WELCOME TO OUR CHURCHES & SERVICES



10th August 2025 - 8th Sunday after Trinity

THIS WEEK

Collect: Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Readings: Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16 Luke 12:32-40

Hymns: MP 16 All my hope My hope is built (Cornerstone)

MP 16 All my hope

MP 200 Great is thy faithfulness

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's We hope to be able to live stream the 10am service on Facebook.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Mon 7.30pm Bellringing Practice

Wed 10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's

3.30pm Connect Café at St. Mary's

7.30pm Summer Bible School at St. Mary's (*Drinks from 7.15pm*)

Thurs 9.00am Morning Prayer at St. Mary's

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

4.30pm St Mary's Bells to be rung to

Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day **Sat** 9.00am Village Green Pray-ers

SUNDAY WORSHIP - Sunday 17th August 2025

8.30am Holy Communion at St. Mary's 10.00am Holy Communion at St. Mary's

YOUR PRAYERS:

A prayer for the 80th anniversary of VJ Day God of the nations, our refuge and our dwelling place, we remember with thanksgiving those whose service achieved Allied victory in the Pacific, and hold before you all those who suffered from the devastation and trauma of war. May their memory inspire us to learn from the atrocities of the past and to pursue peace, justice and reconciliation in our own generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Lord Jesus Christ, you speak to us of heavenly things, even when we are most interested in earthly things. Speak to us in the night-times of our lives, that we may learn the Way and the Will of your Holy Spirit.
- We pray for all people in places across the globe where there is ongoing unease, destruction and war and in particular for the people of Gaza and the wider Middle East at this time of fear and uncertainty. We also continue to pray for the war in Ukraine. Be near to those who are anxious; bring comfort to all who are suffering. Guide those with the power to make decisions and lead them in the ways of wisdom, compassion and moderation, that people of good will seek harmony and reconciliation. We pray for aid workers who are struggling to get food and medical supplies into war zones.

- 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: Myanmar, Haiti, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Yemen, Syria, DRC, South Sudan.
- For students and teachers during the holidays. May the summer provide them with fresh opportunity, rest, and relaxation ready to begin new adventures in September.
- As extreme weather conditions affect the world, we pray for God's creation, that we work harder to make the necessary changes to our lifestyle in order to safeguard and protect the integrity of all life. For governments and organisations to be prepared to take urgent action.
- As harvest time approaches, we pray for farmers and all who work on the land, and produce, sometimes in very difficult circumstances, the food that we all need to survive.
- 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. 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 greatest good for the greatest number of people.
- 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:- Green Lane, High Street, Lime Close, Mill Close, Mill Lane, Saxon Drive, School Lane, Wild Acres (Burwell), Swaffham Road (Reach).
- For those in special need: Danny, Sarah, Jackie C, Neil, Janice, Sonny (Jackie & Tony's Great Grandson), Kate, Jennie D, John D, Joanne, Pam C, Michael (Ysanne's brother), Jackie L, , Sue A, Daphne, Hilary, Paul (Alison K's friend), Lesha (Janice Fearn's granddaughter) and Jessica, following her surgery.
- For the bereaved, including the family and friends of Enid Suttle, and for those remembering anniversaries of loss of loved ones.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

- * Following the recent vandalism in St Mary's, we have kept the church locked. We would like to re-open during the day time for two hour sessions, with teams of two volunteers in the building. If you would be happy to volunteer for this, please let Jo Proctor know. We will then publish opening times. Thank you.
- * Donations of 'Back to School' stationery items, and colouring books for pre-schoolers, will be delivered to HMP Whitemoor on Weds, 20 August, so that child visitors can receive them in good time. Many thanks for donations made so far, and more will be very welcome, Paula.

PASTORAL CARE

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