

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



9th February 2025 – 4th Sunday before Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect: *O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 6:1-8 Luke 5:1-11

Hymns: MP 239 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord
Would I have answered when you called?
MP 111 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
MP 857 I the Lord of sea and sky

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 7.30pm Bellingring Practice

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

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
2.30pm Funeral of John Harrison at St. Mary's

Fri 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP 16th FEBRUARY 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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YOUR PRAYERS:

- 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.

- We pray for those struggling to come to terms with the devastating loss of homes, jobs and, perhaps, family members as a result of floods, fires or other destruction. We give thanks for all who bring aid to those most in need and pray that we, too, may seek to help those who look to us for help.

- 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.

- We pray for national and international governments as they tackle the economic and social issues which affect them. May those in authority act with wisdom and justice to bring about the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

- The Prime Minister says the UK faces a "new threat" after the Southport murders, and that "terrorism has changed". After the schoolboy stabbing in Sheffield this week, we pray that new rules and legislation will be implemented to protect our children and the vulnerable from any form of extreme violence.

- For General Synod meeting this week, with significant discussions about safeguarding in the Church of England, the Living in Love and Faith process, ministry in working class parishes. For clarity and courage to tackle issues, for all voices to be heard and for generosity in decision making.

- 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, Alison K's friends John and Paul.

- For the bereaved including the family and friends of John Mackender, John Harrison, Lindsay Hancock, Ian Hewitt and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

*The **Church Electoral Roll** is replaced every 6 years and 2025 is the year. If you have previously been on the roll or are new to the Church & wish to be added, please collect an application form from the back of St. Mary's or St. Etheldreda's. Everyone needs to apply as names cannot be carried forward from the old Roll. More details in Contact. Please put your completed form in the box at the back of St. Mary's, or give to Avril. Application Deadline 23rd March 2025.

PASTORAL CARE

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