

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



9th March 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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.*

Theme: Worship - the orientation of the heart

Readings: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 Luke 4:1-13

Hymns: A&M 56 Forty days and forty nights

MP 372 Jesu, lover of my soul

MP 975 Before the throne of God above

My lighthouse

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

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

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
11.00am-1.00pm Quiet Morning at Reach
(coffee from 10.30am)

SUNDAY WORSHIP 16th MARCH 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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YOUR PRAYERS:

- During our Lenten journey, may we deepen our discipleship, adopting holy habits to enable us to follow Jesus ever more closely and with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

- 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.

- Now three years have passed since the invasion of Ukraine, 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.

- 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 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:- Casburn Lane, Dalzells Lane, Guyatt Court, Laburnum Lane, Murton Close, Newnham Lane, Pantile Lane, The Causeway, Hythe Close, Hythe Lane, Weirs Drove (Burwell), Burwell Road (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, Michael (Ysanne's brother), Jackie L, Sue A, Daphne, Alison K's friends John and Paul, and Jessica, following her recent surgery.

- For the bereaved including the families and friends of Ann Calder and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* We are really pleased to report that the south aisle broken window has now been replaced, and the kitchen and downstairs toilet have been decorated. Thanks to all involved.

* Details of **Lent activities** are in this month's Contact.

*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

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