

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Mothering Sunday

### THIS WEEK

**Collect:** *Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### 8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Theme: Repentance: turning back

Readings: Psalm 32 Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

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

**Collect:** *God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit Amen.*

Readings: Isaiah 49:14-16 Luke 2:33-35

Hymns:

A mother's care (Tune: Jesus, good above all other)

MP 225 He's got the whole world in his hands

MP 882 Lord of all hopefulness

Thank you, Lord, for this fine day.

*Sorry we are unable to livestream this morning's service*

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Mon** 7.30pm 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 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church with baptisms at St. Mary's

### YOUR PRAYERS:

- a prayer for Mothering Sunday: Loving God, thank you for mums and children and for all the joys of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home and help your church to have eyes to see and ears to hear the needs of others.

- 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 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 all preparing for baptism and confirmation.

- 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 and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

### FOR YOUR ATTENTION

\* 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.

\* Setting up of **Knitted Bible** – we'll be doing this from 12 noon on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April if anyone can help.

### PASTORAL CARE

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