

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



22nd March 2026 – 5th Sunday of Lent

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

Readings: Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

Hymns: MP 563 Praise to the holiest

MP 261 I am the bread of life

MP 723 We come as guests invited

MP 522 O the deep, deep love of Jesus

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

We hope to be able to live stream the 10am service on Facebook.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

9.30-10.15am RAF Guild of Bellringers ringing at St Mary's

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.00am Café Church at St. Mary's

4.00pm Churches Together Songs of Praise at Ness Court

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- pray that we may be patient, merciful, and joyful as we continue our Lenten journey. May we reflect God's hope and encouragement to the people around us.

- 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 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.

- 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.

- 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 Sue and John Evans as they settle into life in Australia with their family.

- 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

* 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

* **Save the date!** Concert in Reach church - 4pm on Sun 19 April - by Cambridge Vocal Consort. In aid of church funds. Tickets (including tea and cake) £10, (under 16s £5) available at back of church or CentrePeace and Tina's

PASTORAL CARE

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

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