

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



25th May 2025 – 6th Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK

Collect: *God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 16:9-15 John 14:23-29

Hymns: MP 59 Blessed assurance

MP 1076 Jesus, be the centre

Put peace into each other's hands

MP 54 Bind us together.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion 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

Sat 24th 2.30pm Wedding of Paige and Edward

Wed NO Wednesday Service this week

Thurs 10.30am Ascension Day Holy Communion St. M.

2.00pm Funeral of Andy Martin at St. Mary's

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

Sat 31st 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

1.00pm Wedding of Cat & Will at St. Mary's

SUNDAY WORSHIP – Sunday 1st June 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at Reach

10.00am Café Church at St. Mary's

4.00pm Churchwardens' Swearing in at Ely Cathedral

YOUR PRAYERS:

- For Paige and Ed to be married at St Mary's on Saturday 24th and Cat & Will to be married on Saturday 31st; 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, and Ukraine.

- 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 concerns rise over the dry weather, we pray for God's creation and particularly for wildlife. We remember farmers and those who work in nature, asking God to make them good custodians of our natural environment.

Make us people who recognise, nurture and act towards a more sustainable world for the benefit of all who draw life from this planet.

- 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.

- For families, teachers and students during the exam season. May the Holy Spirit fill them with wisdom, especially when they feel under most pressure.

- 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 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

* Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Christian Aid week appeal. The total raised was a phenomenal £1162.70, including donations to our e-envelope and £1368.95 with Gift Aid added. **Thank you!**

* Don Harrison's funeral will be on Thursday 5th June 10.30am at St Mary's. All welcome to attend.

* There will be **no bellringing practice** next Monday being a Bank Holiday - There will be joyous bells on Saturday afternoon to celebrate a marriage!

* Church **Fete raffle tickets** are available to purchase. Please collect a bundle to sell to family/friends. Contact: Tony Thacker or Sarah Wingate.

* **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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