

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



8th March 2026 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.*

Readings: Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

Hymns: A&M 343 Be thou my vision

MP 803 As water to the thirsty

MP 624 Take My Life

MP 201 Guide me O thou great Redeemer.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at Burwell

Followed by bring & share farewell lunch for Sue & John.

We hope to be able to live stream this service on Facebook.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
3.30pm Connect Café at St. Mary's

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 15th March 2026

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.00am Mothering Sunday Café Church at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- This Lent, help each of us to set aside a meaningful prayer life, which brings us ever closer to Jesus Christ. Help us to embody Jesus' openness, welcoming and loving heart. Let us be shining beacons of Christian love and togetherness.

- we give thanks for the natural world and for wildlife. We pray for a better understanding of the impact of our actions in the environment, and we commit to playing our part in protecting our shared home. We pray that world leaders, local governments and communities work together to protect our common home.

- for all in regions where there is war or unrest; for those displaced or caught up in violence. We think especially of the Middle East with the escalation of war between US-Israel and Iran and the effects on the surrounding countries. May world leaders be guided to act quickly with integrity and concern for the common good as they make decisions and implement policies that affect many lives. May they work for justice, peace, and the dignity of all people. For family and friends in the Middle East.

- for the people of Gaza and Israel, that a stable and lasting ceasefire plan may be secured. We pray for the people still struggling to access food, water, medicine and shelter.

- for a just outcome to the peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine. May there be an end to the suffering of so many people who have been forced to live in fear, insecurity and hardship.

- 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 the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

- We give thanks for the gift of community, a place where we can connect, support, and encourage one another. We pray for unity, understanding, and love among all members. Help us to see each other as your children, and to treat each other with kindness and compassion.

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

- 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 those preparing for baptism or confirmation this year, and for all who accompany them. May the Holy Spirit guide, strengthen, and inspire them.

- 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), Blackberry Drove (Reach)

- For those in special need: Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Janice, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Kate, Jennie 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, Stephen (Boppo), David K. Brenda, Ena.

- For the bereaved, including the families and friends of Keith Turner and Chris Hall, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **From Kathleen Smith (Danny's Nanna):** I would like to say a big thank you to everyone that has said prayers for my grandson, Danny, and also to the person who asked for him to be added to the list. He has achieved such a lot over the years, but he will always have problems to contend with. As he is now coming off the prayer list, I hope that you will all keep him in your thoughts Thank you again.

* **From Becky Wilkes:** Chris Hall sadly passed away on Wednesday 25th February. Chris's funeral will be on 19th March at 2pm at St Mary's Church Swaffham Bulbeck. You would be very welcome to come and it would be lovely to see you. If you can let Becky, his daughter, know if you are intending to come for numbers that would be most helpful at beckywilkes36@gmail.com.

* I will be grateful for **creme eggs, and knitted chicks** to cover them, as before, for children visiting HMP Whitemoor this Easter. Many thanks. Paula.

* The Flower Ministry will be placing an arrangement of **Lilies at the Altar** at Easter in memory of loved ones who have died. 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. Revd Canon Dr Eleanor Williams 01638 741262 vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk
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