



**for St Mary's, Burwell with St Etheldreda
and the Holy Trinity, Reach**



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The "Celebration" begins on 1st September, the Feast of Creation, and ends on 4th October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. We celebrate our Harvest week towards the end of the month as part of this season.

Season of Creation 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all,
We praise you for your goodness,
visible in all the diversity that you have created,
making us a cosmic family
living in a common home.
Through the Earth you created,
we experience love and nourishment,
home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth
as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator.

Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse
have caused the climate crisis,
loss of biodiversity, human suffering
as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.

We confess that we have failed to listen
to the groans of the Earth,
the groans of all creatures,
and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice
who lives within us.
May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness,
so that we may know the redeeming power
of Christ and the hope found in him.
May the groans of the Spirit
birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully,
so that we may hear and heal Creation,
to hope and act together with her,
so that the firstfruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God,
we pray that you will make us sensitive
to these groans and enable us to have
the same compassion as that of Jesus,
the redeeming Lord.
Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship
with Earth, and with one another,
as creatures that are made in your image.
In the name of the one who came to proclaim
the good news to all Creation,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>



St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach
Loving God, Loving People

Starting Back Café Church

Blessing of Backpacks

Prayers for New Beginnings

Sundays 1st September 10.00am

at St Mary's, Burwell

Special welcome to those starting a new school

Refreshments, time to chat, play area for young ones

Explore the theme with activities & short service with hymns & prayers



**From the
Parish Registers
Funerals**
Ann Gilbert
Tony Turner
Barry Seabrook



Open Tower
Saturday
21st September
2024
1.00 - 4.00pm

Guided Tower Tours
Adults £3
Under 10s £1
Children must be
at least 1 metre tall
Refreshments



Songs of Praise
Sunday
15th September
4.00pm
Ness Court
Followed by tea
All very welcome



Future Dates for your Diary

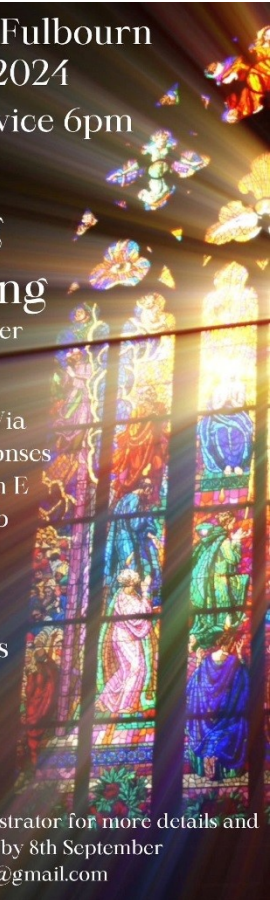
St Vigor's Church, Fulbourn
Sunday 22nd Sep 2024
Rehearsal 4pm/Service 6pm

Come & Sing
Choral Evensong
Directed by David Poulter

Stanford, Beati Quorum Via
Ayleward Preces and Responses
Murrill, Evening Service in E
Stanford, Te Deum in Bb

All welcome
Music and Refreshments
provided

Please contact the Choir Administrator for more details and
to reserve your place by 8th September
fulbournchoirs@gmail.com



International Older Peoples Day

If you were born in 1944 or earlier, you
are invited to enjoy a **Cream Tea**,
and to listen to **music** provided by
'Troubled Water'

At Burwell & District Day Centre,
On Sunday 6th October
From 2.30pm—4.30pm

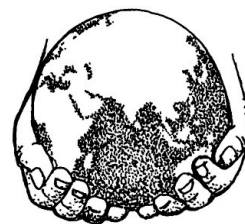
Everyone is welcome but space is limited so
booking is essential. To book, please contact

Sue Evans on 07799360858 or
sueevans1949@hotmail.com

There is no charge, but donations to
Burwell and District Day Centre are welcome

Environment Matters

As previously reported, Kathy is taking a step back from being our Environmental Advocate. So far, no-one has come forward to take over the role, but please speak to Eleanor if you would be interested.



Rather than letting the good advice in Kathy's 'Eco Living Ideas' lapse, we shall 're-cycle' some of the tips she has given us in previous years. This one, was first published in October 2020.

Kathy found the following list of ideas for saving energy in the kitchen on the Energy Saving website.

- Boil water in a kettle, then transfer to a pan, rather than boil water on the hob. Avoid boiling more than you need.
- Cover pots and pans with lids to keep the heat in the pan.
- Microwaves heat food far more efficiently than electric and gas hobs.
- Turn off the heat a couple of minutes before your meal is fully cooked. Electric hobs take time to cool down and your food will continue to cook in the pan.
- Keep the oven door closed and look through the glass door to check if your food is ready. Energy and heat escape every time you open the oven door.
- Prepare food in larger batches to save energy.

If you have any Eco tips or ideas you'd like to share, please send them to pat@patchtcs.co.uk



St Mary's Burwell & St Etheldreda's Reach Harvest Week 2024



SUNDAY 29th September
10.00am Harvest Communion
at St Etheldreda's Reach
4.00pm Eco Messy Church
at St Mary's - for all ages

FRIDAY 4th October
10.00 - 11.30am
Refresh Café at St Mary's
followed by simple lunch till 12.00pm
A friendly café & play space
for pre-school children & babies
with their parents & carers

SUNDAY 6th October
10.00am Harvest Café Church
at St Mary's
*Starting with refreshments
and activities for young and old*

Please bring food donations
for Ely Foodbank
and/or cash donations
to any of our services
and events

Reflection by Philip Baker

The House Group I attend has been working through the Gospel of Mark and, at our last session, we reached the section including the story of the blind beggar, Bartimaeus. You may recall that Jesus asked Bartimaeus "What do you want me to do for you" (Mark 10:51). Bartimaeus replied "Rabbi, I want to see" and Jesus restored his sight with the words "Go, your faith has healed you." (Mark 10:52). We were then asked to consider privately what we, as individuals, would ask God to do for us. How many times have you stood back and asked yourself that question? I cannot recall a single time that I have. Oh, I have asked God for a lot of things over the years but always in the moment, I have never stood back and viewed myself in the third party, as it were. However, I knew with instant clarity what it would be, something I have never considered but realised I have always needed (no, I am not going to share it!). It was a very powerful moment – read the story in Mark and then, while your mind is "in the zone" ask yourself that question – and see what happens.

If the response proves elusive or even "nothing" then here is a thought to get you going. Every day in Compline as part of my daily prayer plan, I say the prayer of penitence that asks for God to forgive our sins and we confess "before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do." We are usually aware of what we do that is wrong, but how often do we consider those things which we failed to do? Perhaps we could let our minds dwell on that thought for a while and ask God to help us to realise how we sin through carelessness. And this is why it is important: if we do not know the extent of our sin, we cannot acknowledge it and therefore confess it. We ask God (there you are, the link to the story of Bartimaeus) to forgive the sins which we have confessed. I leave you to fill in the blanks!



Burwell Branch Update

The Exhibition of Banners in Ely Cathedral was a fascinating event, which demonstrated the skill over a very wide range of techniques of those who have created banners for the Mothers' Union.

Our own was on show in a corner and in close proximity to others of very different styles. The Lady Chapel was lined with those banners which were submitted and was well-attended throughout the event.



The service on Mary Sumner day, in memory of our founder, was so well attended that chairs and service sheets ran out! I look forward with anticipation to see how Hazel, our Diocesan President, will follow up on this success next year!

I also remind readers of Contact that we have started meeting in St Mary's for Holy Communion at 10.30am on the first Wednesday of each month, after which we migrate to the Day Centre for lunch. The first two months have been very popular and enjoyable and, although I organise this as a Mothers' Union event, it is open to all our friends in St Mary's. The only requirement is that I need to know who is coming so I can gather their food choice and let the Day Centre know. Our next occurrences will be on Wednesday 4th September (although Contact may be too late for the notice period for this one) and then 2nd October. Let me know if you are interested.

Philip Baker, Burwell Branch Leader

CentrePeace



38a The Causeway, Burwell

CentrePeace was set up by St Mary's church and is run entirely by volunteers, we sell good quality second hand books and jigsaws and a range of greetings cards. We also provide a place for people to drop in for a chat and to get to know each other. We can offer you a free cup of tea or coffee and our wonderful volunteers will make you very welcome. You don't have to buy anything, but if you do, the books are just £1, or 50p for children's books.

Opening Times

Tuesday	10.00am—12.30pm
Wednesday	2.00pm—4.00pm
Thursday	10.00am—12.30pm 1.00pm—3.00pm
Friday	10.00am—12.30pm
Saturday	10.00am—12.30pm

Tree in memory of Don Kyte

The family of the late Don Kyte, who was a founder member of the St Mary's Burwell Preservation Trust, wishes to commemorate his life by planting a tree in the churchyard. The Preservation Trust supports this request and will bear the costs.

The PCC is very happy to support this proposal and plans to plant a Sorbus aria (whitebeam) in the churchyard. It is a native tree, which is long-lasting and low maintenance once established and should thrive in our chalky soil and fairly dry climate. It has clusters of white flowers in spring, followed by red berries in early autumn.

The proposed position of the tree is on the south western side of the church, near the path that runs from Lanes to Mandeville. We are currently waiting for permission from the Diocese and hope to plant the tree this autumn, which is the most favourable time.

Recommendations welcome!

If you or your child would like to recommend a book bought in CentrePeace, particularly if you've now returned it for others to read, please write a short review about it and send it to pat@patchtcs.co.uk, we'll try to include it in the next edition of Contact.

Re-imagined, Concert by the New Cambridge Singers

Featuring music by Vaughan Williams and the Tudor Revival

Saturday 9th November 2024
7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Burwell

Gardening Group

Do you enjoy spending time outdoors, in beautiful, peaceful surroundings? Do you have a small amount of time available for volunteering?

We at St Mary's Church would really appreciate some help with a number of gardening jobs, including maintaining the paths which run through the churchyard. We are seeking to do this without the use of harmful chemicals, so this involves the use of a kneeler and hand tools, to dig out the plants which are seeking to colonise the gravel. Please contact Caroline Smith on 07923 239934 and we will arrange a small work party in the first instance.



Burwell Food Support Group
Pop-up Pantry & Ely Foodbank
working together
to support our local community
at Burwell Day Centre
Fridays 2.00 - 3.00pm

Pop-up Pantry is working towards reducing waste and offers short life food and more as is available.

Donations towards the Pantry are gratefully received and can be dropped off at the Day Centre.

A voluntary contribution of £2 is helpful towards running costs.

Ely Foodbank provides food for 3 days and can help with issues such as benefit changes, low incomes and more.

Citizen Advice join the team on 1st Friday of month.

If you require help from the Foodbank

please ring 01353 468626

or email info@ely.foodbank.org.uk

Burwell Food Support Group links individuals and groups working to support those in need in our community, and includes Burwell Help Group, Open Arms, St Mary's Church, Burwell Baptist Church, Burwell & District Day Centre, Burwell Co-op



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Calling gardeners and allotment holders!

Have you got a glut of produce?

Would you like to share it, rather than see it go to waste?

Please drop off on **Fridays** before 1pm at St Mary's or before 2pm at Burwell Day Centre
THANK YOU!

OPENING OF OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS

Both of our churches are open to the public every day, except when there is another event, such as a wedding or a funeral.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

We have a number of small groups meeting during the week. Ask Eleanor for details.

Thursday 9.00am Morning Prayer in St Mary's

Fridays 10.00am Refresh Café in St Mary's *For pre-school children with their parents & carers*

Saturday 9.00am The Green Prayer Group (at Village Green Coffee Shop)

More information in our regular emails to families and on our Messy Church and Refresh

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/messychurchburwell. Join the mailing list via with

our Keeping in Touch online form. [St Mary's Burwell with St Etheldreda's Reach | Keeping in Touch \(stmarysburwell.org.uk\)](https://stmarysburwell.org.uk)

WORSHIP AT HOME ONLINE *Join us to pray, to worship, to share together*

Most weeks, we aim to live stream the 10am service on Facebook, apart from Café Church and when there is a baptism.



Churches Together in Burwell has a regular slot on Burwell Radio called 'Cross Talk' on Sundays 8.30am and repeated at 4.30pm Sunday and 7.00pm Monday. To listen you can either go to the station's website <https://burwell.radio>, or play via an Amazon Echo smart speaker.

What's on in our churches in July

Please check the weekly news sheet for updates or our website. Refreshments are served after the 10am Sunday service and our Wednesday midweek service. Café Church is usually on first Sunday of month, beginning with refreshments, themed activities for all ages, then a short service.

Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
Sunday 1st September Trinity 14	10.00am Café Church	8.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 4th September	10.30am Holy Communion	
Thursday 5th September	9.00am Morning Prayer	
Friday 6th September	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
Sunday 8th September Trinity 15	10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 11th September	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 12th September	9.00am Morning Prayer	
Friday 13th September	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
Sunday 15th September Trinity 16	8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 18th September	<i>10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court</i>	10.30am Holy Communion
Thursday 19th September	9.00am Morning Prayer	
Friday 20th September	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
Sunday 22nd September Trinity 17	10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 25th September	10.30am Holy Communion	
Thursday 26th September	9.00am Morning Prayer	
Friday 27th September	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
Sunday 29th September Trinity 18	4.00pm Eco Messy Church	10.00am Harvest Communion
Wednesday 2nd October	10.30am Holy Communion	
Thursday 3rd October	9.00am Morning Prayer	
Friday 4th October	10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch	
Sunday 6th October Trinity 19	10.00am Harvest Café Church	8.30am Holy Communion

Activities for Children and Young People and their Families

Sunday Mornings @ St Mary's

Families, children and young people are welcome at all our services. Café Church is once a month.

Refresh Café

Every Friday 10.00-11.45am

For toddlers & babies & their parents and carers. Free play, crafts, refreshments, with nursery rhymes, songs and a short bible story, followed by a simple lunch.

Messy Church and Café

Events for families and children of all ages, often on Sunday afternoons, and sometimes meeting outdoors in the churchyard. Also cafés in school holidays with games and activities, drinks and snacks, for children and families..

Eleanor sends out a regular update email to families. If you'd like to join the mailing list, fill in the Keeping in Touch form on our website.

Supporting St Mary's and St Etheldreda's

Could you support the work of our church by making a donation? There are various ways to do this.

At one of our services or events, you can give cash or a cheque, made payable to 'Burwell PCC' or use the card reader.

Alternatively, go to our website

www.stmarysburwell.org.uk/donate

for information about how to make a single or regular donation by credit or debit card.

You can also download forms to set up a Standing Order or a Gift Aid declaration.

For more details, please see our website or speak to our Gift Aid Officer, Ian Richards or Email:

administrator@stmarysburwell.org.uk

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Rev'd Dr Roger Williams

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Caroline Smith

We're also on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stmarysburwell>

<https://www.facebook.com/messychurchburwell>

<https://www.facebook.com/centrepeaceburwell>

Keeping in Touch

During the coronavirus outbreak we started sending the pew sheet by email and phoning and posting information to those without Internet access. Both the pew sheet and Contact are also available to download from our website: ["Contact" Magazine - St Mary's Burwell with St Etheldreda's Reach \(stmarysburwell.org.uk\)](http://www.stmarysburwell.org.uk)

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We welcome your contributions to Contact. Please do keep sending them!

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