

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach
Loving God, Loving People

**1st June 2025 – 7th Sunday of Easter
(Sunday after Ascension Day)**

THIS WEEK

Collect: *O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: Acts 16:16-34 John 17:20-26

Hymns: MP 207 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

MP 1003 My Jesus, my Saviour

MP 77 Christ triumphant, ever reigning

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church at St. Mary's

Sorry, we are unable to livestream the service this week.

4.00pm Churchwardens' Swearing in at Ely Cathedral

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sat 31st 1.00pm Wedding of Cat & Will at St. Mary's

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

10.30am Funeral of Don Harrison at St Mary's

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch at St. Mary's

Sat 7th 2.00pm-4.00pm St. Mary's Church Fete

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 8th June 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

3.00pm Carers' Service at St. Mary's

Followed by tea

YOUR PRAYERS:

- For Cat & Will to be married on Saturday 31st May; for God's blessing in all that they share together.
- Alleluia! Christ is risen! May the Church be filled with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned, and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. May Christ's resurrection power break forth in newness of life. May all that is broken be transformed. May all that is distorted be renewed and made whole.
- We pray for all people in places where there is ongoing unease, destruction and war across the globe, remembering in particular Gaza, Myanmar, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine.
- For those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray 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.

- As concerns rise over the dry weather, we pray for God's creation and particularly for wildlife. We remember farmers and those who work in nature, asking God to make them good custodians of our natural environment. Make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet.

- 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.

- As students undertake exams, we pray for all those supporting them to achieve their best, parents, carers, teachers, and mentors. We give grateful thanks to those individuals who daily inspire our youth.

- 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:- Abbey Close, Hall Lane, Meadowlands, Park Road, Parsonage Lane, Pound Close, Priory Close, Spring Close, The Paddocks (Burwell), Great Lane (Reach).

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Sonya (Anna Hopper's sister), 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 Andy Martin, Don Harrison and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **Don Harrison's funeral will be on Thurs 5th June** 10.30am at St Mary's. All welcome to attend.

* **Carers' service** 3 pm Sunday 8th June followed by tea. All welcome, help appreciated with tea. Sue Evans 07799360858

*** CHURCH FETE NOTICES**

Cakes and scones needed for cake stall and cream teas. Please provide a full list of ingredients with any food donations.

Raffle tickets are available to purchase. Please collect a bundle to sell to family/friends. Contact: Tony Thacker or Sarah Wingate.

Tombola: Adult and children's prizes needed; please dig out any unwanted gifts, candles, toiletries, stationery etc., soft toys, sweets, wine of the wrong colour, or pop something lovely into your shopping basket to help stock the stall. There is a box at the back of the church, or pass them to Angela or Sue E. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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