

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



**7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

### THIS WEEK

**Collect:** *Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.*

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 14:25-33

**Hymns:** MP 954 We are marching in the light of God

Our God is a great big God

A&M 343 Be thou my vision

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am "Starting Back" Café Church at St. Mary's

*(Blessing of Backpacks and Prayers for New Beginnings at the start of the new school year)*

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

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

**Mon** 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

**Wed** 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

3.30pm Connect Café at St. Mary's

**Thurs** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

**Frid** 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

1.00pm Wedding of Dianne & Daniel at St. Mary's

**Sat** 9.00am Village Green Prayers

### SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at Burwell

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

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- for Dianne & Daniel to be married here on Friday; for God's blessing in all that they share together.
- for Peter Amirthalingam to be ordained deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September.
- for our friends at Trinity Church, as they prepare for the closure of their church.
- We pray for all people in places across the globe where there is ongoing unease, destruction and war and in particular for the people of Gaza and the wider Middle East at this time of fear and uncertainty. We also continue to pray for the war in Ukraine. Be near to those who are anxious; bring comfort to all who are suffering.
- We pray for world leaders and those in positions of power. May they work for justice, peace, and the dignity of all people, especially the poor and marginalised. May they seek to serve rather than to be served.
- 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: Myanmar, Haiti, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria, DRC, South Sudan.
- **Season of Creation Prayer 2025:** Creator of all, we praise you for the gift of life and for the faith that unites us in care for our common home. We confess how estranged we have become—from one another, from your Creation, and from our truest selves. We acknowledge that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth. Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted.

Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth cries out.

Beloved Christ, who spoke "Shalom" to frightened hearts, stir us to compassionate action. Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of broken relationships—with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation. Prince of Peace, through your wounds, teach us to stand in solidarity with the woundedness of others, of creation, and of the world. Through your resurrection, make us people of hope—with a vision of swords turned into ploughshares and tears transformed into joy.

May we come together as one family, to labour for your peace—a shalom where all your people may dwell in safety, and rest in quiet places. Amen.

- 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. 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 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:- Blossom Close, Montford Close, Ravenward Drive, New Road, North Street, Old Lode Court, Toyse Close, Toyse Lane (Burwell), Ditchfield (Reach).

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Janice, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Kate, Jennie D, John D, Joanne, Pam C, Michael (Ysanne's brother), Jackie L, Sue A, Daphne, Hilary, Paul (Alison K's friend), Lesha (Janice Fearn's granddaughter), Jessica, Judie, Paul (Christine's husband), and Tony.

- For the bereaved, including the family and friends of Enid Suttle, Isabel Lucas, John Bird, Sylvia Carter & for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

### FOR YOUR ATTENTION

\* A big **Thank You** to all who supported our Ely District Tower Open Day Event last Saturday. Bellringers travelled from across the UK to ring at 25 local churches. We made over £2000.00 for our local Ringing Education Centre at St James Stretham. It was an amazing day with over 50 ringers visiting St Mary's Burwell!

\* **Congratulations** to Sarah Wingate celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

\* **Congratulations** to Jackie and Tony Thacker who celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

\* Churches Together Songs of Praise is at Ness Court next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at 4.00pm followed by tea. **Volunteers required** to help with the teas please – contact Sue Evans if you are able to help.

\* There will be an **Open Day** at St. Mary's on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Volunteers will be needed. There will be lists at back of Church on Sunday for those able to help.

### PASTORAL CARE

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