

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach



23rd August 2026 – 12th Sunday after Trinity

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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: Exodus 1:8 – 2:10 Matthew 16:13-20

Hymns: MP 41 At the Name of Jesus

Freedom is coming

MP 673 There is a Redeemer

MP 367 Jesus is Lord

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

We hope 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 **NO** Refresh Café this week

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

2.00pm Wedding of Jack Williams and
Amy Stokes at St. Mary's

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 30th AUGUST 2026

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

10.00am All Ages Together at St. Mary's with
Thanksgiving for the Gift of a child

2.00pm Wedding of Charles Sorensen & Parvati
Churchman at St. Mary's

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- for Jack & Amy to be married at St Mary's next Saturday; and for Parvie and Charlie, to be married on Sunday: for God's blessing in all that they share together.

- 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 good rains come soon to refresh our land and water sources; 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 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, Jacquelyn Booker, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* A good friend of Ken Hurrell's, Henry Overton (93 yrs), died unexpectedly on Thursday, after a short stay in Addenbrookes. He is best remembered for regularly loaning and driving his lorry for St. Mary's float at the Burwell Carnival some years ago.

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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