

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach



Loving God, Loving People

18th May 2025 – 5th Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK

Collect: *Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

Readings: Acts 11:1-18 John 13:31-35

Hymns: Whatsoever you do

When I needed a neighbour

Christian Aid song

Love divine, all loves excelling

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's

10.00am Christian Aid Service at St Mary's

We hope to livestream the service to Facebook. A recording will be available shortly afterwards, to catch up.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court

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 Pray-ers

2.30pm Wedding of Paige & Edward at St. Mary's

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 25th May 2025

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

YOUR PRAYERS:

- for Paige & Edward to be married here next Saturday; for God's blessing in all that they share together.

- 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 there is ongoing unease, destruction and war across the globe, remembering in particular Gaza, Myanmar, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine and for the unrest between India and Pakistan. 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 those living in:- Barkways, Bloomsfield.

Copperfield Way, Cornfields, Newmarket Road, St. Mary's View, Summerfield Close, Isaacson Road, Cedar Gardens (Burwell), The Hythe (Reach).

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

- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Sonya (Anna Hopper's sister), 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 Andy Martin, Don Harrison and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

- We give thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis and pray for Pope Leo XIV, in this new season for the Roman Catholic church.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

* **Christian Aid Service 18th May.**

Please donate if you can at the service. We have also set up an e-envelope again for Christian Aid. Last year nearly £700 was raised this way. Scan the QR code or follow the link to our page on the Christian Aid website.

<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/st-marys-burwell-christian-aid-e-envelope>

* **Church Fete Tombola:** Adult and children's prizes needed; please dig out any unwanted gifts, candles, toiletries, stationery etc., soft toys, sweets, wine of the wrong colour, or pop something lovely into your shopping basket to help stock the stall. There will be a box at the back of the church, or pass them to Angela or Sue E. Thank you.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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