

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



31st August 2025 – 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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Readings: Hebrews 13:1-8,15,16 Luke 14:1,7-14

Hymns:

MP560 Praise my soul the King of Heaven
Jesus calls us here to meet him (Common Ground)
Put peace into each other's hands
Let us build a house (all are welcome)

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 12.00noon Funeral of Enid Suttle at St. Mary's
7.30pm Bellringing Practice
Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's
Frid 10.00am Refresh Café at St. Mary's
Sat 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 7th September 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach
10.00am "Starting Back" Café Church at St. Mary's
(Blessing of Backpacks and Prayers for New Beginnings at the start of the new school year)

FOR YOUR PRAYERS:

- Lord Jesus Christ, you speak to us of heavenly things, even when we are most interested in earthly things. Speak to us in the night-times of our lives, that we may learn the Way and the Will of your Holy Spirit.
- We pray for all people in places across the globe where there is ongoing unease, destruction and war and in particular for the people of Gaza and the wider Middle East at this time of fear and uncertainty. We also continue to pray for the war in Ukraine. Be near to those who are anxious; bring comfort to all who are suffering.
- We pray for world leaders and those in positions of power. May they work for justice, peace, and the dignity of all people, especially the poor and marginalised. May they seek to serve rather than to be served.
- 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 those who have been affected by the many recent natural disasters. May they find support and hope in their time of need. As extreme weather conditions affect the world, we pray for God's creation, that we work

harder to make the necessary changes to our lifestyle in order to safeguard and protect the integrity of all life. For governments and organisations to be prepared to take urgent action.

- for farmers and growers during this time of harvest. As they face the heavy work of bringing in their crops, may they have the weather that they need for a good harvest.

- 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. May those in authority act with wisdom and justice to bring greatest good for the greatest number of people.

- For our leaders as the Diocese continues the process of choosing a new Bishop of Ely. For this parish, for Eleanor, Paula, Jo, Virginia, 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 children, young people and families at the start of a new academic year, as they face all the new challenges and changes that will come their way. For children that are starting school, may their first experience on their educational ladder be a happy and joy-filled one. We also remember those starting secondary school, college, and university. For teachers, lecturers and support staff.

- For those living in:- Green Lane, High Street, Lime Close, Mill Close, Mill Lane, Saxon Drive, School Lane, Wild Acres (Burwell), Swaffham Road (Reach).

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Janice, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Kate, Jennie D, John 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, Judie, and Paul (Christine's husband).

- For the bereaved, including the family and friends of Enid Suttle, Isabel Lucas, John Bird and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* Following the **recent vandalism** in St Mary's, we have kept the church locked. We are opening during the daytime for two-hour sessions, with teams of two volunteers in the building. If you would be happy to volunteer for this, please let Jo Proctor know. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE

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