

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



**4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### **THIS WEEK**

**Collect:** *Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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:** Acts 9:1-6 [7-20], John 21:1-19

**Hymns:** MP 111 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

MP 272 I have decided to follow Jesus

MP 673 There is a Redeemer

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church at St. Mary's

*Sorry, we are unable to livestream the service this week.*

### **WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK**

**Mon** 9.45-10.30am Visiting Bellringers  
NO Bellringing Practice

**Wed** 10.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
2.00-3.00pm Bellringers ¼ peal to celebrate  
80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day

**Thurs** 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's  
2.15pm *Funeral of Albert Ellingford (Cambridge)*  
6.30pm Ringing of Bells for VE day 80 years

**Frid** 10.00am Refresh Café and Lunch at St. Mary's

**Sat** 9.00am Village Green Prayers

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

10.00am Holy Communion with VE Day prayers

4.00pm Evensong at Ely Cathedral – Eleanor preaching

### **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.

- As we give thanks 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 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 Albert Ellingford, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

- We give thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis and pray with and for our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers, in this time of mourning and preparing to elect a new pope.

### **FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

\* We will be serving **cream teas** in St Etheldreda's at **Reach Fair** on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

\* **Bellringing Celebrations for 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.** Wed 7<sup>th</sup> May Quarter peal to Celebrate VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2pm-3pm. On the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 bells rang out across Britain as the nation took to the streets in celebration of **Victory in Europe Day**. Eighty years later we are celebrating this momentous occasion by joining in with churches in the UK and across the world, by ringing St Mary's Bells at 6:30pm and pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live in a free world.

\* **Albert Ellingford's funeral** will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Cambridge Crematorium. Please let Janice Frankham know if you would like to go. Further details in **Contact**.

### **PASTORAL CARE**

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