

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



6th April 2025 – 5th Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Generosity - the outpouring of the heart

Readings: Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

Hymns: MP 162 The Servant King

MP 755 When I survey the wondrous cross

MP 346 It is a thing most wonderful (5 verses)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church and Baptisms at St. Mary's

Sorry we are unable to livestream this morning's service

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon **NO** Bellringing Practice this week

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 Prayers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Palm Sunday 13th April 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

4.00pm Churches Together Songs of Praise at Ness Court, followed by tea

YOUR PRAYERS:

- for Milana and Juniper to be baptised on Sunday, and for their nurture in the Christian faith as they grow up supported by their parents, family, godparents & the Church, that they may know that they are loved by God, and would grow in faith, hope and love.

- for the people of Myanmar, Thailand and all caught up in the recent earthquake; for those who have lost lives, family and friends; for those injured and for all who have lost their homes. We pray that overseas support and relief agencies are able to give them the support they need.

- 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 in the next few weeks and months.

- 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 Sylvia Palmer, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* There will be **no bellringing practice** this Monday 7th April.

* 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.

PASTORAL CARE

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