

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



23rd February 2025 – 2nd Sunday before Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: Genesis 2:4b-9,15-25 Luke 8:22-25

Hymns: MP 400 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us
Beauty of your peace

MP 699 Thou whose Almighty word

MP 1334 My hope is built (Cornerstone)

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 2.00pm Funeral of Ian Hewitt at St Mary's
7.30pm Bellingring 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 at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP 2nd MARCH 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church 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.

- As the 3rd anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine approaches, we pray for peace with justice, and for involvement of the people of Ukraine in any negotiations, with due consideration of their needs and concerns.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 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 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 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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