

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach



27th September 2026 – 17th Sunday after Trinity

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through 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 17:1-7 Matthew 21:23-32

Hymns: Jesus calls us here to meet him

MP 1036 Blessed be your name

Would I have answered when you called?

MP 656 The Lord is King, lift up your voice

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

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

4.00-5.30pm Harvest Messy Church at St. Mary's

All Ages, All Welcome

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 6.15pm St Mary's Handbell Group

7.30pm Tower Bellringing 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

SUNDAY WORSHIP – 4th OCTOBER 2026

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Harvest Café Church at St. Mary's

3.00pm Animal Service at Reach

Come along with your pets or working animals.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- 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 for 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 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.

- 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:- Blossom Close, Montford Close, Ravenward Drive, New Road, North Street, Old Lode Court, Toyse Close, Toyse Lane (Burwell), The Hythe (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, Karen W, Dawn.

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

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **St. Mary's Open Day** will be 11.00am-2.00pm this Saturday 26th September. Explore local Burwell Heritage and climb the tower for amazing views. See Contact Magazine for more details.

* **Harvest Café Church Sunday 4th October 10am at St Mary's** Please bring donations for the foodbank.

* **Animal Service also on 4th October 3pm in Reach.** Come along with your pets or working animals to this fun Animal Service. All creatures, great and small, furry, feathered, scaly or smooth, are welcome. Bring a photograph if you can't bring your pet (or if your beloved animal friend is no longer with you). We'll bless the animals and reflect on how we can best be stewards of the Earth and all who live here with us.

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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