

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



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

20th April 2025 – Easter Sunday

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen*

Readings: Acts 10.34-43, Luke 24:1-12

Hymns: MP 357 Jesus Christ is risen today

MP 1105 See what a morning

A&M 501 Now the green blade rises

MP 689 Thine be the glory

SUNDAY WORSHIP

6.30am Churches Together Sunrise Service on Castle Mound followed by breakfast

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

We hope to be able to live stream the 10am service on Facebook. If so, a recording will be available to watch after end of service

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon NO 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 and Lunch at St. Mary's

Sat 9.00am Village Green Prayers

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 27th April 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's followed by APCM at approximately 11.20am
(followed by bring and share lunch)

YOUR PRAYERS:

- Alleluia! Christ is risen! May the Church be filled with faith and hope, for a new day has dawned, and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. May Christ's resurrection power break forth in newness of life. May all that is broken be transformed. May all that is distorted be renewed and made whole.

- We pray for all people in places where the joy of Easter seems to be very far off. We bring before the Lord those regions where there is conflict, turmoil and suffering – remembering in particular Gaza, Myanmar, Sudan, Syria and Ukraine. We ask God to shine the light of resurrection into these places.

- For those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. We pray for just and peaceful solutions to be reached; may the leaders of violence and bloodshed know a change of heart and work towards peace.

- 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: Haiti, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria, DRC, South Sudan.

- for the people of Myanmar, Thailand and all caught up in the recent earthquake.

- With the signs of spring all around, we pray with gratitude for the natural world and God's amazing creation. Make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet. Raise up campaigners who will speak out for wisdom, restraint & compassion, and pray that political leaders be guided by wisdom, vision, courage to work together and take urgent action.

- 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.

- We pray 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 the greatest good for greatest number of people.

- We pray for all young people preparing for important exams and making major decisions about their futures. May the Holy Spirit guide and enlighten their minds and send them wise mentors.

- 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 all preparing for baptism and confirmation in the next few weeks and months.

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

- For those living in:- Casburn Lane, Dalzells Lane, Guyatt Court, Laburnum Lane, Murton Close, Newnham Lane, Pantile Lane, The Causeway, Hythe Close, Hythe Lane, Weirs Drove (Burwell), Burwell Road (Reach)

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Don, Sonya (Anna Hopper's sister), Carol, Janice, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Kate, Jennie D, John D, Joanne, Pam C, Michael (Ysanne's brother), Jackie L, Sue A, Daphne, Alison K's friends John and Paul, Lesha (Janice Fearn's granddaughter) and Jessica, following her recent surgery.

- For the bereaved including the family and friends of Sylvia Palmer, Albert Ellingford, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **Congratulations** to Caroline celebrating her 60th birthday on Easter Saturday (19th April).

* **Thank you** so much to all who will be helping to prepare the church for Easter with flowers.

* We will be serving **cream teas** in St Etheldreda's at **Reach Fair** on 5th May. Please sign up if you can help by making scones and serving teas. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE

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