

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



16th February 2025 – 3rd Sunday before Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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: Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 6:17-26

Hymns: MP 560 Praise my soul

MP 651 The kingdom of God, tune: Hanover

MP 486 Now thank we all our God

MP 200 Great is thy faithfulness.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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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 Reach

10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

12.30pm Funeral of Lindsay Hancock at St. Mary's

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

Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP 23rd FEBRUARY 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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, and not act out of prejudice or hate. 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.

- For the outworking of decisions made last week at General Synod, particularly for the move towards greater independent scrutiny of safeguarding processes.

- 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 all who come along.

- 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 who are unable to meet with us, who are now in residential care, including Jennie, Janey, Vi, Don.

- 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, Michael (Ysanne's brother), Jackie L, Sue A, Daphne, Alison K's friends John and Paul.

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

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **Thank you all**, for your Prayers over the last year or so, they have been uplifting and keeping me positive. I am pleased to be able to say that after the long wait for surgery, all has gone very well with recovery, and looking forward to discarding a stick! Pauline.

*The **Church Electoral Roll** is replaced every 6 years and 2019 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. 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