

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach



16th August 2026 – 11th Sunday after Trinity

THIS WEEK

Collect: *O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen*

Readings: Genesis 45:1-15 Matthew 15:21-28

Hymns: MP 31 Amazing grace
MP 200 Great is thy faithfulness
MP 226 Healing God, Almighty Father
My hope is built (Cornerstone)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
10.00am All ages together service with Baptism
at St. Mary's

Sorry, we are unable to livestream the service this week.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 10.30am Funeral of Pat Mingay at St. Mary's
7.30pm Bell ringing practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at Reach
10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court
2.00-4.00pm Art in the Afternoon at St. Mary's

Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's
4.00pm-5.30pm Ely D A Young Bellringers
Practice at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 23rd AUGUST 2026

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- For Joseph & Alice to be married on Saturday 15th August; for God's blessing in all that they share together.
- For Aria, to be baptised on Sunday, for her family, godparents and the church, as we support her growth in the faith, hope and love of Christ.
- We give thanks for the natural world and for wildlife. As communities across the world face the effects of extreme weather and environmental change, may governments, businesses and individuals act with greater responsibility towards the earth we share.
- We pray for people dealing with the effects of natural disasters; earthquakes, cyclones, floods, droughts and fires; we remember those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods, those forced to evacuate, and the firefighters and emergency services who risk their lives to save and protect others.
- We pray for farmers and those whose livelihoods are affected by the hot, dry weather. May the decisions made by our leaders and policymakers reflect a concern for our environment and for nature.
- We continue to pray for peace in our troubled world. We think of those that have lost so much; livelihoods, homes, communities and loved ones. We think especially of the Middle East with the fragile situation 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. 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 and for a just outcome to peace negotiations between Russia and Ukraine.

- 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 all governments as they tackle the issues which affect them.

- We pray for all who are involved in local, national and international governance. May they work for mercy and peace in their communities, so that there will be an end to conflict and injustice.

- As our schools and colleges continue their summer break, we pray it will be a time of rest and refreshment for all staff and students.

- We pray for the Bishop of Ely, Rt Revd Sarah Clark; as she guides the Diocese.

- For this parish, for Eleanor, Paula, Jo, Kevin & all in leadership, especially Wendy, our churchwarden, assistant wardens Caroline, Kevin, Steve, & the PCC.

- For our work with children, young people and families, including Refresh Café, Messy Church, Connect Café and Youth Café. For those involved on the teams, and for all who come along.

- for those who are unable to meet with us, who are now in residential care, including Jennie, Janey, & Vi.

- For those living in:- Green Lane, High Street, Lime Close, Mill Close, Mill Lane, Saxon Drive, School Lane, Wild Acres (Burwell), Chapel Lane (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), Sue A, Daphne, Lesha (Janice Fearn's granddaughter), Jessica, David K, Brenda, Stephen (Boppo), Joan L, David S, Karen W, Cameron.

- For the bereaved including the family and friends of Pat Mingay and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **Congratulations** to Ann Perkins who celebrates her 80th Birthday on Tuesday.

* **Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives** – more books available £3 if you can.

* **Art in the afternoon** Weds 19th – Book a place via Facebook Page or phone 01638 741262. £7 Adults, £3 children over 5.

* **Pat Mingay's, funeral** is at 10.30am tomorrow, Mon 17th Aug at St Mary's. She lived in the house just behind the Guildhall. The family would be pleased to see as many who knew her to attend. Subject to weather conditions her gathering, will be held in Pat's garden (bring a collapsable chair), if wet in church. If you intend to come to the funeral and afterwards, please let Ken/ Dawn know so the numbers can be passed on to the family. Pat did not like black, so everyone wear colour!

PASTORAL CARE

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