

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



15th March 2026 – 4th Sunday of Lent
Mothering Sunday

THIS WEEK

Collect: *God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, John 9:1-41

Hymns: MP 486 Now thank we all our God

Today we bring our thankful hearts (Words by Ally Barrett, tune: O waly, waly)

God is love, his the care (Tune: Personent Hodie)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.00am Mothering Sunday Café Church at St. Mary's
Sorry, we are unable to livestream the service this week.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at Reach
10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court

Thur 11.00am Funeral of Keith Turner at St Mary's,

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 22nd March 2026

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- This Mothering Sunday we give thanks for mums and children and for all the joys of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home.

- During our Lenten journey, may we have the insight and perseverance that we need in order to follow Jesus ever more closely and lovingly.

- 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.

- 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. 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.

- For a just outcome to the peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine. May there be an end to the suffering of so many people.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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 who are unable to meet with us, who are now in residential care, including Jennie, Janey and Vi

- For Sue and John Evans as they move to Australia.

- 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), Lasha (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 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.

* **Electoral Roll Revision.** The notice has been displayed advising of the revision of the Electoral Roll. If you are not already on the Roll and wish your name to be added, would you please let me have your completed application form by Monday 30th. Application forms are available on the table at the back of church. Please note, this is a revision only of the existing Roll. Avril Plume 07765 979155

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 Revd Paula Spalding (Associate Priest): 07849 936085 associatepriest@stmarysburwell.org.uk