

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



5th October 2025 – 16th Sunday after Trinity

THIS WEEK

Collect: *O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: 2 Tim 2. 8-15 and Luke 17.11-19.

Hymns:

MP 732 We plough the fields and scatter
MP 153 For the fruits of his creation
MP 486 Now thank we all our God

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach
10.00am Harvest Café Church at St. Mary's
please bring donations for Ely Foodbank
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 St. Mary's
3.30pm Connect Cafe
Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's
3.00pm Funeral of Mike Swift at St. Mary's
Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 12th October 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- This Harvest season, we give thanks for the beauty of our world which is crying out in distress as we use and abuse it. We pray for people whose lives are destroyed by unexpected and unexplained floods, heatwaves, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and other natural occurrences. Help us to care actively for this world, to take responsibility for looking after it rather than simply using and abusing it. We pray that world leaders, local governments and communities work together to protect our common home.

- 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.

- 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.

- We pray for our community, for the people who serve it to keep us healthy and safe; for our children and young people, their teachers, schools and everyone involved in helping them to learn about their world and each other; for older people, that their lives, experience and knowledge will be valued; for families, and for people who live alone. May we show the love of God wherever we go.

- For the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Sarah Mullally – for grace to fulfil this challenging role, for wisdom, discernment, humility and courage.

- For our leaders as the Diocese continues the process of choosing a new Bishop of Ely.

- For this parish, for Eleanor, Paula, Jo, 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 Virginia, as she has moved to the Three Rivers Group for the rest of her curacy, with thanksgiving for her time with us in Burwell and Reach.

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

- For those living in:- Appletree Grove, Broads Road, Chestnut Rise, Dyson's Drove & Foley Bridge, Factory Road, First Drove, Grantchester Rise, Howlem Balk, Mason Road (Burwell), Fairgreen (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

* **From Virginia:** I was astonished and somewhat overwhelmed by the extremely generous gift when I opened it, not to mention the beautiful flowers and the fab cake - complete with the blue icing, thank you! Please pass on my most heartfelt and sincere thanks to all, I was, and remain, immensely touched.

* **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.

PASTORAL CARE

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