bewicks Mead, Burghley Rise, Felsham Chase, Holkham Mead, Kentwell Place, Melford Close, Old School Close (Burwell), Fairgreen (Reach).

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Don, Sonya (Anna Hopper's sister), Carol, Janice, 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 John Mackender, John Harrison and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **Congratulations** to Robert Turnbull-Hall (our Bellringer's Vice Captain) on ringing his First Quarter Peal since 1980! Well Done!

PASTORAL CARE

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