

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



23rd March 2025 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: Prayer – Waiting and Seeking

Readings: Psalm 63:1-9 Luke 13:1-9

Hymns: A&M 343 Be thou my vision

MP 803 As water to the thirsty

MP 275 I heard the voice of Jesus say

MP 132 Father hear the prayer we offer

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 7.30am Bellingring Practice

Wed 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 30th MARCH 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.00am Mothering Sunday Café Church at St. Mary's

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.
- As the ceasefire process between Israel and the Palestinians has faltered, we pray that negotiations continue in order that the bombings in Gaza stop and peace returns.
- 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 the greatest good for the greatest number of people.
- We pray for all those who are preparing for important exams and are making major decisions about their futures. May the Holy Spirit guide and enlighten their minds and send them wise mentors.
- 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, Lesha (Janice Fearn's granddaughter) and Jessica, following her recent surgery.
- For the bereaved including the family and friends of Ann Calder, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

- * Thank you to all who have contributed to the presence of St Mary's at Burwell at Large, through the different groups represented.
- * An **earring** was found after the Sunday service three weeks ago. Speak to Wendy if you are missing one.
- * The Flower Ministry will be placing an arrangement of **Lilies at the Altar** at Easter in memory of loved ones. Add names to the list at the back of Church along with £2 per name to Dawn or Wendy.
- *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. Please put your completed form in the box at the back of St. Mary's, or give to Avril. **Application Deadline this Sunday 23rd March 2025.**

PASTORAL CARE

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