

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



28th September 2025 – 15th Sunday after Trinity

THIS WEEK

Collect: *God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.*

Readings: Philippians 4.4-9, John 6.24-35

Hymns: A&M 343 Be thou my vision

Will You Come and Follow Me?

MP 50 Be still for the presence of the Lord

MP 857 I the Lord of sea and sky

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's, including

Thanksgiving for the gift of a child – Rupert Hellen

We hope to live stream the 10am service on Facebook

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion St. Mary's

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayerers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 5th October 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Harvest Café Church at St. Mary's – please

bring donations for Ely Foodbank

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- For our friends at Trinity Church, as they prepare for the closure of their church.

- for Rupert, as we give thanks today for his birth.

- for Virginia, as she moves on to the Three Rivers Group for the rest of her curacy, with thanksgiving for her time with us in Burwell and Reach.

- 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, Paul (Christine's husband), and Tony.

- For the bereaved, including the family and friends of Mike Swift and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **Thank you** to those who helped with the deep clean last Saturday, for all their hard work. Wendy.

* **Urgent** need for empty **shoe boxes** for the Christmas Shoe box appeal. These have to be filled and ready to go by the end of October. Please let Pat L or Ann B have them. Thanks.

* If anyone has **balls of wool** they no longer need the Knit and Natter group would be pleased to have them and they would be used to make warm items for the Christmas Shoe boxes. Please let Pat L or Ann B have them. Thanks.

* If you are planning to attend the **Celebration Service** for Trinity Church on 18th October, please sign the list at the back of church, to save sending multiple emails.

PASTORAL CARE

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